



**TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA
TOWN COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Jarvis Hall
4505 Ocean Drive
Thursday, October 6, 2022
5:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER, MAYOR CHRIS VINCENT

Mayor Chris Vincent called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. Also present were Vice Mayor Edmund Malkoon, Commissioner Alfred “Buz” Oldaker, Commissioner Theo Pouloupoulos, Commissioner Randy Strauss, Town Manager Linda Connors, Acting Town Attorney James White, Deputy Town Manager/Public Works Director Ken Rubach, Assistant to the Town Manager Courtney Easley, Director of Budget and Finance Lucila Lang, Development Services Director Jhanelle Campbell, Special Events and Marketing Manager Debbie Hime, and Town Clerk Katrina Adler.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Resolution 2022-44 – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING THE FINAL TOWN AD VALOREM TAX MILLAGE RATE AT 3.3923 MILLS PER THOUSAND DOLLARS OF TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUE, WHICH IS 9.39% ABOVE THE ROLLED BACK MILLAGE RATE OF 3.1012 MILLS COMPUTED PURSUANT TO STATE LAW, FOR THE 2022 TAX YEAR; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

At this time Mayor Vincent opened public comment.

Barbara Cole, resident, stated that since the first public hearing at which the millage rate was presented, she has spoken to other Town residents who are appreciative that the rate may remain the same.

With no other individuals wishing to speak at this time, Mayor Vincent closed public comment.

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Director of Budget and Finance Lucila Lang advised that the Town's final millage rate and budget for fiscal year (FY) 2023 will be adopted at tonight's meeting. At the first budget hearing of September 14, 2022, Staff and the Town Manager presented a budget based on the proposed millage rate of 3.5000; however, at that meeting, the Commission opted to proceed with a millage rate of 3.3923. Staff has adjusted the budget to accommodate this new rate.

The amended millage rate represents a reduction in the Town's budget from \$10,112,946 to \$9,801,757. A transfer from the Parking Fund to capital projects in the previous budget has now been amended to a transfer into the General Fund. The appropriated Fund Balance of \$471,153 has increased to \$477,342. A \$300,000 capital projects line item addressing road paving and refurbishment has been removed from FY 2023 and will be reconsidered in a future year. The final adjustment was reducing the funds for roof replacement from \$350,000 to \$345,000.

Town Manager Linda Connors thanked Staff for their assistance in rescheduling tonight's budget hearing, which was postponed from the previous week due to Hurricane Ian.

Commissioner Oldaker commented that he remained supportive of the originally proposed 3.5000 millage rate. He pointed out that the Town will be using its Parking Fund to subsidize the General Fund under the 3.3923 millage rate, which will prevent the Parking Fund from operating in the manner in which it had been originally intended, which was to fund special pedestrian projects and parking upgrades. He did not feel the Parking Fund would remain sustainable if this use continued in future years.

Vice Mayor Malkoon recalled that at the first budget hearing, he had made a motion to use reserve funds toward balancing the budget until Staff could revisit the document and make changes. He emphasized that this was only intended for the time period prior to tonight's meeting.

Vice Mayor Malkoon noted that the proposed budget includes a capital project for the playground, and asked how the figure of \$700,000 had been determined. Deputy Town Manager/Public Works Director Ken Rubach replied that Staff had secured quotes for these improvements two years ago. Vice Mayor Malkoon requested additional information on how the \$700,000 figure was determined.

Deputy Town Manager/Public Works Director Rubach advised that the funds would go toward improving the play surface, as well as the addition of shade structures. He added that as the project moves forward, Staff will seek to hear resident input on the type of play

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equipment they would like to see. The current equipment is up to 15 years old. The current surface is not compliant with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Mayor Vincent briefly addressed the Parking Fund, stating that these dollars were never restricted. He described them as no different from the Town's proprietary Utility Fund, as parking funds have always gone into the general budget.

Vice Mayor Malkoon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Strauss, to approve Resolution 2022-44. Motion carried 3-2 (Commissioners Oldaker and Pouloupoulos dissenting).

b. Resolution 2022-43 – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE ATTACHED FINAL TOWN BUDGET FOR THE 2022/2023 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

At this time Mayor Vincent opened public comment.

Barbara Cole, resident, stated that she had hoped to hear discussion of the potential budget cuts the Commissioners might have recommended.

With no other individuals wishing to speak at this time, Mayor Vincent closed public comment.

Director of Budget and Finance Lang reviewed the reduction in ad valorem taxes once more, as well as the transfer of Parking Fund dollars to the General Fund rather than to capital projects and the appropriated Fund Balance. She reiterated that a \$300,000 capital project for road repaving and refurbishment was removed from the proposed budget and will be reconsidered in a future year. The roof replacement project was also reduced by \$5000.

Commissioner Oldaker noted that while the Parking Fund is not a restricted fund, the Town has only recently chosen to use its dollars to add to the General Fund, beginning approximately three years ago. He was concerned with continuing this practice, as it had not been the original intent of that fund.

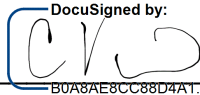
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Commissioner Oldaker made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Malkoon, to approve Resolution 2022-43. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Vincent recalled that the Commission had addressed some of the potential changes to the budget at the September 14, 2022 meeting, prior to that vote. They had also indicated that additional changes could be made to the budget in the future.

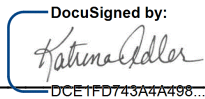
4. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Commission at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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Mayor Chris Vincent

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Town Clerk

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