



TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Town Manager's Office

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Special Town Council Meeting of September 14, 2022, was called to order at 5:01 p.m. On roll call, all council members were found to be present with Council Member Araskog participating via Zoom.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Zeidman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Council Member Crampton and seconded by Council Member Cooney to approve the agenda. On roll call, the Motion passed unanimously.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS – 3 MINUTE LIMIT PLEASE

There were no comments from the public.

V. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE, TENTATIVE FY23 BUDGETS AND NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

President Zeidman read the required legal verbiage into the record.

A. Notice of Proposed Property Taxes

B. Proposed Operating Millage Rate

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

Mr. Kirk Blouin, Town Manager, explained 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 the interconnect traffic signal system and \$1,000,000 for crosswalk improvements. In addition, sewage treatment and disposal costs increased by over \$1 million and commodity and other contractual services increased significantly due to inflationary causes. Salaries and benefit costs increased due to the addition of 9.6 FTEs and merit and COLA increases for other 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. Discussion and Adoption (with changes, if any) of Proposed Operating Millage Rate for FY23.

1. RESOLUTION NO. 100-2022 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Adopting the Proposed Millage Rate Necessary to Fund the Tentative General (Operating) Fund Budget for the 2022 - 2023 Fiscal Year.

Town Manager Blouin read Resolution No. 100-2022 by title into the record.

Councilmember Crampton commented that the millage rate was a 7.02% reduction from last year's millage rate.

Motion was made by Council Member Crampton and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Lindsay to approve Resolution No. 100-2022. On roll call, the Motion passed unanimously.

F. Non-Ad Valorem Assessments

1. Commercial Solid Waste Fee Assessments
[H. Paul Brazil, Director of Public Works]
 - a. RESOLUTION NO. 101-2022 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Relating to the Collection and Disposal of Commercial Solid Waste; Establishing the Solid Waste Cost and Rate of Assessment; Imposing Solid Waste Service Assessments Against Certain Assessed Property Located Within the Town of Palm Beach; Approving the Updated Solid Waste Assessment Roll; Confirming the Preliminary Rate Resolution; Providing for Severability and Providing an Effective Date.

Mr. H. Paul Brazil, Director of Public Works, provided the following current and proposed rates for Commercial Solid Waste collection:

	<u>FY22</u>	<u>FY23</u>
Apartments	\$12.80/Unit/Month	\$13.10/Unit/Month
Low Volume (5 day)	\$0.029/SF/Year	\$0.029/SF/Year
Medium Volume (5 day)	\$0.190/SF/Year	\$0.191/SF/Year
High Volume (5 day)	\$0.832/SF/Year	\$0.837/SF/Year
Low Volume (7 day)	\$0.035/SF/Year	\$0.035/SF/Year
Medium Volume (7 day)	\$0.235/SF/Year	\$0.238/SF/Year
High Volume (7 day)	\$1.030/SF/Year	\$1.041/SF/Year

Director Brazil stated that two (2) customers have contacted the Town. The first being 139 N. County Road to correct a mailing address and the second, 106 Hammon Avenue to dispute the total number of units. Both queries have been forwarded to the Solid Waste Authority (SWA) and after investigation by the SWA, adjustments will be made, if necessary.

Town Manager Blouin read Resolution No. 101-2022 by title into the record.

Motion was made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council Member Crampton to approve Resolution No. 101-2022. On roll call, the Motion passed unanimously.

2. Worth Avenue Commercial District Improvement Project
[Jane Le Clainche, Director of Finance]

- a. RESOLUTION NO. 102-2022 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Relating to the Provision of the Worth Avenue Improvement Project; Providing Authority and Definitions; Approving the Final Assessment Rolls; Providing for the Continued Collection of the Improvement Assessments to Fund the Worth Avenue Improvement Project and Imposition of the Maintenance Assessments to Fund the Related Maintenance Services; Providing for Collection of the Assessments Pursuant to the Uniform Assessment Collection Act; Providing for the Effect of this Resolution; Providing Severability and an Effective Date.

Ms. Jane Le Clainche, Director of Finance, explained that Resolution No. 102-2022 adopts the annual rate resolution for the proposed improvement, which is a debt service and maintenance assessment, for the Worth Avenue Commercial District for 2023. The total gross assessment is \$1,150,266.79.

There were no public comments.

Town Manager Blouin read Resolution No. 102-2022 by title into the record.

Motion was made by Council President Pro Tem Lindsay and seconded by Council Member Crampton to approve Resolution No. 102-2022. On roll call, the Motion passed unanimously.

3. Via Fontana Underground Conversion Project
[Jane Le Clainche, Director of Finance]

- a. RESOLUTION NO. 103-2022 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Relating to the Provision of the Underground Utility Improvements within the Via Fontana Assessment Area; Approving the Updated Assessment Roll; Providing for the Continued Collection of the Assessments to Fund the Underground Utility Improvements Within the Via Fontana Assessment Area; Providing for Collection of the Assessments Pursuant to the Uniform Assessment Collection Act; Providing Severability and an Effective Date.

Director Le Clainche stated that staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 103-2022, which is the annual rate resolution for the proposed assessments of Via Fontana underground assessment area. The gross assessments total \$14,499.42.

There were no public comments.

Town Manager Blouin read Resolution No. 103-2022 by title into the record.

Motion was made by Council Member Crampton and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Lindsay to approve Resolution No. 103-2022. On roll call, the Motion passed unanimously.

4. Everglades Island Underground Conversion Project
[Jane Le Clainche, Director of Finance]

- a. RESOLUTION NO. 104-2022 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Relating to the Provision of the Underground Utility Improvements within the Everglades Island Assessment Area; Approving the Updated Assessment Roll; Providing for the Continued Collection of the Assessments to Fund the Underground Utility Improvements Within the Everglades Island Assessment Area; Providing for Collection of the Assessments Pursuant to the Uniform Assessment Collection Act; Providing Severability and an Effective Date.

Director Le Clainche stated that staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 104-2022 which is the annual rate resolution for the assessments for the Everglades Island Underground Assessment area. This the final assessment and the gross total is \$43,175.95.

There were no public comments.

Town Manager Blouin read Resolution No. 104-2022 by title into the record.

Motion was made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council Member Crampton to approve Resolution No. 104-2022. On roll call, the Motion passed unanimously.

5. Peruvian Avenue 400 Block Streetscape Project
[Jane Le Clainche, Director of Finance]

- a. RESOLUTION NO. 105-2022 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Relating to the Provision of the Peruvian Avenue Improvement Project; Providing Authority and Definitions; Approving the Final Assessment Rolls; Providing for the Continued Collection of the Improvement Assessments to Fund the Peruvian Avenue Improvement Project and Imposition of the Maintenance Assessments to Fund the Related Maintenance Services; Providing for Collection of the Assessments Pursuant to the Uniform Assessment Collection Act; Providing for the Effect of this Resolution; Providing Severability and an Effective Date.

Director Le Clainche explained that Resolution No. 105-2022 is the assessment resolution for proposed debt service and maintenance assessment for the Peruvian Avenue 400 Block Streetscape Project. The gross total assessment is \$131,235.76.

There were no public comments.

Town Manager Blouin read Resolution No. 105-2022 by title into the record.

Motion was made by Council President Pro Tem Lindsay and seconded by Council Member Crampton to approve Resolution No. 105-2022. On roll call, the Motion passed unanimously.

6. Town Wide Underground Utility Project Assessments
[Jane Le Clainche, Director of Finance]

- a. RESOLUTION NO. 106-2022 A Resolution of the Town Council of the

Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Relating to the Provision of the Underground Utility Improvements within the Townwide Underground Utility Assessment Area; Approving the Updated Assessment Roll; Providing for the Continued Collection of the Assessments to Fund the Underground Utility Improvements Within the Townwide Underground Utility Assessment Area; Providing for Collection of the Assessments Pursuant to the Uniform Assessment Collection Act; Providing Severability and an Effective Date.

Director Le Clainche stated that staff recommends adoption of Resolution No. 106-2022 which is the annual rate resolution for the proposed assessments for the Town-wide Underground Utility Assessment Area. The total gross assessments are \$3,688,181.88.

There were no public comments.

Town Manager Blouin read Resolution No. 106-2022 by title into the record.

Motion was made by Council Member Crampton and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Lindsay to approve Resolution No. 106-2022. On roll call, the Motion passed unanimously.

7. Nightingale La Puerta Underground Conversion Project
[Jane Le Clainche, Director of Finance]

- a. RESOLUTION NO. 107-2022 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County Florida, Relating to the Provision of the Underground Utility Improvements within the Nightingale-La Puerta Assessment Area; Approving the Updated Assessment Roll; Providing for the Continued Collection of the Assessments to Fund the Underground Utility Improvements Within the Nightingale – La Puerta Assessment Area; Providing for Collection of the Assessments Pursuant to the Uniform Assessment Collection Act; Providing Severability and an Effective Date.

Director Le Clainche stated that staff recommends adoption of Resolution No. 107-2022 which is the annual rate resolution for the assessments of the Nightingale-La Puerta underground assessment area. The total gross assessments for this area are \$40,334.16.

There were no public comments.

Town Manager Blouin read Resolution No. 107-2022 by title into the record.

Motion was made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council Member Crampton to approve Resolution No. 107-2022. On roll call, the Motion passed unanimously.

8. Lake Towers Underground Conversion Project
[Jane Le Clainche, Director of Finance]

- a. RESOLUTION NO. 108-2022 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Relating to the Provision of the Underground Utility Improvements Within the Lake Towers Assessment Area; Approving the Updated Assessment Roll; Providing for the Continued Collection of the Assessments to Fund the Underground Utility Improvements Within the Lake Towers Assessment Area; Providing for Collection of the Assessments Pursuant to the Uniform Assessment Collection Act; Providing Severability and an Effective Date.

Director Le Clainche stated that staff recommends adoption of Resolution No. 108-2022 which is the annual rate resolution for the proposed assessment of the Lake Towers assessment area. The total gross assessments are \$11,606.68.

There were no public comments.

Town Manager Blouin read Resolution No. 108-2022 by title into the record.

Motion was made by Council Member Crampton and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Lindsay to approve Resolution No. 108-2022. On roll call, the Motion passed unanimously.

G. Discussion and Adoption (with changes, if any) of a Tentative Operating Budget, Debt Service Budget, and Budgets for Other Funds for FY23.

1. RESOLUTION NO. 109-2022 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Adopting the Tentative General (Operating) Fund, Debt Service Fund and Budgets for Other Funds for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year.

There were no public comments.

Town Manager Blouin read Resolution No. 109-2022 by title into the record.

Motion was made by Council Member Araskog and seconded by Council Member Crampton to approve Resolution No. 109-2022. On roll call, the Motion passed unanimously.

H. Second and Final Public Hearing to Adopt the Final Millage Rate and Budgets will be on Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 5:01 p.m., in the Town of Palm Beach Council Chambers.

Council President Zeidman announced that the final public hearing to adopt the final millage rate and budgets will be on Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 5:01 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers.

VI. ANY OTHER MATTERS

There were none.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The Special Town Council Meeting of September 14, 2022, adjourned at 5:21 p.m. without benefit of a Motion.

APPROVED:

Margaret A. Zeidman, Town Council President

ATTEST:

Pat Gayle-Gordon, Acting Town Clerk

Date