

**TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA
TOWN COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING**

Jarvis Hall
4505 Ocean Drive
Tuesday, July 22, 2014
5:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER, MAYOR SCOT SASSER

Mayor Scot Sasser called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Also present were Vice Mayor Chris Vincent, Commissioner Mark Brown, Commissioner Elliot Sokolow, Town Manager Connie Hoffmann, Assistant Town Manager Bud Bentley, Town Attorney Susan L. Trevarthen, Finance Director Tony Bryan, Municipal Services Director Don Prince and Town Clerk Tedra Smith.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Resolution 2014-28 – A Resolution of the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida, establishing a proposed millage rate for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014, and ending September 30, 2015, 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, Finance Director)**

Mayor Sasser opened public comment, which he closed on receiving no input.

The Commissioners discussed the proposed Resolution, which would reduce the millage rate by over 5% and would result in a very slight tax increase of 0.75%. The Commission decided to advertise a higher millage rate, as unknown expenses could arise over the next two months, as they would have the opportunity to lower this figure in September but could not raise it if they advertised the lower rate suggested by the Town Manager.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Vincent, seconded by Commissioner Sokolow, for a millage rate of 3.8 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Motion carried 4-0.

Finance Director Bryan advised that the Commission had previously agreed to hold the first public hearing on the Town's budget on September 8, 2014 but that would require the Town to send out detailed notices on the fire assessment fees because of the Property Appraiser's deadlines. He was concerned that was quite a bit of work and there was the potential the potential for error in providing notice, so he recommended

rescheduling the first public hearing for Monday, September 15, 2014, and holding the second public hearing two weeks later on Monday, September 29, 2014. That way the Property Appraiser could handle the required notices.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Vice Mayor Vincent, that the Commission hold the first public hearing on September 15 and the second on September 29, at six o'clock. Motion carried 4-0.

- b. **Resolution 2014-29 - A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida, relating to the provision of the Fire Protection Services, Facilities and Programs in the Town; describing the method of assessing Fire Protection assessed costs against assessed property located with the Town's Geographical Boundaries, known as Fire Protection Assessment Area – Town-wide; establishing the estimated rates for Fire Protection Services for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2014; directing the preparation of an Assessment Roll for Fire Protection Assessment Area – Town-wide; authorizing a Public Hearing and directing the Provision of Notice thereof; providing for conflict, severability, and for an effective date. (Tony Bryan Finance Director)**

Mayor Sasser opened public comment, which he closed on receiving no input.

Finance Director Bryan clarified that the proposed budget for fire protection includes the cost of new breathing safety equipment for the firefighters at an estimated cost of \$288,000. Roughly one quarter of the fire assessment fee would go toward this purchase.

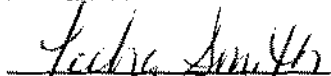
Motion made by Commissioner Sokolow, seconded by Commissioner Brown, to adopt the Resolution. Motion carried 4-0.

With no further business before the Commission at this time, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



Mayor Scot Sasser

ATTEST:



Town Clerk Tedra Smith



Date