



TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Town Clerk's Office

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Town Council Meeting called to order at 5:01 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers. On roll call, all council members were found to be present, except Council President Pro Tem Lindsay.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Zeidman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Araskog and seconded by Council Member Cooney to approve the agenda. On roll call, the Motion passed 4-0 with Council President Pro Tem Lindsay absent.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS – 3 MINUTE LIMIT

There were no comments from the public.

V. PUBLIC HEARING ON FINAL MILLAGE RATE AND FY23 BUDGET

A. Proof of Publication

Acting Town Clerk Gayle-Gordon stated that notice of the meeting was published in the Palm Beach Post on Monday, September 19, 2022. Proof of Publication was received by the Town Clerk's Office and provided to the Town Council for review.

B. Announcement of Proposed Operating Millage Rate

President Zeidman stated that at the September 14, 2022, Public Hearing, the Mayor and

Town Council tentatively approved the proposed millage rate: General Fund Operating Millage 2.6932 mills. The Town of Palm Beach Fiscal Year 2023 General proposed operating millage rate of 2.6932 mills represents an 8.4% increase from the “rolled-back millage rate” of 2.4843 mills.

Council Member Crampton mentioned that the proposed millage rate is a 7% decrease from the millage rate set for the previous year. Council Member Araskog thanked the newspaper for making that clear.

C. Reasons for Proposed Operating Millage Rate Increase from the Rolled-Back Millage Rate

Town Manager Blouin stated that the FY23 General Fund budget increased \$8,051,366 or 9.03% from the FY22 budget. The increase is partially the result of an additional transfer to the Capital Improvement Fund for the reconstruction of the North Fire-Rescue Station in the amount of \$2,000,000 and funding of \$1,500,000 for interconnect traffic signal system and \$1,000,000 for crosswalk improvements. In addition, sewage treatment and disposal costs increased by over \$1,000,000 and commodity and other contractual services increased significantly due to inflationary causes. Salaries and benefit costs increased due to the addition of 9.6 full time equivalent employees and merit and COLA increases for employees. Property tax revenue increased by \$5,756,000 in part to cover \$2,500,000 for the traffic signal and crosswalk improvements, and the balance to cover salary, benefit, contractual and commodity cost increases.

D. Comments and Questions from Public

There were no comments from the public.

- E. RESOLUTION NO. 124-2022 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Adopting the Final Millage Rate and Levying Ad Valorem Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2022, and Ending September 30, 2023; Setting Forth Certain Information Regarding the Rolled-Back Millage Rate; Directing the Town Manager or the Finance Director to Adjust the Adopted Millage Rate in the Event of Changes in the Assessment Roll and Taxable Value; Providing an Effective Date.

Town Manager Blouin read Resolution No. 124-2022 by title which sets a final millage rate of 2.6932 mills for the General Operating Fund.

Motion was made by Council Member Crampton and seconded by Council Member Cooney to approve Resolution No. 124-2022. On roll call, the Motion passed 4-0 with Council President Pro Tem Lindsay absent.

- F. RESOLUTION NO. 125-2022 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Adopting a Final Budget and Appropriating Funds for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2022, and Ending September 30, 2023; Providing for an Effective Date.

There were no public comments.

Town Manager Blouin read Resolution No. 125-2022 by title which approves the final budgets of all Town funds for FY2023.

Motion was made by Council Member Araskog and seconded by Council Member Crampton to approve Resolution No. 125-202. On roll call, the Motion passed 4-0 with Council President Pro Tem Lindsay absent.

VI. ANY OTHER MATTERS

There were none.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Council Member Crampton and seconded by Council Member Araskog to adjourn the Special Town Council Meeting of September 22, 2022, at 5:08 p.m. On roll call, the Motion passed 4-0 with Council President Pro Tem Lindsay absent.

APPROVED:

Margaret A. Zeidman, Town Council President

ATTEST:

Pat Gayle-Gordon, Acting Town Clerk

Date