



Town of Surfside
Special Town Commission Meeting - Budget Hearing
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September 12, 2023
5:01 PM
Commission Chambers

1. Opening

Mayor Danzinger called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Town Clerk McCready called the roll with the following members present.

Present: Mayor Shlomo Danzinger, Vice Mayor Jeff Rose, Commissioner Fred Landsman, Commissioner Marianne Meisheid and Commissioner Nelly Velasquez.

Also Present: Town Manager Hector Gomez and Town Attorney Lillian Arango.

2. Discussion Regarding Millage Rate and Budget

3. Millage Rate Adoption Resolution for FY 2024

3.A FY 2024 Proposed Millage Rate Adoption Resolution - Hector Gomez, Town Manager

The Town's Administration recommends approval of the resolution that would adopt the FY 2024 proposed millage rate of 4.1000.

Town Clerk McCready read the title of the resolution into the record.

Mayor Danzinger wished Finance Director Javier Collazo a happy birthday.

Town Manager Gomez introduced the item. He stated the team put together a presentation and he went over the entire presentation. He stated today is the first budget hearing and the second one will be September 27, 2023. He went over the budget calendar and a TRIM Notice was prepared with the millage rate proposed of 4.1000. He went over the different budget components, different funds and the projected revenues, expenditures and reserves. He stated that the tentative millage rate is 4.1000 will equate to \$15, 984, 306 and the roll back rate with no tax increase would equate to \$14,433,438 and the difference between those two numbers if 10.74% which is \$1,550.868.00. He stated the last 5% are appeals for other property values that are still pending. He stated the rest of the presentation will be the changes from what was presented in July to today and that is due to some

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commission direction and motions that have led them to adopt some changes and they received final numbers from the State and Miami Dade County Water and Sewer. He stated that the insurance rates went down, and that decrease is shown in the changes. He also spoke regarding the raise in liability insurance and FMIT. He continued to go over the recommended changes to the proposed budget presentation per fund. He went over the program modifications summary from 2023 and 2024 and the different services. He provided the roll back rate is 3.7022, the percent increase over the rolled back rate is 10.74% and the millage rate to be levied is 4.1000.

Mayor Danzinger opened the floor to public comments.

The following individual from the public spoke:
Victor May

Mayor Danzinger closed the floor to public comments.

Commissioner Landsman thanked the entire Town staff and Town Manager and he stated as discussed in the July meeting to reduce the millage rate to 4.1000 and spoke regarding the increase in tax revenue due to the increase in property value. He stated that they are going in the right direction and great accomplishment.

Commissioner Meischeid thanked the Town Manager for the presentation and was in agreement with everything they have gone through, and this makes sense.

Commissioner Velasquez thanked the Finance Director and Town Manager for the presentation. She asked regarding the staff member for downstairs and asked if they truly need the position or just filling a chair. She has come here and does not see a line at the window. She asked regarding what that person be taking care of permits as well or what exactly would be the role of that person. She also asked regarding the position for the Community Center and what exactly is that individual going to be doing. She agrees with lowering the millage rate since the property value has gone up.

Town Manager Gomez addressed the comments made by Commissioner Velasquez on what both positions will be doing and their duties and what funds those positions salaries will be coming from.

Vice Mayor Rose thanked all Town staff for putting this together and at the last meeting he would have liked to have kept the millage rate at 4.2 and as the value goes up, they would like to keep things the same especially with the projects coming up. He stated most of the revenues come from the non-homesteaded properties.

Mayor Danzinger thanked Town staff for all their hard work and appreciates the hiring of new personnel. He spoke regarding the lowering the rate to 4.1000 and is a responsible move and not too extreme. He spoke regarding the last 5-year history.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Rose to approve the resolution and set the FY 2024 Proposed Millage Rate at 4.1000, seconded by Commissioner Landsman. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

[Resolution Adopting Proposed Millage Rate FY 2024](#)

4. Public Comments

5. FY 2024 Tentative Budget Adoption Resolution

5.A FY 2024 Tentative Budget Adoption Resolution - Hector Gomez, Town Manager

The Town's Administration recommends approval of the resolution that would tentatively adopt the FY 2024 budget.

Town Clerk McCready read the title of the resolution into the record.

Town Manager Gomez introduced this item and presentation under item 3.A (FY 2024 Proposed Millage Rate Adoption Resolution).

Mayor Danzinger opened the floor to public comments.

There were no public speakers.

Mayor Danzinger closed the floor to public comments.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Rose to approve the resolution adopting the FY 2024 Tentative Budget, seconded by Commissioner Landsman. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

[Resolution Adopting Tentative Budget for FY 2024](#)

[Exhibit A - FY2024 Proposed Budget Summary 2024](#)

6. Public Comments

Public Comments were heard under each item.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss before the Commission, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Rose to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Landsman. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Accepted this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Shlomo Danzinger, Mayor

Attest:

Sandra N. McCready, MPA, MMC
Town Clerk