

MINUTES FROM THE RECONVENED PUBLIC HEARING CONDUCTED BY MAYOR MINUTES FROM THE RECONVENED PUBLIC HEARING CONDUCTED BY MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 3, 2000, AT 5:01 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by President Jack McDonald. On roll call, the following Elected Officials were found to be in attendance: Mayor Lesly Smith; President Jack McDonald; President Pro-Tem Sam McLendon; and Councilman Norman Goldblum. Councilmen William Brooks and Allen Wyett were absent from the meeting. Also present for the meeting were: Acting Town Manager Tom Bradford; Assistant to the Town Manager David Jakubiak; Finance Director Jane Skittone; Assistant Finance Director Cheryl Somers; Assistant Fire-Rescue Chief Kent Koelz; Planning, Zoning & Building Director Robert Moore; Risk Coordinator Karen Temme; Information Systems Manager Spencer Wilson; Public Works Director Al Dusey; Recreation Director Russell Bitzer; Police Chief Frank Croft; and Town Clerk Mary Pollitt.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by Town Clerk Pollitt. President McDonald led the pledge of allegiance.

III. COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR

There were no comments.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Pro-Tem McLendon made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Goldblum. On roll call, the motion carried 3-0 as Councilmen Brooks and Wyett were absent.

V. PUBLIC HEARING ON FINAL FY2001 MILLAGE RATES AND BUDGETS

President McDonald announced the Public Hearing was publically advertised and announced to commence at 5:01 p.m. The proposed Fiscal Year 2001 millage rates, General Fund Debt Service Fund, and Other Fund Budgets including the approval of Resolutions Nos. 48-00 and 49-00 will be discussed.

A. Proof of Publication

President McDonald asked Town Clerk Pollitt if proof of publication was received? Mrs. Pollitt responded it was.

B. Proposed Operating Millage Rate

President McDonald said that at the September 11, 2000, Public Hearing at 5:01 p.m. which was held by the Mayor and Town Council, the following Proposed Operating Millage Rates were tentatively approved:

General Fund	-	4.4019 mills
Debt Service	-	.1040 mills
TOTAL		4.5059 mills

The Town of Palm Beach FY2001 General Fund Proposed Operating Millage Rate of 4.4019 represents a 12.34% increase over the roll-back millage rate of 3.9183 mills.

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

President McDonald requested Acting Town Manager Bradford comment on the reasons for the Proposed

Operating Millage Rate increase.

Mr. Bradford responded that in the interest of time, the budget highlights could be omitted but, by law, the items that impacted the reason for the increase of the millage rate over the rolled-back rate had to be discussed.

President McDonald concurred with that suggestion.

Mr. Bradford continued that the FY2001 Proposed Operating Millage Rate of 4.4019 is 12.34%, or \$2,777,150 higher than the rolled-back millage rate of 3.9183 mills. Factors contributing to the increase over the rolled-back millage rate are as follows:

1. As noted in Exhibit D from the backup for the September 11, 2000, Public Hearing, the FY2001 Operating Fund Budget of \$42,081,597 has increased \$4,655,746 or 12.44% over the FY2000 Adopted Operating Budget of \$37,425,851.
2. Exhibit 2 from the backup for the September 11, 2000, Public Hearing outlines the changes made to the budget since the July 11, 2000, Town Council meeting. As noted, these changes include a 3.4% General Pay Increase effective October 1, 2000, for all eligible Town employees.
3. The Town Staff believes that a General Contingency of approximately \$700,000 is prudent due to the unexpected expenditures that may arise.
4. It is estimated that there will be an available unexpended fund balance of approximately \$10,300,000 for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2000. Of this amount, no funds are anticipated to be used to balance the FY2001 General Fund Budget applying the proposed millage rate as noted. The unexpended General Fund balance is available to be used by the Town Council to increase General Fund reserves or use for other projects as determined by the Town Council.

Mr. Bradford summarized that the four stated factors are the reason for the excess over the rolled-back millage rate.

D. FY 2001 Budget Highlights

President McDonald noted that the budget highlights were presented at the Public Hearing held on September 21, 2000.

E. Comments and Questions from Public

President McDonald called for comments or questions from the general public.

There were none.

F. Discussion and Adoption (with changes, if any) of Resolution No. 48-00 - Adopting Final Millage Rates for FY 2001 (*Deferred From September 21, 2000, Public Hearing*)

Mr. Bradford read Resolution No. 48-00 by title:

RESOLUTION NO. 48-00

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA ADOPTING FINAL MILLAGE RATES AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2000, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2001; SETTING FORTH CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING THE "ROLLED-BACK MILLAGE RATE"; DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER OR THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ADJUST THE ADOPTED MILLAGE RATES IN THE EVENT OF CHANGES IN THE ASSESSMENT ROLL AND TAXABLE VALUE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

President Pro-Tem McLendon made a motion to approve Resolution No. 48-00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Goldblum. On roll call, the motion carried 3-0 as Councilmen Brooks and Wyett were absent from the meeting.

G. Discussion and Adoption (with changes, if any) of Resolution No. 49-00 - Adopting Final Budget for FY 2001 (*Deferred from September 21, 2000, Public Hearing*)

Mr. Bradford read Resolution No. 49-00 by title:

RESOLUTION NO. 49-00

**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,
2000, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2001; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE
DATE.**

Councilman Goldblum made a motion to approve Resolution No. 49-00. President Pro-Tem McLendon seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion carried 3-0 as Councilmen Brooks and Wyett were absent from the meeting.

President McDonald announced the conclusion of the process to adopt the Town’s millage rates and budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2000, and ending September 30, 2001. He thanked everyone for participating in the budget process.

VI. ANY OTHER MATTERS

There were none.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Mary A. Pollitt
Town Clerk