



TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Minutes of the Special Town Council

Budget Meeting

Held on September 19, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (01:29)

The Special Town Council Meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM. On roll call, all elected officials were found to be present except Council Member Araskog.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (01:49)

Council President Lindsay led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (02:12)

A motion was made by Council President Pro Tem Crampton and seconded by Council Member Cooney to approve the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously, 4-0.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS - 3 MINUTE LIMIT (2:21)

There were no comments heard at this time.

V. PUBLIC HEARING ON FINAL MILLAGE RATE AND FY25 BUDGET (02:30)

A. Proof of Publication

Acting Town Clerk Churney stated that there was proof of publication.

B. Announcement of Proposed Operating Millage Rate

Council President Lindsay stated that at the September 11, 2024, Public Hearing the Mayor and Town Council tentatively approved the proposed millage rate for the General Fund Operating Millage of 2.6110 mills. The Town of Palm Beach Fiscal Year 2025 General Fund proposed operating millage rate of 2.6110 mills represents a 10.6% increase from the “rolled-back millage rate” of 2.3608 mills.

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

Town Manager Blouin stated that the FY25 General Fund budget increased \$14,367,618 or 13.71% from the FY24 budget. The increase is mostly the result of the increase in the transfer to the Capital Improvement Fund to fund the paving projects related to the Townwide Undergrounding plan as well as the North Canopy drainage and other major capital projects. Also, a two-million-dollar transfer from the general fund assigned fund balance to the Equipment Replacement Fund to replace the Town’s Financial, Procurement and Human Resource software. In addition, commodity and other contractual services increased by over \$1.5 million due to inflationary causes. Salaries and benefit costs increased due to the seven additional Public Safety positions that will be funded at the start of FY25 as well as merit and COLA increases for employees. Property tax revenue increased by \$7,614,990 in part to cover for the increase in the Capital Improvement Fund transfer and the balance to cover salary, benefit, contractual and commodity cost increases.

D. Comments and Questions from Public

There were no comments heard at this time.

VI. RESOLUTIONS

- A. [RESOLUTION NO. 127-2024 \(05:43\)](#) 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, 2024, And Ending September 30, 2025; Setting Forth Certain Information Regarding The Rolled-Back Millage Rate; Directing The Town Manager Or The Deputy Town Manager, Finance And Administration To Adjust The Adopted Millage Rate In The Event Of Changes In The Assessment Roll And Taxable Value; Providing An Effective Date.

Bob Miracle, Deputy Town Manager - Finance & Administration

Town Manager Blouin read Resolution No. 127-2024 by title only.

A motion was made by Council President Pro Tem Crampton and seconded by Council Member Cooney to approve Resolution No. 127-2024. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

- B. [RESOLUTION NO. 128-2024 \(08:26\)](#) 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, 2024, And Ending September 30, 2025; Providing For An Effective Date.
Bob Miracle, Deputy Town Manager - Finance & Administration

Town Manager Blouin read Resolution No. 128-2024 by title only.

A motion was made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Crampton to approve Resolution No. 128-2024. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

VII. [ANY OTHER MATTERS \(9:27\)](#)

There were no additional matters discussed.

VIII. [ADJOURNMENT \(09:34\)](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Crampton to adjourn the meet at 5:09 p.m. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

APPROVED:

Bobbie D. Lindsay, Town Council President

ATTEST:

Kelly Churney, Acting Town Clerk

Date