

Agenda Item No. C - 1

VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH
Agenda Item Summary

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the minutes of the First Public Budget Hearing of September 14, 2023 and the Final Public Budget Hearing of September 21, 2023.

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		10/19/23	

**VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH
MINUTES OF FIRST PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
VILLAGE MEETING HALL
1050-A ROYAL PALM BEACH BOULEVARD
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023
6:30 P.M.**

Ways to Participate

- In Person: Public may participate in person at the Village Meeting Hall, 1050 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411.
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor Fred Pinto
Vice Mayor Jan Rodusky
Councilman Jeff Hmara
Councilwoman Selena Samios
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 9.78% above the rolled-back rate of 1.7490 mils.**

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

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3. **Summary of the tentative budget.**

The Finance Director gave a summary of the 2023-2024 budget showing the total budget of \$87,286,617 that increased by 2.7 million from the Budget Workshop Meeting in July. The increase was for the Crestwood Park. She gave the Ad Valorem Tax overview which shows the Village's property values, including new construction, have increased 10.91% as follows: Prior year value – \$3.846 billion; current year value – \$4.265 billion with an increase of \$419 million. The Finance Director stated the budget is proposing to maintain the operating millage rate at \$1.9200 mils per thousand.

She showed the impact of the total proposed millage rate of \$1.9200 on homes valued from \$220,000.00-\$326.00, \$320,000.00-\$518.00 and \$420,000.00-\$710.00 all-encompassing the homestead exemption.

The General Fund Revenue Summary is \$33,322,552 with property taxes generating 23%, other taxes and fees 20% which totals 43% of the revenue stream. Licenses and permits are 14%, intergovernmental revenues at 16%, charges for services 1%, fines 1%, miscellaneous revenues 4%, transfers 8% and current year fund balance at 13%. The expenditure summary is \$33,322,552 with personal services at 39%, contractual services 33%, other charges and services 15%, and operating supplies, other operating supplies and grants and aids and dept. capital outlay are less than 1%. Transfers out are at 11%. The expenditure summary shows merit adjustments are programmed at an average of 3.8% for all employees. A cost of living adjustment of 5.5% with insurance premiums will be based on market projections. Medical insurance cost premiums increased 4.5%.

The Finance Director stated that all position changes from the budget workshop remain the same. Public Works changes include one (1) full-time electrical helper added and one (1) spray technician split 50% with stormwater. Parks and Recreation had one (1) Public Information Specialist reclassified to Village Manager, one (1) Public Art Professional reclassified to Planning and Zoning. She added that one (1) General Maintenance Worker II R/M reclassified as a Skilled Trades Worker and stated that at the budget workshop there was an elimination of a General Maintenance Worker I but after the workshop the position was deemed as necessary and has been filled.

The Finance Director stated that the Stormwater Utility Fund Revenue Summary is \$1,321,100 which is funded 85% by the stormwater utility fee and 15% Fund Balance. The expenditure summary is \$1,436,138 which is 47% for personal services, contractual services 1%, other charges and services 41%, and operating supplies 5%, other operating supplies less than 1% and transfers 6%.

The Finance Director reviewed the Capital Improvements Funds – CIP at \$52,642,995.

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.

Councilwoman Samios asked for clarification on the Public Works budget regarding a line item for the installation of covered bus shelters. She asked for consideration to add two additional covered bus shelters to the budget. A discussion ensued and it was noted that the Village Manager will meet with Palm Tran to discuss the routes and obtain additional data. The budget will be reallocated to accommodate for the two bus shelters.

5. **Council adoption of proposed operating millage rate of 1.9200 for fiscal year 2023/2024.**

Councilman Hmara made a motion to adopt the proposed operating millage rate of 1.9200 for fiscal year 2023/2024; seconded by Vice Mayor Rodusky. Hearing no discussion, Mayor Pinto put the motion to a vote and it passed unanimously.

6. **Council adoption of tentative Budget for fiscal year 2023/2024.**

Councilman Valuntas made a motion to adopt tentative Budget for fiscal year 2023/2024; seconded by Councilman Hmara. Hearing no discussion, Mayor Pinto put the motion to a vote and it passed unanimously.

7. **Announce final budget public hearing – Thursday, September 21, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.**

Mayor Pinto announced the final budget hearing would be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 21, 2023 in the Village Meeting Hall.

8. **Close public hearing.**

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fred Pinto

Diane DiSanto, Village Clerk

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

The Finance Director stated the total proposed budget of \$87,286,617 is unchanged and remains the same since the First Budget Hearing. She reported that funds have been reallocated to accommodate the two bus shelters discussed at the First Budget Hearing.

4. **Comments from the public.**

Mayor Pinto opened the floor to public comment.

5. **Close public comment.**

Diane Queller of 123 Sunflower Circle thanked the Village Council for the no increase in the millage rate for the residents over the past years.

After soliciting public comment from the audience and confirming with the Village Clerk and the Village Manager there were no other public comments, Mayor Pinto closed public comment.

6. **ADOPTION OF FINAL MILLAGE RATE OF 1.9200 FOR THE GENERAL FUND.** Motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-34, 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, 2023 and ending on September 30, 2024; providing an effective date; and for other purposes.

The Village Attorney read Resolution No. 23-34 into the record by title only. Councilman Hmara made a motion to adopt the proposed operating millage rate of 1.9200 for fiscal year 2023/2024; seconded by Vice Mayor Rodusky. Hearing no discussion, Mayor Pinto put the motion to a vote and it passed unanimously.

7. **ADOPTION OF FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024.** Motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-35, a Resolution of the Village Council of the Village of Royal Palm Beach, Florida, adopting its final budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024; 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.

The Village Attorney read Resolution No. 23-35 into the record by title only. Councilwoman Samios made a motion to adopt final Budget for fiscal year 2023/2024; seconded by Councilman Valuntas. Hearing no discussion, Mayor Pinto put the motion to a vote and it passed unanimously.

8. **Close public hearing/adjourn.**

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fred Pinto

Diane DiSanto, Village Clerk