

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Office of The Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE FY06 BUDGET HELD ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2005, AT 5:01 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by President William J. Brooks at 5:01 p.m., on Tuesday, September 13, 2005, in the Town Council Chambers. On roll call, the following elected officials were in attendance: Mayor Jack McDonald, President William J. Brooks, President Pro Tem Norman P. Goldblum, Councilman Richard M. Kleid, and Councilman Allen S. Wyett. Councilman Denis P. Coleman was not in attendance, with an excused absence. Members of staff present were:

Town Manager Peter Elwell
Deputy Town Manager Thomas Bradford
Assistant Town Manager Sarah Hannah
Russ Bitzer - Recreation Director
Paul Brazil - Public Works Director
Veronica Close - Assistant Director of Planning, Zoning & Building
William Crouse - Human Resources Director
Jon Luscumb - Dock Master
Robert L. Moore - Director Planning, Zoning & Building
Edward J. Moran - Fire-Rescue Chief
Michael Reiter - Police Chief
Cheryl Somers - Assistant Finance Director
Jane Struder - Finance Director
Karen Temme - Risk Manager
Susan Eichhorn - Town Clerk

Public Hearing FY06 Budget
9-13-05 @ 5:01 p.m.

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II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was approved through motion of Councilman Wyett, seconded by Councilman Kleid. On roll call, the motion carried 4/0, as Councilman Coleman was not in attendance.

III. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE AND "TENTATIVE" FY2006 BUDGETS

Town Manager Elwell commented that the booklet provided to the Town Council had been prepared this afternoon by the Finance Department, and reflected everything that had occurred in the budget review to date. He noted that the changes, other than one, had been relatively small, particularly in the context of a \$50 million budget. The one large item had been the Police Radio System. He explained that all of the items together netted to a change of \$871,000 both on the revenue and expenditure side, from that which was originally proposed. The actual final budget was \$57,544,075 of revenue and expenditure. The recommendation, as made in July, was a 3% decrease in the tax rate, and for the net proceeds of the savings (through the additional revenue and cuts that were made) of \$279,172, to be a transfer in this budget to the Capital Improvement Fund.

- A. Notice of Proposed Property Taxes
- B. Proposed Operating Millage
- C. Reasons for Proposed Operating Millage Rate Increase over Rolled-Back Millage Rate

Town Manager Elwell advised that the tentative FY06 General Operating Fund Budget of \$57,544,075, had increased by \$5,163,344, or 9.8% over the FY05 Adopted Operating Budget of \$52,380,731. The major increases to the budget included an increase in the amount transferred to the retirement funds, employee pay for performance, competitive pay increases, increase in health insurance funding, five new full-time positions, and one new part-time position, a Parking & Traffic Study (Town-wide), a Software Implementation Plan, and an increase in debt service funding.

Mr. Elwell noted that Exhibit "B" of the Budget Report outlined the changes that had been made to the budget since the proposed budget was presented to the Mayor and Town Council on July 11, 2005. Those changes included the reduction in funding for five requested positions, increases

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in fuel, solid waste and electric costs, increases in revenue from utility taxes, franchise fees, and increases in both the costs and the fees for compacted garbage collection.

D. Comments and Questions from Public

President Brooks called for comments from the public. There were none.

E. Discussion and Adoption (with changes, if any) of Resolution No. 72-05 Adopting Proposed Operating Millage Rate for FY2006.

Town Manager Elwell read Resolution No. 72-05 by title:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES NECESSARY TO FUND THE TENTATIVE GENERAL (OPERATING) FUND BUDGET FOR THE 2005-2006 FISCAL YEAR.

Councilman Kleid moved adoption of Resolution No. 72-05. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wyett. On roll call, the motion carried 4/0, as Councilman Coleman was not in attendance.

F. Discussion and Adoption (with changes, if any) Resolution 73-05 - Adopting a Tentative Operating Budget, Debt Service Budget, and Budgets for Other funds for FY2006.

Town Manager Elwell read Resolution No. 73-05 by title:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE GENERAL (OPERATING) FUND, DEBT SERVICE FUND, AND BUDGETS FOR OTHER FUNDS FOR THE 2005-2006 FISCAL YEAR.

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Councilman Wyett moved adoption of Resolution No. 73-05. The motion was seconded by President Pro Tem Goldblum. On roll call, the motion carried 4/0, as Councilman Coleman was not in attendance.

- G. Second and Final Public Hearing to Adopt Final Millage Rate and Budgets will be on Thursday, September 29, 2005, at 5:01 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers.

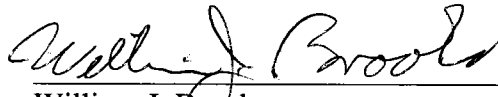
Town Manager Elwell announced that the Second and Final Public Hearing to Adopt Final Millage Rate and Budgets would be held on Thursday, September 29, 2005, at 5:01 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers.

IV. ANY OTHER MATTERS

There were none.

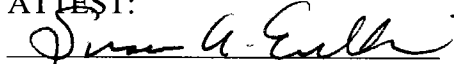
V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Public Hearing was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.



William J. Brooks
Town Council President

ATTEST:



Susan A. Eichhorn
Town Clerk