



TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Office of The Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2007, AT 5:01 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Special Town Council Meeting was called to order on Wednesday, September 19, 2007, at 5:01 p.m., in the Town Council Chambers. On roll call, the following elected officials were found to be present:

Mayor Jack McDonald (*Not Present*)
President Richard M. Kleid
President Pro Tem Denis P. Coleman (*Not Present*)
Council Member William J. Brooks
Council Member Gail Coniglio
Council Member Susan Markin (*Not Present*)

(*President Kleid declared there was a quorum.*)

Others present for all or a portion of the meeting were:

Town Manager Peter B. Elwell
Assistant Town Manager Sarah E. Hannah
William Amador - Fire-Rescue Chief
Jay Boodheshwar - Recreation Director
Paul Brazil - Public Works Director
Veronica Close - Planning, Zoning, and Building Director
Carla Kneipp - Human Resources Assistant Director
Michael Reiter - Police Chief
Cheryl Somers - Assistant Finance Director
Jane Struder - Finance Director
Susan Eichhorn - Town Clerk

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Town Clerk Eichhorn gave the invocation. President Kleid led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1 **III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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3 **Motion made by Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Coniglio**
4 **to approve the Agenda. On roll call, the motion carried 3/0:**

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6 **Council Member Brooks: Yes**
7 **Council Member Coniglio: Yes**
8 **President Kleid: Yes**
9 **President Pro Tem Coleman: not present**
10 **Council Member Markin: not present**

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13 **IV. PUBLIC HEARING ON FINAL FY2008 MILLAGE RATES AND BUDGETS**

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15 **A. Proof of Publication**

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17 President Kleid stated that this Special Town Council Meeting was a Public Hearing of the
18 Final FY 2008 Millage Rates and Budget and had been publicly advertised and announced to
19 commence at 5:01 p.m. The Town Council would discuss the proposed FY 2008 Millage Rate and
20 General Fund Debt Service Fund and other fund budgets including the approval of Resolution No.
21 54-07 and Resolution No. 55-07.

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23 Town Clerk Eichhorn affirmed that the proof of publication had been received.

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26 **B. Proposed Operating Millage Rate**

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28 President Kleid noted that the proposed Operating Millage Rate at the September 11, 2007,
29 Public Hearing at 5:01 p.m. was tentatively approved. The proposed General Fund Operating
30 Millage Rate of 3.3637 for FY 2008 represented a 5.03% decrease from the rolled-back millage
31 rate of 3.5419.

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34 **C. Reasons for Proposed Operating Millage Rate Decrease from the Rolled-Back**
35 **Millage Rate**

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37 Town Manager Elwell explained that the proposed millage rate was just over 5% below the
38 rolled-back millage rate, as required by state law, that was adopted in June of this year. At the July
39 11, 2007, Special Town Council Meeting, the Town Council approved a combination of
40 expenditure decreases and non ad valorem revenue increases to achieve the required 5% reduction
41 from the rolled-back millage rate. He noted that the Town Council, subsequently, authorized
42 additional changes that further lowered the Operating Millage Rate resulting in the proposed rate,
43 which was 5.03% below the rolled-back rate and 9.76% below the Operating Millage Rate adopted
44 for FY07.

D. Comments and Questions from Public

There were none.

E. Discussion and Adoption (with changes, if any) of Resolution No. 54 - 07 - Adopting Final Millage Rates for FY 2008

Town Manager Elwell read Resolution No. 54-07, by title.

Motion made by Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Coniglio to approve Resolution No. 54-07. On roll call, the motion carried 3/0:

Council Member Brooks:	Yes
Council Member Coniglio:	Yes
President Kleid:	Yes
President Pro Tem Coleman:	not present
Council Member Markin:	not present

F. Discussion and Adoption (with changes, if any) Resolution 55-07 - Adopting the Final Operating Budget, Debt Service Budget, and Budgets for Other Funds for FY2008

Town Manager Elwell read Resolution No. 55-07, by title.

Motion made by Council Member Coniglio, seconded by Council Member Brooks to approve Resolution No. 55-07. On roll call, the motion carried 3/0:

Council Member Coniglio:	Yes
Council Member Brooks:	Yes
President Kleid:	Yes
President Pro Tem Coleman:	not present
Council Member Markin:	not present

V. ANY OTHER MATTERS

President Kleid commented that before the meeting was adjourned he wanted to make the following statement:

"It was important for us to all note that in Palm Beach County, eight municipalities have

announced their intention to override the state mandated tax reductions. I want you to know that this Town Council never once considered this option. I think it is also important to note, as Mr. Elwell said, that we have lowered the Operating Millage Rate resulting in the rate proposed this evening, which is 5.03% below the rolled-back rate and 9.76% below the Operating Millage Rate adopted for FY 07. I think it is appropriate that we congratulate ourselves on this, but more important that we say that this year it is the intention of this Town Council and we have so directed the Town staff to review every department, and every operation; and we intend to hold public meetings at which we will go over all these matters and have an eye to the 2008 budget."

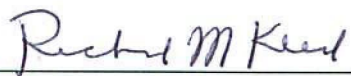
VI. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Brooks made a motion to adjourn, and adding to President Kleid's thanks, thanked the staff for all the wonderful work they did in compiling all the material. Council Member Coniglio seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion carried 3/0:

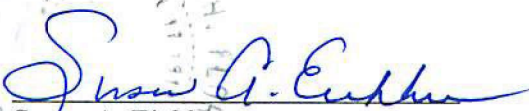
Council Member Brooks:	Yes
Council Member Coniglio:	Yes
President Kleid:	Yes
President Pro Tem Coleman:	not present
Council Member Markin:	not present

There being no further business, the September 19, 2007, Special Town Council Meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

APPROVED:


Richard M. Kleid
Town Council President

ATTEST:


Susan A. Eichhorn
Town Clerk