

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Office of the Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2015

1 **I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

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3 The Special Town Council meeting was called to order on Thursday, July 16, 2015, at
4 9:30 a.m. in the Town Council Chambers. On roll call, all of the elected officials were
5 found to be present.

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7 **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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9 Council President Pucillo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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11 **III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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13 **Motion was made by Council Member Moore, and seconded by Council Member**
14 **Townsend, to approve the Agenda. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.**

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16 **IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS – 3 MINUTE LIMIT**

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18 Lewis Crampton, 2335 S. Ocean Blvd., Citizens Association Chair, spoke regarding the
19 Association's three priorities: the Coastal Management Program, establishing a rollback
20 tax rate for homesteaded properties and getting as much revenue from the County as
21 possible, and a utilities financing plan that uses money judiciously alongside a bonding
22 plan.

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24 Discussion ensued regarding Coastal Management Program costs.

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26 Ned Barnes, Palm Beach Civic Association, on behalf of Pat Cooper, expressed the
27 Association's concerns regarding any tax increase.

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29 **V. TOWN MANAGER'S OVERVIEW OF THE PROPOSED FY16 BUDGET**

30 [Thomas G. Bradford, Town Manager]

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32 Town Manager Bradford provided an overview of the proposed FY16 budget.

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34 A. General Fund

1 B. Debt Service Fund

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3 C. Capital Improvement Funds

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5 1. Pay As You Go Capital Improvement Program

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7 2. Accelerated Capital Improvement Program

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9 3. Coastal Protection Program

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11 D. Recreation Enterprise Fund

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13 *(Clerk's Note: The following resolution was taken out of order and heard after Item*
14 *No. IX.)*

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16 1. **RESOLUTION NO. 95-2015** A Resolution of the Town Council of the
17 Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Amending Recreation
18 Department Fees for Fiscal Year 2016 and Granting Authority to the
19 Director of Recreation to Modify Daily Tennis and Golf Fees, When
20 Necessary, to Maximize Revenue During Underused Times.

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22 **Motion was made by Council President Pro Tem Kleid, and seconded by Council**
23 **Member Townsend, to approve Resolution No. 95-2015. On roll call, the motion**
24 **carried unanimously.**

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26 E. Internal Service Funds

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28 1. Health Insurance

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30 2. Risk Management

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32 3. Equipment Replacement Fund

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34 F. Trust and Agency Funds

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36 1. Pension Funds

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38 2. OPEB Trust

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40 G. Review of General Fund and Recreation Fund Program Revenues and
41 Expenditures for FY2016.

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43 Discussion ensued regarding this being one of the largest budgets proposed, beginning
44 calculations from where the Town came in for FY 15 and not what was originally
45 budgeted, what would be collected in taxes if the millage rate was maintained, increased
46 spending, reducing the budget, the amendments from yesterday's meeting, underfunding

of projects, changes to County reimbursement formulas and the funding impacts to the Town, public beach access points, stability of County beach funding, dealing with estimated shortfalls, getting the Town's fair share of County funding, historical policy differences in pursuing county, state, and federal funds, other coastal management funding opportunities, using taxes to deal with the estimated coastal management shortfall, whether the Town is over-accrued in some funds, using contingency funds and/or funds from outside the General Fund to address the shortfall, the amount of reserves, proposed new positions, use of contractors, calling a Finance and Taxation Committee meeting to go over the budget line by line, directing Staff to find additional cuts, how much in additional cuts to direct Staff to find, lowering reserves, coastal management cost issues, bonding projects, groin funding and project reductions, old debt being paid off allowing for new borrowing, and general obligation bonding capacity.

Motion was made by Council Member Townsend, and seconded by Council Member Moore, to direct Staff to reduce the proposed budget by a minimum of \$100,000, and to reduce the millage rate accordingly, in order to adjust for the estimated decrease in County reimbursements towards coastal management projects. On roll call, the motion carried 4-1, with Council Member Wildrick dissenting.

Town Manager Bradford stated that the new millage rate would be 3.3391; however, Staff will advertise 3.3779 as the proposed millage rate just in case there are any last minute, unforeseen costs that need to be addressed between now and the budget hearings.

- VI. RESOLUTION NO. 91-2015** A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County Florida, Approving a Proposed Operating Millage Rate of 3.3779 for the Tentative Fiscal Year 2016 Budget; Approving the Computed Rolled Back Millage Rate of 3.1184 to be Provided to the Property Appraiser in Accordance with F.S. 200.065; Establishing the Date, Time and Place of the First and the Final Budget Hearings to Consider the Proposed Millage Rates and Tentative Fiscal Year 2016 Budget and Directing the Town Manager to Transmit this Information to the Property Appraiser of Palm Beach County in Accordance with the Requirements of F.S. 200.065.
[Thomas G. Bradford, Town Manager]

Motion was made by Council Member Wildrick, and seconded by Council Member Moore, to approve Resolution No. 91-2015. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

- VII. RESOLUTION NO. 89-2015** A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Relating to the Worth Avenue Improvement Project; Establishing the Estimated Assessed Cost Against the Properties that will be Benefitted Thereby; Directing the Town Manager to Prepare an Updated Assessment Roll; Establishing a Public Hearing to Consider Approval of the Assessment Rolls and Reimposition of the Maintenance Assessments and their Collection Pursuant to the Uniform Assessment Collection Act; Directing the Provision of Notice; and Providing for an Effective Date.

Town Manager Bradford provided an overview of the assessment.

Motion was made by Council President Pro Tem Kleid, and seconded by Council Member Townsend, to approve Resolution No. 89-2015. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

VIII. RESOLUTION NO. 90-2015 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Relating to the Peruvian Avenue Improvement Project; Establishing the Estimated Assessed Cost Against the Properties that will be Benefitted Thereby; Directing the Town Manager to Prepare an Updated Assessment Roll; Establishing a Public Hearing to Consider Approval of the Assessment Rolls and Reimposition of the Maintenance Assessments and their Collection Pursuant to the Uniform Assessment Collection Act; Directing the Provision of Notice; and Providing for an Effective Date.

Town Manager Bradford provided an overview of the assessment.

Motion was made by Council Member Townsend, and seconded by Council Member Moore, to approve Resolution No. 90-2015. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

IX. RESOLUTION NO. 94-2015 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Establishing the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Rates for Commercial Solid Waste Collection; Providing an Effective Date.

Town Manager Bradford provided an overview of the assessment.

Motion was made by Council Member Moore, and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Kleid, to approve Resolution No. 94-2015. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

VIII. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Council Member Townsend spoke regarding Palm Beach Island Cats and requested that the Town fund them in the amount of \$100 so that they can hold more than two charitable solicitation events per year.

Discussion ensued regarding Palm Beach Island Cats performing a public welfare function that normally would have been performed through public funding, how funding through the budgetary process affects the number of charitable solicitations an organization can have in a given year, and other organizations making similar requests.

Motion was made by Council President Pro Tem Kleid, and seconded by Council Member Moore, to allocate \$100 to Palm Beach Island Cats in the fiscal year 2016 Town budget on the basis that they are performing a public function which the

Town would have to bear the cost of otherwise. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Coniglio spoke regarding the Lake Worth Inlet Dredging Project timeline and the anticipated revenue shortfall that the Army Corps will be requesting that the Town fill. Additional funding opportunities were identified; however, in order to move forward with the Project, the Corps needs someone to front them \$1.7 million. The County is able to provide these funds; however, it would be from the funds that were previously allocated for the Reach 7 Project. She expressed concerns that coastal projects have not been falling within budget, and that the shortfalls may be even more than anticipated. The Mayor recommended that the Town continue to work with the Army Corps and press them to find additional funding sources to fund their own shortfall and that the Town dig deeper into the tourist development funds to make sure that we have a continued funding source and determine in our long range plan if we can count on them. She announced that there will be two interlocal agreements with the County coming before the Town Council in August, one for the Sand Transfer Plant and one for the Mid-Town Beach Project. She expressed her concerns regarding both matters.

It was the consensus of the Town Council to approve Mayor Coniglio's recommendations to continue to work with the Army Corps and press them to find additional funding sources to fund their own shortfall and to dig deeper into the tourist development funds to make sure that the Town has a continued funding source, and to grant her the discretion to act as she deems appropriate in these discussions going forward.

Mayor Coniglio stated that she will report back with more information at the August 11, 2015, Town Council meeting.

Director of Public Works Brazil spoke regarding the set of interlocal agreements the Mayor mentioned will be coming forward in August memorializing the cost sharing for the Phipps Project and the Sand Transfer Plant.

Discussion ensued regarding the expected quantity of sand to be dredged from the Lake Worth Inlet Dredging Project and project costs.

Town Manager Bradford requested conceptual approval of the proposed EMS transport fee increases and authorization to bring a resolution regarding same before the Town Council in August. He also requested conceptual approval of the creation of a Par 3 Clubhouse Maintenance Improvement Fund and authorization to bring a resolution regarding same before the Town Council in August.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed Par 3 Clubhouse Maintenance Improvement Fund and how it would be funded.

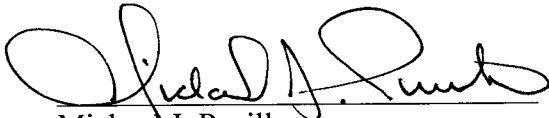
It was the consensus of the Town Council to conceptually approve the proposed EMS transport fee increases and creation of a Par 3 Clubhouse Maintenance

1 Improvement Fund, and to authorize Staff to bring forward resolutions regarding
2 same at the August 11, 2015, Town Council meeting.
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4 **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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6 There being no further business, the July 16, 2015, Special Town Council meeting was
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Michael J. Pucillo
Town Council President

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Susan A. Owens, MPA, MMC
Town Clerk

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Date

