

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING HELD AT 5:01 P.M. On SEPTEMBER 10, 1996
(To Adopt Final Millages and Budgets for Fiscal Year 1997)

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Public Hearing was called to order by President Smith at 5:01 P.M. on September 10, 1996. On roll call, the following Elected Officials were in attendance: Mayor Paul Ilyinsky, President Lesly Smith, President Pro-Tem Jack McDonald, Councilmen Sam McLendon, Leslie Shaw, and Allen Wyett. Also in attendance were: Town Manager Robert Doney, Assistant Town Manager Peter Elwell, Town Attorney John Randolph, Personnel Director William Crouse, Police Chief Joseph Terlizzese, Police Major Frank Croft, Acting Finance Director Cheryl Somers, Director of Recreation Russell Bitzer, Information Systems Director Spencer Wilson, Fire Chief Vincent Elmore, Town Engineer James Bowser, Director of Planning, Building & Zoning Robert Moore, Zoning Administrator Paul Castro, Buildings & Grounds Manager Joe Ugi, and Town Clerk Mary Pollitt.

II. COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

There were none.

III. PUBLIC HEARING ON FINAL FY97 MILLAGE RATES AND BUDGETS

A. Proof of Publication

Mrs. Pollitt confirmed proof of publication.

B. Proposed Operating Millage Exceeds "Rolled-Back Rate" by 3.34 Percent

Mrs. Smith stated that at the September 5, 1996 Public Hearings at 5:01 P.M. the following proposed millage rates were approved:

General Fund	4.5319
Debt Service	.4491
TOTAL	4.9810

The Town of Palm Beach FY97 General Fund Proposed Millage Rate of 4.5319 mills represents a 3.34% increase over the "Rolled-Back Rate" of 4.3855 mills.

C. Major Specific Purposes for Which Ad Valorem Tax Revenues are Proposed to be Increased

Mrs. Smith requested the Town Manager to identify the major specific purposes for which Ad Valorem Taxes were being proposed for increase.

Mr. Doney stated that a memorandum with Exhibits A - O had been provided at the first Public Hearing held on September 5, 1996. He referred to Exhibit G, and explained that for the purposes of this hearing, and Chapter 200, Florida Statutes he would identify the following:

The FY96 Adopted Budget versus FY97 Proposed Budget, General Fund only:

The Adopted Budget for FY96 was \$31,482,588
The Proposed Budget for FY97 was \$32,985,205

The dollar change was \$1,502,617, and the percent change was 4.77%.

The specific purposes for which Ad Valorem Tax Revenues were being increased were as follows:

Advise and Litigation	\$ 25,000
AS 400 IBM Disc Expansion Unit	\$ 24,200
Capital Improvement Funding Increase	\$126,000
Fire Rescue Department (Salaries and Related Costs - 3 new positions)	\$145,565
Police Department (Two Jeep Cherokee Vehicles - New Operations)	\$ 44,000

Communication System	\$ 15,000
ID Contractual Employee	\$ 15,000

The following new operations equipment totaling \$113,300, as follows:

Imaging System	\$ 90,000
Canon Fax Machine	\$ 1,265
Call Tracker	\$ 4,935
HTE Bar Coding System	\$ 6,500
Doppler Radar Unit	\$ 1,400
Ballistic Shields	\$ 2,000
Patrol Bikes	\$ 4,200
Vector Light Bars	\$ 3,000

Patrol Car Video Recording System	\$ 11,000
Salaries and Related Costs for 12 new positions with the Police Dept.	\$413,325
The Town Clerk - adding an additional half person, making the part-time person a full time person for the Recording Clerk (Including benefits)	\$ 20,000
Town Clerk - Check Writer and Safe Upgrade	\$ 4,000
General Pay Increase (Recommended at 3%, including Social Security)	\$454,719

D. Memorandum Regarding Proposed Final Millages and budgets Based Upon Actions At September 5th Public Hearing

Mr. Doney stated that the particular details of the FY97 Budget were set forth as attachment to his memorandum of August 29, 1996 presented in detail at the September 5, 1996 Public Hearing. It would not be necessary to go through Exhibits A-O.

E. Comments and Questions from Public

There were no public comments.

F. Discussion and Adoption (With Changes, If Any) of Resolution No. 46-96 Adopting Final Millage Rates for FY97

Mr. Doney read Resolution 46-96

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH ADOPTING FINAL MILLAGE RATES AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1996, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1997; 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.

Mr. Wyett made a motion to approve Resolution 46-96, which set a millage rate of 4.5319 mills for the General Operating Fund, and .4491 mills for the Debt Service Fund, for a total of 4.9810 mills; seconded by Mr. McLendon. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

G. Discussion and Adoption (With Changes, If Any) of Resolution No. 47-96, Adopting Final Budgets for FY97

Mr. Doney read Resolution 47-96

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH ADOPTING FINAL BUDGETS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1996, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1997; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Doney referenced Exhibit A, dated August 29, 1996, detailing revenues and expenditures by fund, attached to Resolution 47-

96

Mr. Wyett made a motion to approve Resolution 47-96; seconded by Mr. Shaw. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Smith stated that the process of adopting the Town Millage Rate and Budget for the year beginning October 1, 1996 was now concluded.

IV. ANY OTHER MATTERS

There were none.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wyett made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. McLendon.

Mrs. Smith declared the meeting adjourned.

Mary A. Pollitt
Town Clerk

Prepared by:
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