

Agenda Item No. C - 1

VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH
Agenda Item Summary

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the minutes of the First Budget Hearing of September 12, 2024, Final Budget Hearing of September 19, 2024 and Council Regular Meeting of September 19, 2024.

ISSUE: It is necessary for Village Council to approve all Village Council meeting minutes.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion to Approve

Initiator	Village Manager Approval	Agenda Date	Village Council Action
Village Clerk		10/17/24	

**VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH
MINUTES OF FIRST PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
VILLAGE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1050 ROYAL PALM BEACH BOULEVARD
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024
6:30 P.M.**

Ways to Participate

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pinto held a moment of silence in observation of September 11, 2001.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Fred Pinto
Vice Mayor Jeff Hmara
Councilwoman Selena Samios
Councilwoman Jan Rodusky
Councilman Richard Valuntas

All members of the Council were present along with the Village Manager, Village Attorney (Mitty Barnard) and the Village Clerk.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 1. Announce that the proposed operating millage rate necessary to fund the budget is 7.04% above the rolled-back rate of 1.7937 mils.**

The Mayor announced that the proposed operating millage rate necessary to fund the budget is 7.04% above the rolled-back rate of 1.7937 mils.

- 2. Announce the proposed operating millage rate is 1.9200 for the General Fund.**

The Mayor announced the proposed operating millage rate is 1.9200 for the General Fund.

- 3. Summary of the tentative budget.**

The Finance Director gave a summary of the 2024-2025 budget. She reported the changes from the budget workshop are minimal with the total proposed budget increased by \$58,085, property values increased from 7.36% to 8.04% and the Capital Improvement Budget decreased by \$200,000. She showed the total budget of \$68,246,414 with 46% for General Operating, 42% Capital Projects, 10% for reserves and 2% stormwater utility.

She stated the budget highlights are as follows: property values are projected this year at a 8.04% increase from prior year, the millage rate of 1.92 has been

maintained and consumption based revenues increased 14% with the one-cent sales surtax revenue anticipated to sunset in December 2024.

She gave the Ad Valorem Tax overview which shows the Village's property values, including new construction, have increased 8.04% as follows: Prior year value – \$4.265 billion; current year value – \$4.608 billion with an increase of \$343 million. The Finance Director stated the budget is proposing to maintain the operating millage rate at \$1.92 mils per thousand.

She showed the impact of the total proposed millage rate of \$1.9200 on homes valued from \$225,000.00-\$336.00, \$350,000.00-\$576.00 and \$475,000.00-\$816.00 all-encompassing the homestead exemption.

The General Fund Revenue Summary is \$31,375,042 with property taxes generating 27%, other taxes and fees 22% which totals 49% of the revenue stream. Licenses and permits are 15%, intergovernmental revenues at 20%, charges for services 1%, fines 1%, miscellaneous revenues 5%, transfers 8%. The expenditure summary is \$31,375,042 with personnel services at 42%, contractual services 38%, other charges and services 17%, and operating supplies 3%, other operating supplies, department capital outlay and grants and aids are less than 1%. The expenditure summary shows merit adjustments are programmed at an average of 3.5% for all employees. A cost of living adjustment of 3.5%. Property/liability insurance premiums are currently under review and medical insurance cost is projected to increase 3%.

The expenditure summary shows the following position changes approved during the fiscal year are as follows:

Community Development – Reclassification of Code Enforcement Supervisor to Community Development Administrator, Reclassification of Senior Administrative Assistant to Code Enforcement Inspector II, Reclassification of Administrative Assistant I to Permit Technician

Public Works – Elimination of (2) General Maintenance I, Elimination of (1) General Maintenance II, Elimination of (1) Custodian

Parks & Recreation – Elimination of (2) General Maintenance I, Reclassification of Assistant Parks & Recreation Director to Recreation Superintendent

Village Manager – Reclassification of Public Information Specialist to Media and Web Specialist

And the Proposed New Position Changes as follows:

Engineering – Special Projects Manager added, elimination of part-time Intern

Public Works – Reclassification of (1) General Maintenance I to be split with Stormwater Utility

Parks & Recreation – (1) General Maintenance II added to the Parks Division, (1) Part-time Facility Attendant added to the Cultural Center

The Finance Director stated that the Stormwater Utility Fund Revenue Summary is \$1,368,335 which is funded 98% by the stormwater utility fee and 2% Misc. Revenue. She reported that the stormwater fee is proposed to increase \$1.00 from \$5.50 to \$6.50 per equivalent residential unit (ERU).

The expenditure summary is \$1,368,335 which is 44% for personnel services, other charges and services 37%, operating supplies 6%, 11.9% is reserved for future use or fund balance.

The Finance Director reviewed the Capital Improvements Funds – CIP at \$35,503,038 with an estimated FY2024 carryover budget at \$24,614,750. The Beautification Fund and the Recreation Facility Fund is less than 1%; American Rescue Plan is 17%; Impact Fee Fund 1%; Sales Surtax 5%; General Capital Improvements Fund 42%, Stormwater Utility 17% and Reserves 19%. The Village Manager noted a change in the Contractual Services in the amount of \$600,000 due to the PBSO contract increase that adds two additional deputies.

4. Comments from the public.

After confirming with the Village Clerk and the Village Manager there were no public comments, Mayor Pinto closed public comment with no response.

5. Council adoption of proposed operating millage rate of 1.9200 for fiscal year 2024/2025.

Councilwoman Samios made a motion to adopt the proposed operating millage rate of 1.9200 for fiscal year 2024/2025; seconded by Councilman Valuntas. Hearing no discussion, Mayor Pinto put the motion to a vote and it passed unanimously.

6. Council adoption of tentative Budget for fiscal year 2024/2025.

Vice Mayor Hmara made a motion to adopt tentative Budget for fiscal year 2024/2025; seconded by Councilwoman Rodusky. Hearing no discussion, Mayor Pinto put the motion to a vote and it passed unanimously.

7. Announce final budget public hearing – Thursday, September 19, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Pinto announced the final budget hearing would be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 19, 2024 in the Village Council Chambers.

8. Close public hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fred Pinto

Diane DiSanto, Village Clerk

**VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH
MINUTES OF FINAL PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Vice Mayor Jeff Hmara
Councilwoman Selena Samios
Councilwoman Jan Rodusky
Councilman Richard Valuntas

All members of the Council were present along with the Village Manager, Village Attorney (Keith Davis), Village Attorney (Mitty Barnard) and the Village Clerk.

Vice Mayor Hmara held a moment of silence to honor the passing of Mayor Fred Pinto. He took this opportunity to reflect on Mayor Pinto's remarkable 40 years of dedicated public service, highlighting his unwavering commitment to the Village and the lasting impact he made on the community.

Members of the Council, along with District 6 Commissioner Sarah Baxter, Laura Hanley, a representative from District 3 Commissioner Michael Barnett's office, and Marge Herzog, representing the Town of Loxahatchee Groves, all recognized and thanked Mayor Pinto for his outstanding leadership, tireless dedication to the community, and the positive influence he had on countless residents throughout his tenure.

PUBLIC HEARING

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3. **Finance Director Review since First Budget Hearing.**

The Finance Director announced the proposed budget is 68.2 million, General Fund Budget is \$31.3 million, Stormwater Utility Budget is \$1.4 million, Capital Improvement Budget is \$28.8 million and Reserve for Future CIP is \$6.7 million. She reported that there has not been any changes since the First Budget Hearing.

4. **Comments from the public.**

Vice Mayor Hmara opened the floor to public comment.

5. **Close public comment.**

After confirming with the Village Clerk and the Village Manager there were no public comments, Vice Mayor Hmara closed public comment with no response.

6. **ADOPTION OF FINAL MILLAGE RATE OF 1.9200 FOR THE GENERAL FUND.**

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 24-18, a Resolution of the Village Council of the Village of Royal Palm Beach, Florida, adopting the final millage rate for the Village of Royal Palm Beach for the fiscal year commencing on October 1, 2024 and ending on September 30, 2025; providing an effective date; and for other purposes.

Councilwoman Samios made a motion to adopt the final millage rate of 1.9200 for fiscal year 2024/2025; seconded by Councilwoman Rodusky. Hearing no discussion, Vice Mayor Hmara put the motion to a vote and it passed 4-0.

7. **ADOPTION OF FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025.**

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 24-19, a Resolution of the Village Council of the Village of Royal Palm Beach, Florida, adopting its final budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025; providing that the budget hereby adopted may be adjusted or modified by subsequent resolution of the Village Council under certain circumstances; providing a conflicts clause and a severability clause; providing an effective date; and for other purposes.

Councilwoman Samios made a motion to adopt the final Budget for fiscal year 2024/2025; seconded by Councilman Valuntas. Hearing no discussion, Vice Mayor Hmara put the motion to a vote and it passed 4-0.

8. Close public hearing/adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

Acting Mayor Jeff Hmara

Diane DiSanto, Village Clerk

**VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH
MINUTES OF COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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All members of the Council were present along with the Village Manager, Village Attorneys (Keith Davis & Mitty Barnard) and the Village Clerk.

PRESENTATION BY GINA A. LEVESQUE, CFE, INTAKE AND COMPLIANCE MANAGER FROM THE PALM BEACH COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS

Ms. Levesque offered her condolences to the Council and Mayor Pinto’s family. She spoke about the Commission on Ethics’ crucial role in enhancing public trust in government and gave a history of their Commission. The Commission ensures oversight and impartiality for the government and adheres to ethics and ordinances that are enforced. She reviewed the Code of Ethics.

REPORTS

Councilwoman Rodusky announced “Read for the Record” on October 24th noting the book being read to elementary school children is *Piper Chen Sings*. She also reported on the adult program “Palm Beach County Reads” and the book being read is *Remarkably Bright Creatures*. Councilwoman Rodusky attended the Education Advisory Board meeting and made the request to the student council liaison to recruit students to read for the record. She reported that the Palm Tran Route 52 is now defunct and provided the link for more information www.palmtran.org/buslink. Councilwoman Rodusky attended the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference where the new incoming President, Michael Blake, the Mayor of Cocoa Beach is creating a platform so that municipalities can participate in a free job board and noted she will be serving on the National Utilities committee in order to curb or remove legislation around PFAS.

Councilman Valuntas attended the RPB High School Advisory Council meeting noting the positive comments made on the new marquis sign. He also noted this is homecoming weekend starting Friday night at 6:30 p.m.

Councilwoman Samios asked for clarification on the defunct Palm Tran routes. The Village Manager responded that he would get clarification on it and report back. Vice Mayor Hmara added information he received at the Transportation Planning Agency meeting this morning.

Councilwoman Samios reported that 1) youth basketball is accepting registration from kindergarten to 8th grade; 2) a fall prevention fair will be held on September 25th for the seniors; 3) Rock N Fall fest is scheduled at Commons Park on October 4th and 5th; 4) announced Crestwood North Park is fully open; and also announced the Young At Heart membership is sold out with 275 participants. She thanked the staff for accommodating the Palm Beach County League of Cities monthly meeting and the Employee Appreciation Luncheon. Councilwoman Samios announced that October is Women's Small Business Month. She added that Friday, September 20th there will be a Food Truck/concert at Commons Park featuring the band The People Upstairs. She reported that the Community Connection magazine is now available for pickup and on the website www.royapalmbeachfl.gov. She announced that the Business Development Board's annual report included Royal Palm Beach in their statistics.

Vice Mayor Hmara reported on the Education Advisory Board meeting where H.L. Johnson Elementary school was showcased. Dr. Crystal Amado Kucharski, Principal, made a presentation and reviewed the accomplishments of the school. She noted the school has dropped to a B rating and described a vigorous plan to make improvements.

PETITIONS – None

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON AGENDA ITEMS OR CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – None

CONSENT AGENDA

The Village Clerk read into the record the Consent Agenda as follows:

- 1. Approval of the minutes of the Council Regular Meeting of August 15, 2024. (Village Clerk)**
- 2. Approval and authorization to renew Naviline Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software annual licensing and support agreement with Superior Public Sector, Inc. in the amount of \$68,000.00. (Information Systems Director)**
- 3. Approval of bid award and authorization for the Village Manager to enter into contract with Epicurean Park, LLC, dba Nex Era Services, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$105,000.00 for Grounds Maintenance Service on Crestwood Boulevard and the Village Hall Complex. (Director of Public Works)**

4. **Adoption of Resolution No. 24-20. A Resolution of the Village Council of the Village of Royal Palm Beach, Florida adopting a revised Schedule of Fees and Charges; specifically repealing Resolution 23-39; providing that this Schedule of Fees and Charges shall be available for inspection at all times at the Village Hall during regular business hours; providing an effective date; and for other purposes. (Village Clerk)**
5. **Approval and authorization for the Village Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement in the amount of \$26,558.00 for Project Management Services with ProjectTeam, Inc. for various projects in the Village of Royal Palm Beach. (Village Engineer)**
6. **Approval and authorization for the Village Manager to execute the “Fourth Addendum to Provision of Services Agreement Between the Village of Royal Palm Beach and Haverland AG Innovations, Inc.” to revise the compensation section of the current Agreement (Section 3) to correct the not to exceed amount for this contract under the current contract term. (Director of Parks and Recreation)**
7. **Approval and authorization for the Mayor to enter into a new Interlocal Agreement Between the Village of Royal Palm Beach and the School District of Palm Beach County for the Mutual Use of Recreational Facilities. (Director of Parks and Recreation)**
8. **Approval and authorization for the Village Manager to renew the agreement with Nieves Cleaning Services, for Custodial Services – Cultural Center Events commencing October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025. (Director of Parks and Recreation)**
9. **Approval and authorization for the Village Manager to enter into an agreement with Florida ULS Operating LLC d/b/a Haverland AG Innovations, Inc. for annual turf maintenance services at four (4) multi-purpose athletic fields located in Katz Soccer Complex and turf maintenance services for the remaining three months of 2024 at four (4) multi-purpose athletic fields located in Seminole Palms Park at a cost not to exceed \$167,775.27 by piggybacking the Village of North Palm Beach term contract date June 27, 2024 and approved via Resolution No. 2024-50, which is in effect through October 1, 2027. This item is budgeted in account #001-7200-572-34-90. (Director of Parks and Recreation)**
10. **Approval of a special event permit for the Village of Royal Palm Beach to hold “Rock n Fall Fest” on Friday, October 4, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 5, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Royal Palm Beach Commons. (Director of P & Z)**
11. **Approval and authorization, in accordance with established policy, to make a budget amendment for Fund 303 in the fiscal year 2023/2024 Budget. Said amendment to transfer a total of \$5,200**

from Fund 303 Undesignated Fund Balance to Commons Park Security Camera Project (PR2110). (Finance Director)

- 12. Approval and authorization for the Village Manager to enter into the First Addendum to Agreement for Security System Installation Services to add additional services in the amount of \$5,101.12. (Information Systems Director)**
- 13. Approval and authorization to establish a Self-Funded Insurance Stabilization Reserve and transfer \$6,000,000 of excess Unassigned General Fund Balance to the Self-Funded Insurance Stabilization Reserve. (Finance Director)**
- 14. Approval and authorization for the Village Manager to enter into a renewal contract with the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust to cover property, casualty, auto and workers' compensation for policy period FY25 for the Village of Royal Palm Beach. (Director of HR & Risk and Finance Director)**

Councilwoman Samios asked that Consent Agenda Item #4 be pulled for discussion.

Councilwoman Samios made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda less Item #4; seconded by Councilman Valuntas. Hearing no discussion, Vice Mayor Hmara put the motion to a vote and it passed 4-0.

Councilwoman Samios asked for clarification on the public and private schools use of the Amphitheatre at Commons Park. The Village Manager explained the addition to the Schedule of Fees on page 25 and read into the record the additional paragraph. Councilwoman Samios confirmed the Village would not be co-sponsoring the school events going forward and the use of the amphitheater will be for large events only.

Councilwoman Samios made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Item #4; seconded by Councilwoman Rodusky. Hearing no discussion, Vice Mayor Hmara put the motion to a vote and it passed 4-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. Public hearing to consider Variance Application No. 24-049 (PVAR), an application by RP Logistics, LLC, to allow a Parking Variance from Sec. 23-51 (2) j. to allow for 159 parking spaces where Village Code requires 256 parking spaces, a variance of 97 parking spaces, for a property located at 100 Aldi Way. * (Director of P & Z)**

This was quasi-judicial and the Village Attorney (Mitty Barnard) swore in all who will speak on this item and Regular Agenda Item 2 and asked for ex-parte disclosures. The Director of P & Z stated this is a request for a parking variance to allow for 159 parking spaces where 256 parking spaces are required. The variance is for 97 parking spaces and reviewed the parking requirement for the "Industrial and Manufacturing Uses". This request is

being made in conjunction with a Special Exception Use approval to operate a Certified Federal Aviation Administration Repair Station focusing on commercial airplane components, primarily engine parts. He reviewed the criteria for granting a variance. The P & Z Commission and staff recommended denial, however noted a like variance was approved for the bay two doors down.

Mark Smiley, Smiley & Associates, representing the applicant, acknowledged the passing of Mayor Pinto and offered his condolences. He explained the type of business and tenant agreement in place that includes limited parking spaces with a deficiency of 39 parking spaces.

After confirming with the Village Clerk and the Village Manager there were no public comments, Vice Mayor Hmara closed public comment with no response.

Councilwoman Samios confirmed the maximum number of employees is 28. She stated her concerns on how this affects the remaining tenants. The Director of P & Z clarified the type of business. Mr. Smiley explained the remaining square footage of the building will require 77 spaces and there is 107 remaining after this variance if approved along with the previously approved.

Councilwoman Samios confirmed this variance will coincide with the special exception approval for this particular use.

Councilman Valuntas made a motion to approve; seconded by Councilwoman Rodusky. Hearing no further discussion, Vice Mayor Hmara put the motion to a vote and it passed 4-0.

- 2. Public hearing to consider Application No. 24-048 (SE), an application by RP Logistics, LLC, and adoption of Resolution No. 24-17 confirming Council action. The applicant is seeking a Special Exception Use approval to allow for a manufacturing, limited processing and assembly (i.e., cabinetry, etc.)” within the existing building in the Industrial Limited (IL) zoning district in order to operate a 24,373 square foot Certified Federal Aviation Administration Repair Station within the Aldi Park Planned Industrial District (PID) and located at 100 Aldi Way.
* (Director of P & Z)**

The Village Attorney asked for ex-parte communication confirming everyone has been sworn in. The Director of P & Z stated this is manufacturing, limited processing and assembly special exception. He reviewed the criteria for approving special exception use. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval with site-specific conditions of approval.

Mark Smiley of Smiley & Associates, representing the applicant, was present and available for questions.

After confirming with the Village Clerk and the Village Manager there were no public comments, Vice Mayor Hmara closed public comment with no response.

Councilman Valuntas made a motion to approve; seconded by Councilwoman Samios. Hearing no discussion, Vice Mayor Hmara put the motion to a vote and it passed 4-0.

3. Discussion on Mayor Seat Vacancy

The Village Manager stated the purpose of this agenda is to give the Council the opportunity to discuss the current vacancy of the seat of the Mayor created by the untimely passing of Mayor Pinto. Also to make a decision on whether or not to make an appointment by Resolution into the vacant seat. He further explained Village Council, by Resolution, can fill a vacancy but it is not required to until the Election. He continued to explain that without an appointment, if Group #1 and #3 run for the vacant Mayor's seat, those seats would be vacant after the Election. If Group #1 or #3 is appointed to the Mayor's seat, then that open seat can be advertised and the qualified highest vote-getting candidate can be elected in March as opposed to being appointed after the March 2025 election. The Village Manager referred to the Vice Mayor's rotation schedule where Group #1 is currently serving as the Vice Mayor and currently performing the duties and responsibilities of the Mayor. The appointed Council member would need to resign their current seat and accept the appointment.

A discussion ensued with regard to the legal ad requirements 30 days prior to the qualifying period.

Councilman Valuntas felt the best path forward would be to allow the residents to elect the Council and it made sense to him to appoint the Vice Mayor to Mayor so that Group #1 would become vacant leaving the residents to decide in in the March 2025 election.

Councilwoman Samios clarified that the Vice Mayor fills in for the Mayor if unable to perform duties, and agreed residents should vote for the Council seats as opposed to having appointments. She also clarified with the Village Attorney (Keith Davis) the "Resign to Run" procedure and effective dates. The Village Manager again reiterated the 30 day legal ad requirements needed prior to the qualifying period. Councilwoman Samios also felt that appointing someone to the Mayor's position is making the decision for the residents and an unfair advantage. She preferred to keep the seat vacant and the Vice Mayor continue to fill in until the election. The Village Attorney (Keith Davis) further explained and gave examples of the process of different "Resign to Run" situations and confirmed if someone is appointed to the Mayor's seat, that person would become the incumbent. He added that when the Mayor's seat is won in 2025 it would be only to complete Mayor Pinto's term which expires in 2026.

Councilwoman Rodusky agreed that she too wanted our residents to choose by vote and clarified that the Council shall have the power to fill the vacancy(s) after election. She confirmed with the Village Attorney whether or not the Code requires it. Councilwoman Rodusky stated at this time she does support an appointment for Mayor.

The Village Attorney and Village Manager once again clarified that if no appointments are made to the Mayor's seat, the Council will then be in a position to appoint two seats after the election. The Village Attorney clarified that anyone who is a qualified elector could be appointed to the Mayor's seat.

Vice Mayor Hmara felt allowing the voters to decide to sit on Council is the right thing to do and it is not self-serving it was his opinion.

The Village Attorney stated staff is asking whether or not Council plans to make a decision to appoint someone into the vacancy of the Mayor's seat or would like it to go to the election. He continued to clarify the decision did not have to be made tonight but if a decision is made to make an appointment, then staff would bring back a Resolution, which is required to fill the vacancy at the next Council meeting and the decision on the appointment could be made at that time.

Councilman Valuntas reiterated that he preferred the residents vote on the open seats and supported to appoint a Mayor.

Councilman Valuntas made a motion to direct staff to create a Resolution to appoint someone to the vacant Mayor seat; seconded by Vice Mayor Hmara. Hearing no further discussion, Vice Mayor Hmara put the motion to a vote and it failed 2 – 2 with Councilwoman Samios and Councilwoman Rodusky dissenting.

Councilwoman Samios asked if this could be revisited at the next Council meeting. A discussion ensued on the timeline for legal notices for the election and the date for the next Council meeting in order to discuss.

Councilman Valuntas made a motion to hold a Council Special meeting on October 10, 2024 to address the issue of Village staff drafting a Resolution for the appointment of the vacant Mayor's seat; seconded by Councilwoman Rodusky. Hearing no further discussion, Vice Mayor Hmara put the motion to a vote and it passed 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Jeff Hmara

Diane DiSanto, Village Clerk