

**TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA
TOWN COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Jarvis Hall
4505 Ocean Drive
Tuesday, July 24, 2018
6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER, MAYOR CHRIS VINCENT

Mayor Chris Vincent called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. Also present were Vice Mayor Elliot Sokolow, Commissioner Edmund Malkoon, Commissioner Alfred "Buz" Oldaker, Commissioner Randy Strauss, 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, Planner Susan Leven, Public Information Officer Steve d'Oliveira, and Town Clerk Tedra Allen.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

3. PRESENTATIONS

a. Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Recommended Budget (Bud Bentley, Town Manager / Tony Bryan, Deputy Town Manager)

Deputy Town Manager Tony Bryan presented the fiscal year (FY) 2018-2019 recommended budget, stating that it is based on the recommended millage rate of 3.5989. The All Funds recommended budget is approximately \$19 million.

Significant changes from the current year's budget include an increase in the transfer from the General Fund to the Capital Fund, increase in contractual obligations including the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) and American Medical Response (AMR), a budgeted 15% increase in health insurance premiums, and merit increases for Staff.

Vice Mayor Sokolow requested information on income and expenses if the millage rate remained the same. Deputy Town Manager Bryan replied that if the current millage rate were maintained, revenue in the General Fund would exceed expenditures by approximately \$450,000. The difference between the current rate and the rolled-back rate is roughly \$323,000.

Commissioner Oldaker observed that even if the millage rate remained the same, it would have minimal impact on the average homesteaded property within the Town. He noted that the tax rate represents less than 20% of a resident's ad valorem tax bill.

Mayor Vincent stated that it is prudent for the Commission to continue on its current path and maintain a strong financial position by keeping the millage rate the same. He pointed out that the millage rate may be decreased, but may not be increased. The Commissioners accepted the recommended budget by consensus.

4. RESOLUTIONS – PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Resolution 2018-20 – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019; ANNOUNCING THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE AND THE TENTATIVE BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS AND 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 made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Oldaker, to adopt the tentative millage rate of 3.5989. Motion carried 5-0.

- b. Resolution 2018-21 – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE TOWN; DESCRIBING THE METHOD OF ASSESSING FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSED COSTS AGAINST ASSESSED PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWN'S GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES, KNOWN AS FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENT AREA – TOWNWIDE; ESTABLISHING THE ESTIMATED RATES FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018; DIRECTING THE PREPARATIONS OF AN ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENT AREA – TOWNWIDE; AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR**

CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Tony Bryan, Deputy Town Manager)

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

Deputy Town Manager Bryan advised that the Town's fire assessment for the current fiscal year is the second-lowest in Broward County, and may become the lowest in the County in the coming fiscal year. Mayor Vincent recognized Town Staff and the Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) for their negotiations to determine the budgeted fire assessment.

Commissioner Strauss made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Oldaker, 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 5:57 p.m.



Mayor Chris Vincent

ATTEST:



Town Clerk Tedra Allen



Date