



TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Office of The Town Clerk

MINUTES FROM THE PUBLIC HEARING CONDUCTED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2002 AT 5:01 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President William J. Brooks called the Public Hearing to order at 5:01 p.m. in the Town Council chambers. On roll call, the following Elected Officials were found to be in attendance: Mayor Lesly S. Smith, President William J. Brooks, President Pro-Tem Norman P. Goldblum, Councilman Jack McDonald, and Councilman Samuel C. McLendon. Councilman Allen S. Wyett was absent from the meeting.

Also attending for all or part of the meeting were: Town Manager Peter Elwell, Town Attorney John Randolph, Assistant Town Manager Thomas Bradford, Recreation Director Russell Bitzer, Finance Director Jane Skittone, Assistant Finance Director Cheryl Somers, Public Works Director Al Dusey, Police Chief Michael Reiter, Fire-Rescue Chief Kent Koelz, Assistant Fire-Rescue Chief John DeIorio, Risk Administrator Karen Temme, Information Systems Manager Spencer Wilson, and Town Clerk Mary Pollitt.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Omitted

III. COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR

There were no comments by the Mayor.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED.

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V. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE AND "TENTATIVE" FY2003 BUDGETS

A. Notice of Proposed Property Taxes

Mr. Brooks said pursuant to the notice of proposed property taxes which was mailed by Palm Beach County Property Appraiser to each property owner, this public hearing has been announced to commence at 5:01 p.m., and the FY2003 proposed millage rates and tentative General Fund, Debt Service Fund, and other funds budgets including the approval of Resolution No. 62-02 and Resolution No. 63-02 will be discussed.

B. Proposed Operating Millage

President Brooks announced the FY 2003 General Fund Proposed Operating Millage Rate of 3.9706 mills represents a 7.92% increase over the rolled-back millage rate of 3.6789 mills.

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

President Brooks said State Law requires the reasons be given for the proposed increase in the operating millage rate over the rolled-back millage rate.

Town Manager Elwell said, as President Brooks advised, the FY2003 Proposed Operating Millage Rate of 3.9706 mills is 7.92% or \$2,122,110 higher than the rolled-back millage rate of 3.6789 mills. He said factors contributing to that increase and changes in the proposed budget are as follows:

As noted in Exhibit B of the backup materials for this meeting, the tentative FY2003 General Operating Fund Budget of \$48,671,671 has increased \$654,205 or 1.36% over the FY2002 Adopted Operating Budget of \$48,017,466;

The major increases to the budget are summarized on Exhibit D of the backup materials, and they include an increase in the amount transferred to the Risk Fund, Employee Compensation including pay-for-performance and general pay increases, and retirement and health insurance contribution increases;

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Added to the General Fund Operating Budget is a transfer of \$3,900,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance that is proposed to fund the North Lake Way Storm Water Drainage Improvement Project;

Exhibit C outlines the changes that have been made to the budget since the proposed budget was presented to the Mayor and Town Council on July 8th and 9th, 2002. These changes include funding the North Lake Way Storm Water Drainage Improvement Project, addition of four Fire-Rescue positions to increase EMS levels of service, increase in the voting precincts from five to seven in the Town and the related election costs, Animal Care and Control expenses;

Decreases since the budget was proposed in July, include a reduction in the General Fund Contingency percentage from 2% to 1%, General Pay Increase reduction from 3% to 1%, elimination of the Citizens Satisfaction Survey, and elimination of residential garbage collection on Veterans Day and New Years Day.

D. Comments and Questions from Public

There were no comments or questions.

E. Discussion and Adoption (with changes, if any) of Resolution No.62-02 - Adopting Proposed Operating and Debt Service Millage Rates for FY2003

Town Manager Elwell read Resolution No. 62-02 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
AND DEBT SERVICE FUND BUDGETS FOR THE
2002-2003 FISCAL YEAR.

President Brooks said he would accept a motion to adopt Resolution No. 62-02 of the Town of Palm Beach which sets a proposed millage rate of 3.9706 mills for the General Operating Fund and 0.835 mills for Debt Service Fund for a total of 4.0541 mills.

PRESIDENT PRO-TEM GOLDBLUM MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT

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RESOLUTION NO. 62-02 WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED MILLAGE RATES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MC LENDON AND CARRIED 4-0 ON ROLL CALL. (Councilman Wyett was absent from the meeting.)

F. Discussion and Adoption (with changes, if any) of Resolution No. 63-02 - Adopting a Tentative Operating Budget, Debt Service Budget, and Other Funds for FY 2003

Town Manager Elwell read Resolution No. 63-02 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 2002-2003
FISCAL YEAR.

President Brooks said he would accept a motion to adopt Resolution No. 63-02 which approves the tentative budgets for all funds for FY2003.

MOTION MADE BY PRESIDENT PRO-TEM GOLDBLUM TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 63-02 TO APPROVE THE TENTATIVE BUDGETS FOR ALL FUNDS FOR FY2003. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MC LENDON AND CARRIED 4-0 ON ROLL CALL. (Councilman Wyett was absent from the meeting.)

G. Second and Final Public Hearing to Adopt Final Millage Rates and Budgets will be on Wednesday, September 18, 2002, at 5:01 p.m., in the Town Council Chambers

President Brooks said the process of approving the Town's proposed millage rates and tentative budgets for the year beginning October 1, 2002, is concluded.

President Brooks announced the second and final Public Hearing to Adopt Final Millage Rates and Budgets will be held on Wednesday, September 18, 2002, at 5:01 p.m. in the Town Council chambers.

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VI. ANY OTHER MATTERS

There were no other matters.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:



William J. Brooks
Town Council President



Mary A. Pollitt
Town Clerk

