

**TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA
TOWN COMMISSION
1st PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING MINUTES
Jarvis Hall
4505 Ocean Drive
Wednesday, September 12, 2018
6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER, MAYOR CHRIS VINCENT

Mayor Vincent called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Also present were Vice Mayor Elliot Sokolow, Commissioner Edmund Malkoon, Commissioner Alfred "Buz" Oldaker, Commissioner Randy Strauss, Town Manager Bud Bentley, Deputy Town Manager Tony Bryan, Assistant Town Manager Sharon Ragoonan, Town Attorney Susan L. Trevarthen, Municipal Services Director Don Prince, Development Services Director Linda Connors, Special Projects Coordinator Debbie Hime, Public Information Officer Steve d'Oliveira, and Town Clerk Tedra Allen.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time Mayor Vincent opened public comment, which he closed upon receiving no input.

4. RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution 2018-25 – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE PROPOSED TOWN AD VALOREM TAX MILLAGE RATE AT 3.5989 MILS PER THOUSAND DOLLARS OF TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUE, WHICH IS 3.92% ABOVE THE ROLLED BACK RATE COMPUTED PURSUANT TO STATE LAW, FOR THE 2018 TAX YEAR; ANNOUNCING THE SECOND AND FINAL PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE FINAL MILLAGE RATE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Tony Bryan, Deputy Town Manager)**

Deputy Town Manager Tony Bryan briefly reviewed the Town's millage rate relative to that of other Broward County municipalities. It is the third lowest rate in the County. Only 20% of the bill goes to the Town: the remainder goes to the Broward County School

Board, hospitals, and other priorities. The Town's proposed fire assessment fees for single-family homes are the lowest in Broward County.

Deputy Town Manager Bryan continued that there are a number of areas in which the Town's budget will increase, including:

- Contract for Police services (increase of \$208,000)
- Transfer to the Capital Fund from the General Fund (increase of \$311,000)

The proposed millage rate of 3.5989 generates only \$323,000 over the rolled-back rate. The rolled-back rate is designed to generate the same amount of revenue received in the previous year, without adjustment for changes in valuation due to new construction and other priorities.

Commissioner Oldaker asked if there has been discussion of the net effect of the proposed millage rate on the average homesteaded property. Deputy Town Manager Bryan clarified that the rolled-back rate would result in a decrease in taxes to the Town of \$15.89 for the median single-family home, while the proposed rate would result in an increase of \$27.17 over last year's rate. For the median homesteaded condominium, there would be a decrease of \$5.87 at the rolled-back rate and an increase of \$23.36 at the proposed rate.

Vice Mayor Sokolow made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Oldaker, to adopt Resolution 2018-25 and set the ad valorem tax millage rate at 3.5989 mills, which is a 3.92% increase above the rolled-back rate. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Resolution 2018-26 – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE ATTACHED TENTATIVE TOWN BUDGET FOR THE 2018/2019 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Tony Bryan, Deputy Town Manager)

At this time Mayor Vincent opened public comment, which he closed upon receiving no input.

Vice Mayor Sokolow pointed out that the second public hearing offers an opportunity for the Commissioners to reduce the proposed millage rate further, although they may not increase it. The second public meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2018 at 6 p.m.

Vice Mayor Sokolow made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Oldaker, to set the date for the second hearing. Motion carried 5-0.

- c. Resolution 2018-27 – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE FINAL FIRE ASSESSMENT RATE ON PROPERTY THAT IS SPECIALLY BENEFITED BY FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019; CONFIRMING THE FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLLS AND LEVYING SUCH SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS (Tony Bryan, Deputy Town Manager)**

At this time Mayor Vincent opened public comment, which he closed upon receiving no input.

Deputy Town Manager Bryan advised that the proposed fire assessment rate is the same as the previous year's rate. Town Attorney Susan Trevarthen clarified that this rate is \$129.85 per unit for residential uses and 21 cents per square foot for non-residential uses.

Commissioner Oldaker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Malkoon, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

5. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Commission at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.



Mayor Chris Vincent

ATTEST:



Town Clerk Tedra Allen



Date