

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING CONDUCTED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1999, AT 5:01 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by President Lesly Smith. President Smith reconvened the meeting that was held on Tuesday, September 14, 1999, at 5:01 p.m. that was recessed until this meeting due to Hurricane Floyd. The following Elected Officials were found to be in attendance: Mayor Paul R. Ilyinsky; President Lesly S. Smith; President Pro-Tem Allen S. Wyett; Councilmen Jack McDonald and Leslie A. Shaw. Councilman Samuel C. McLendon was absent. Others attending the meeting were: Town Manager Robert Doney; Public Works Director Al Dusey; Recreation Director Russell Bitzer; Information Systems Manager Spencer Wilson; Police Chief Frank Croft; Fire-Rescue Chief Ken Elmore; Finance Director Jane Skittone; Assistant Finance Director Cheryl Somers; Risk Coordinator Karen Temme; Director of Planning, Zoning & Building Robert Moore; Personnel Director William Crouse; and Town Clerk Mary Pollitt.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

These were not given as part of this meeting.

III. COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR

There were no comments by the Mayor.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

V. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE AND "TENTATIVE" FY2000 BUDGETS

A. "Notice of Proposed Property Taxes"

Mrs. Smith announced that pursuant to the notice of proposed property taxes which was mailed by the Property Appraiser to each property owner, this Public Hearing has been announced to commence at 5:01 p.m. Mrs. Smith said the FY2000 proposed millage rate and tentative General Fund, Debt Service Fund, and other Funds' budgets including the approval of Resolutions Numbers 26-99 and 27-99 would be discussed. Additionally, Ordinance 6-99 would be discussed.

B. Proposed Operating Millage

Mrs. Smith said the FY2000 Proposed Operating Millage Rate of 4.3000 mills represents a 6.71% increase over the "Rolled Back Millage Rate" which is 4.0296 mills. Mrs. Smith requested Town Manager Doney give the reasons for the increase.

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

Mr. Doney said the FY2000 Proposed Operating Millage Rate of 4.3000 mills is 6.71% or \$1,394,563 higher than the Rolled-Back Millage Rate of 4.0296 mills. Factors contributing to the increased millage rate are:

1. As noted in Exhibit A, the Tentative FY2000 Operating Fund Budget of \$37,425,851 has increased \$703,870 or 1.92% over the FY99 Adopted Operating Budget of \$36,721,781.
2. Exhibit D outlines the changes made to the budget since the July 13, 1999, Town Council

meeting. As noted, these changes include a 3% General Pay Increase effective October 1, 1999 for all eligible Town employees - Public Works Department noted adjustments and the noted transfer of vehicle allowances.

3. The Town staff believes that a General Contingency of approximately \$700,000 is prudent to the on-going activities related to the potential coastal protection expenditures and given the uncertainty regarding potential expenditures.
4. It is estimated there will be an available unexpended fund balance of approximately \$5,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999. Of this amount, \$1,134,146 is anticipated to be used to balance the FY2000 General Fund Budget, applying the proposed millage rate as noted. The remaining, unexpended General Fund balance of approximately \$3,900,000 is available to be used by the Town Council to increase General Fund reserves, increase the amount in the Coastal Protection reserves, or use for other projects as determined by the Town Council.

D. Memorandum (with Enclosures) dated September 1, 1999, from Town Manager Regarding FY2000 Proposed General (Operating) Fund Millage and "Tentative" Budget and Other Fund Budgets

Mr. Doney pointed out that Exhibits A through N included with his memorandum to the Mayor and Town Council, dated September 1, 1999, provided the details of the proposed FY2000 budget.

E. Comments and Questions from Public

There were no comments or questions from the public.

F. Discussion and Adoption (with Changes, if any) of Resolution No. 26-99 - Adopting Proposed Operating and Debt Service Millage Rates for FY2000

Mr. Doney read Resolution No. 26-99 by title:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-99

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH ADOPTING PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES NECESSARY TO FUND THE TENTATIVE GENERAL (OPERATING) FUND AND DEBT SERVICE FUND BUDGETS FOR THE 1999-2000 FISCAL YEAR.

Mr. Shaw made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 26-99 with the proposed millage rate of 4.300 mills for the General Operating Fund and .3452 mills for the Debt Service Fund for a total of 4.6452 mills. The motion was seconded by Mr. McDonald and carried 4-0. Mr. McLendon was absent from the meeting.

G. Discussion and Adoption (with Changes, if any) of Resolution No. 27-99 - Adopting a Tentative Operating Budget, Debt Service Budget, and Budgets for other Funds for FY2000

Mr. Doney read Resolution No. 27-99 by title:

RESOLUTION NO. 27-99

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE GENERAL (OPERATING) FUND AND DEBT SERVICE FUND BUDGETS FOR THE 1999-2000 FISCAL YEAR.

Mr. Shaw made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 27-99 adopting the tentative General Operating Fund and the Debt Service Fund Budgets for the 1999-2000 fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Mr. McDonald. The motion carried 4-0. Mr. McLendon was absent from the meeting.

H. Discussion and Adoption for First Reading of Ordinance No. 6-99 - Adopting a Final Budget for FY2000

Mr. Doney read Ordinance No. 6-99 by title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 6-99

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1999, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2000; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Shaw made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 6-99 that approved the final budgets of all of the funds for the fiscal year 2000 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Mr. McDonald. The motion carried 4-0. Mr. McLendon was absent from the meeting.

President Smith said this concluded the process of approving the Town’s proposed millage rates and tentative budgets for the year beginning October 1, 1999. She thanked all who had participated in the budget process.

I. Second and Final Public Hearing to Adopt Final Millage Rates and Budgets will be on Wednesday, September 29, 1999, at 5:01 p.m., in the Town Council Chambers

President Smith announced the second and final Public Hearing to adopt final millage rates and budgets will be on Wednesday, September 29, 1999, at 5:01 p.m. following the 1:00 p.m. Special Town Council Meeting in cooperation with the Retirement Board.

VI. ANY OTHER MATTERS

There were none.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Mary A. Pollitt, Town Clerk