

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING CONDUCTED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN
COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 17, 1997 AT 5:01 P.M.**

To Adopt Final Millages and Budgets for Fiscal Year 1998

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by President Lesly Smith at 5:07 p.m. on September 17, 1997, in the Town Council Chambers. On roll call, the following Elected Officials were found to be in attendance: Mayor Paul R. Ilyinsky, President Lesly S. Smith, President Pro-Tem Leslie A. Shaw, Councilman Jack R. McDonald, and Councilman Allen S. Wyett. Councilman Samuel C. McLendon was absent. Others attending for all or part of the meeting were: Town Manager Robert Doney; Assistant to the Town Manager David Jakubiak; Finance Director James Demming; Assistant Finance Director Cheryl Sommers; Fire-Rescue Chief Ken Elmore; Public Works Director Al Dusey; Recreation Director Russ Bitzer; Police Chief Joseph Terlizze; Major Frank Croft, Police Department; Assistant Building Official Harry Ackerman; Personnel Director William Crouse; Risk Manager Barbara Martinuzzi; Information Services Manager Spencer Wilson; and Town Clerk Mary Pollitt.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by Town Clerk Pollitt, and President Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Ilyinsky made no comments.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Wyett made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. McDonald. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

V. PUBLIC HEARING ON FINAL FY98 MILLAGE RATES AND BUDGETS

A. Proof of Publication

President Smith asked the Town Clerk if proof of publication was received? Town Clerk Pollitt replied affirmatively.

B. Proposed Operating Millage

President Smith said that the following proposed millage rates were approved at the Public Hearing held by the Mayor and Town Council on September 4th at 5:01 p.m.:

Debt Service	<u>.4313</u>
TOTAL	4.7901

Mrs. Smith said the Town of Palm Beach FY98 General Fund Proposed Millage Rate of 4.3588 mills represents a 0.00% increase over the rolled back millage rate.

C. Major Items Included in Proposed Operating Budget

Mrs. Smith asked Mr. Doney to identify the major items included in the proposed operating budget.

Mr. Doney referred to his September 12th memorandum to the Mayor and Town Council that provided

details. Mr. Doney said Resolution 47-97 and Ordinance Number 13-97 (second reading) will be presented to the Mayor and Town Council at this meeting.

Mr. Doney directed attention to the August 28th memorandum, Exhibit G, that identified the major items for FY98 (the FY97 adopted budget versus the FY98 proposed budget) for the General Fund only:

Advice and Litigation, Planning, Zoning & Building Issues	\$ 45, 700
AS 400 Disc Expansion Unit Upgrade--the Town's secondary AS 400	\$ 33,000
Optical Storage Imaging Hardware and Software	\$ 14,500
Capital Improvement Funding Increase	\$203,000
Finance Department--New Secretarial Position--includes salary, Fringe benefits and operating costs	\$ 42,745
Planning, Zoning & Building Department --new Combination Inspector position includes salary, fringe benefits and operating Costs	\$ 52,000
Fire-Rescue Department Mobile Data Terminal related Equipment	\$ 64,600
Police Department--equipment	\$ 27,659
Includes:	
Bench-mounted air hood cabinet	\$ 2,659
Telex Radio Interface	\$ 5,000
Portable Video Observation System	\$20,000
Software Maintenance	\$23,082
Public Works Department	\$116,800
Commercial Collection of Compacted Garbage	\$154,160
Fuel, Motor Oil	\$ 33,535
General Pay Increase--3% includes Social Security & Medicare	\$479,792
Other Miscellaneous Items	\$ 85,271
TOTAL DOLLAR CHANGE	\$1,375,844
or 4.17% change in the budget from FY97 to FY98	

Mr. Doney offered to answer any questions regarding the aforementioned items.

There were no questions.

D. Memorandum Regarding Proposed Final Millages and Budgets Based Upon Actions at September 4th

Mr. Doney referred to his September 12, 1997, memorandum that provided Resolution Number 47-97 and Ordinance Number 13-97. Mr. Doney said the second and final public hearing did not require the same level of detail to be presented as was presented at the September 4th meeting.

Mr. Doney asked for any questions from the Mayor and Town Council.

There were none.

E. Comments and Questions from Public

Mrs. Smith asked for comments and questions from the public. There were none.

F. Discussion and Adoption (with Changes, if any) of Resolution No. 47-97 - Adopting Final Millage Rates for FY98

Mr. Doney read the resolution by title as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 47-97

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH ADOPTING FINAL MILLAGE RATES AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1997, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1998; SETTING FORTH CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING "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.

Mrs. Smith asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 47-97 which sets a millage rate of 4.3588 mills for the General Operating Fund; .4313 mills for the Debt Service Fund; for a total of 4.7901 mills. Mr. Wyett made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 47-97. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

G. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 13-97 - Adopting Final Budgets for FY98

Responding to a request from Mrs. Smith, Mr. Doney read Ordinance No. 13-97 by title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 13-97

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, 1997, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1998; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Doney said that Exhibit A of the ordinance consisted of three pages and provided details for all funds in the budget.

Mrs. Smith asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 13-97.

Mr. Shaw made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 13-97. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion. Mrs. Smith clarified that the motion was to adopt Ordinance No. 13-97 which adopts the budgets for all funds for FY98. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Doney thanked each department head and staff members who participated in the planning and preparation of the budget. Mr. Doney cited Mr. Demming as Finance Director and Mrs. Sommers as Assistant Finance Director for their efforts during the budget preparation process. Mr. Doney said the budget properly sets forth the Town's continuing mission to provide quality and variety of services with the available resources in the most efficient and economical manner possible.

Mrs. Smith thanked all of the departments for their participation in the budget process.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 48-97 - ADOPTION OF FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM

Mr. Doney referred to Risk Manager Barbara Martinuzzi's memoranda dated September 2, 1997, and September 10, 1997, providing details for this system and program. Mr. Doney said that Mrs. Martinuzzi gave an in-depth presentation at the September Th Town Council meeting during the Public Hearing portion of the meeting. Mr. Doney said the public was invited to make comments regarding the community rating system in the plan. Mr. Doney offered to answer any questions regarding the plan.

Mr. Doney read Resolution No. 48-97 by title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 48-97

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TOWN'S FLOOR PLAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN WHICH EXCEEDS THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM'S COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM FOR A REPETITIVE LOSS PLAN.

Mr. Shaw made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 48-97. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wyett. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

VII. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Wyett made a motion that the Special Town Council meeting scheduled for October 16th regarding water be delayed for approximately one month with a date certain to be set at the October 14th Town Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. McDonald. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Doney clarified that the Water Committee meeting which had been scheduled to follow the Special Town Council meeting on October 16th would also be delayed. Mr. Wyett responded that he could not speak for Committee Chairman McLendon who was absent. Mr. Doney said the issue would be scheduled as an agenda item on the October 14th Town Council meeting agenda.

There were no other matters.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Mary A. Pollitt, Town Clerk