TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 4, 1994

Roll Call

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL. President Wiener called the Special Town Council Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on August 4, 1994 in the Town Council Chambers. On roll call, the following Elected Officials were found to be in attendance: Mayor Ilyinsky, President Wiener, Councilwoman Royal and Councilman Shaw. (Absent was Councilwoman Smith). Also attending were Town Manager Doney, Town Attorney Randolph, Town Clerk Peters, Deputy Town Clerk Pollitt, Finance Director Crozier, Chief Terlizzese, Chief Elmore, Mr. Crouse, Mr. Bitzer, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Dusey, Mr. Roper, Mr. Moore and Mrs. Gorman.

Invocation

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Invocation was given by Mrs. Peters. President Wiener requested a moment of silence for the late President Pro-tem William Weinberg. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Ilyinsky.

Approval of Agenda

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda as printed was made by Mrs. Royal and seconded by Mr. Shaw. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

FY95 Proposed Budgets

IV. FY95 PROPOSED BUDGETS

1. Percentage of Change in Millage over the Rolled-Back Rate Necessary to Fund the Budget and the Specific Purposes for Which Ad Valorem Tax Revenues are being Increased

Mr. Doney explained this meeting is part of an on-going process that the Town must complete according to Chapter 200 Florida Statutes which is commonly known as The Truth in Millage Law.

Mr. Doney stated, as Town Manager, the first substantive issue is the per cent of change of millage over the rolled back rate necessary to fund the General Operating Fund budget, noting the tentative general fund millage rate for FY 95 is a 3.52% increase over the rolled back millage rate of 4.4917 mills, and a .06% or six one hundreds of one per cent decrease from the adopted Operating Millage rate of 4.6526 mills.

Mr. Doney announced the major items which are increases in the FY95 Proposed Budget over and above the FY94 adopted budget are:

Capital Improvement Fund	$184,000
Lake Worth Inlet Management Plan	160,000
Beach Cleaning Program	40,000
Replacement Residential Collection 6 yd Garbage Packer	76,000

which makes the dollar change $26,680 over and above the FY94 adopted budget.

Mr. Doney advised the Personnel Director and himself have not concluded a review of salary and general pay information, so there is no recommendation as to the proposed general pay increase for FY95, however, he expects this information will be available in late August or early September and it can be acted upon at the September 13, 1994 5:01 Public Hearing, which is the first advertised public hearing on the FY95 proposed budget.

Mr. Doney gave an overview of the various exhibits:

Exhibit B shows when the FY95 Debt Service proposed millage is added to the recommended operating millage of 4.6500 mills or $4.65 per $1,00 of taxable value, it is a .48% increase over the total millage for FY94.

Mr. Doney reported the Town's preliminary taxable value as determined by the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser as of July 1, 1994 increased by 4.02% from $4,099,189,783 to $4,263,902,347 for FY95, or a $164,712,564 increase in taxable value.

Mr. Doney advised he and the Town staff will continue to look for opportunities to reduce expenditures for FY95, and also any increases will be identified in non ad valorem revenue.

Mr. Doney reported levels of service have been increased for Program 546, the Beach Cleaning Program in the amount of $39,341 and the second one is the funding for the annual operating and maintenance cost for the Lake Worth Inlet Sand Transfer Plant, Program 581, in the amount of $160,000.

Mr. Doney advised the two public hearings required by Chapter 200 of the Florida Statutes will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 1994 at 5:01 PM and on Tuesday, September 27, 1994 at 5:01 PM.

Mr. Doney referred to Exhibit C, which illustrates the estimated cost to a Town taxpayer for each $1000 of General Operating Fund Expenditures, and the exhibit shows the impact to a Town taxpayer for each $100,000 of General Fund Expenditures funded by Ad Valorem Taxes.

Mr. Doney stated Exhibit D shows the ad valorem tax recipients, which shows that the Town of Palm Beach received 23.26% of each 100% in total taxes paid by a Town taxpayer or 23¢ out of every dollar with 77¢ going to other taxing authorities.

Mr. Doney explained Exhibit E shows the changes that have occurred as a result of the Finance & Taxation Committee meetings which were held on June 1, 2 and July 5.

Mr. Doney indicated Exhibits F and G illustrate the relative relationship of all taxing authorities.

Mr. Doney advised Exhibit H identifies the expenditures on a Program by Program basis, but does not include the proposed reductions as a result of the Finance & Taxation meetings, nor does it include any proposed general pay increase, if the Town Council does authorize same.

Mr. Doney referred to Exhibit I which is a detailed revenue of all ad valorem and non ad valorem revenue.

Exhibit J was identified by Mr. Doney as the Five Year Capital Improvement Program, pointing out the figures shown in the column FY95 is the figure which is adopted.

Mr. Doney commented on Exhibit K, which is the Certification of Taxable Value as provided by the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser, who will be advised of the Town's tentative operating millage and the public hearing details.

Mr. Doney advised Exhibit L shows a comparison between FY94 and FY95, which included operating and debt service millages.

Mrs. Wiener called for comments from the Mayor and Town Council.

Mr. Shaw questioned why taxes are generated on 95% and not 100%, to which Mr. Doney responded this is the preliminary taxable value, and the values will be lower after the Property Appraisal Adjustment Board hearings are held and the final taxable values are then determined.

Mrs. Royal wondered about Exhibit B, on the debt service to which Mrs. Crozier responded the increase was due to the balance of the bonds that are callable in 1995, noting the bonds were placed in escrow at the time of the re-funding and will be paid in 1995, and next year, the debt service will decline by approximately $425,000, as a result of this issue maturing.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Mrs. Wiener called for public comment and there was none.

3. ADVISE PROPERTY APPRAISER OF TOWN'S PROPOSED "TENTATIVE" OPERATING (GENERAL FUND) MILLAGE RATE, ROLLED-BACK MILLAGE RATE AND DEBT SERVICE MILLAGE RATE.

Mr. Doney reported the recommended tentative operating General Fund millage rate is 4.6500 or $4.65 per $1000 of taxable value. He advised the Rolled Back millage rate for FY95 is 4.4917 mills, or approximately $4.49 per $1000 of taxable value and the Debt Service millage rate is proposed at .5791 or approximately $0.58 per $1000 of taxable value.

Mr. Shaw moved to advise the Property Appraiser's Office the proposed Tentative Operating Millage Rate for FY95 should be 4.65 for Operating Fund and .5791 for Debt Service or a total of $5.2291 with the Rolled Back Millage Rate of 4.4917 mills or approximately $4.49 per one thousand dollars of taxable value, for the Operation Fund. Seconded by Mrs. Royal. Motion carried unanimously on roll call.

4. SET THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF A PUBLIC HEARING WHEN TOWN COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER AND ACT UPON TENTATIVE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE AND TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR GENERAL FUND AND OTHER FUNDS.

Mr. Shaw made a motion that the proposed dates for the Public Hearings to consider and act upon the Tentative Proposed Millage Rate and Tentative Budget for the General Fund and Other Funds for Tuesday, Sept. 13, 1994 at 5:01 PM and Tuesday, September 27, 1994 at 5:01 PM. Seconded by Mrs. Royal. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

5. AUTHORIZE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE 1994 CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE WITH DETAILS DIRECTED TODAY.

Mr. Shaw moved the Town Manager be authorized to execute the 1994 Certification of Taxable Value with details that have been directed by the Town Council today. Seconded by Mrs. Royal. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

B. ANY OTHER FY PROPOSED BUDGET MATTERS. There were none.

V. ANY OTHER MATTERS: Any Other Matters

A. MONIES BEING HELD IN ESCROW BY THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH FOR THE SANITARY SEWAGE RENEWAL AND REPLACEMENT ACCOUNT FUND.

Sanitary Sewage Renewal & Replacement Account Fund

Mrs. Royal asked Mr. Dusey to report on this matter to which Mr. Dusey responded he has requested the funds be returned; however, they are invested and they are waiting for those investments to clear. Mrs. Royal asked if the City of West Palm Beach has agreed that these funds are owed to the Town, to which Mr. Dusey answered there is no question it is the Town's money. Mrs. Royal asked when the monies will actually be refunded. Mr. Dusey replied he cannot guess as they have had difficulty dealing with West Palm Beach on these issues. Mr. Doney reported these funds are in an interest-bearing account, under the State Board of Administration. Mrs. Wiener explained it is obvious the funds belong to the Town of Palm Beach and they will be returned. Mrs. Royal stated she would like to see these funds returned to the Town as soon as possible.

B. TWENTY FIVE PER CENT SURCHARGE PROPOSED TO BE ADDED BY THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH.

Mr. Shaw advised he is in receipt of a memorandum from Mr. Elwell with a disclosure that an endorsement should be added to the checks payable to the City of West Palm Beach pertaining to the fact that the Town is protesting the 25% surcharge and he requested other members of the Council to add that to their checks when they pay their water bills. Mrs. Wiener suggested this be discussed at the Council meeting next week.

VI. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. Adjournment

Grace T. Peters
Town Clerk