

**TOWN OF DAVIE
SPECIAL MEETING
FIRST BUDGET HEARING
SEPTEMBER 7, 2016**

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were Mayor Paul, Vice-Mayor Luis and Councilmembers Caletka, Hattan and Starkey. Also present were Town Administrator Lemack, Assistant Town Administrator Lewis, Town Attorney Rayson, Assistant Town Administrator Holste and Town Clerk Roig recording the meeting.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Lemack explained that the Town's millage rate would decrease from 5.0819 to 5.0799, while the debt service rate would decrease from .7157 to .6163. The proposed millage rate was 6.4% above the rollback rate of 4.7742 and therefore represented an increase. Mr. Lemack reported the increase would allow them to achieve some of their budget objectives, such as avoiding using any General Fund reserves to balance the operating budget. It would allow them to:

- Add more personnel, including 6.5 public safety positions
- Provide salary increases for FOPA, IAFF and battalion chiefs per their collective bargaining agreement and also for non-representative groups
- Improve Information Technology infrastructure and services
- Increase investment in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP): .1 of one mil, or \$838,500 would be dedicated to the CIP
- Reduce the operating millage rate
- Reduce the debt service millage rate
- Reduce the Solid Waste assessment, offset by an increase in the Fire Assessment.

Mr. Lemack believed improvements and enhancements could be made to the Purchasing Division, and recommended hiring two additional full-time positions, one buyer and one procurement coordinator, and reclassifying the part-time Fixed Asset Specialist to a full-time position.

In Administration, Mr. Lemack stated the Intergovernmental Coordinator would be promoted to Intergovernmental Affairs Manager; the Public Relations Assistant would remain as is and a temporary Public Relations Assistant would be added to cross-train with existing staff prior to their retirement.

Bill Ackerman, Budget and Finance Director, provided an overview of the proposed 2017 budget. General Fund changes since Council's last workshop included:

- Position Changes
- Increased Rodeo Sponsorship / Marketing Expenses - \$10k
- Reduced FP&L Franchise Fees - \$100k
- Reduced Fire Assessment - \$59k
- Increased Audit Services - \$85k
- Reduced Contingency - \$512k

Mr. Ackerman said the impact of the 5.0799 millage rate and assessments on a single-family home worth \$250,000 would be a \$10.31 decrease from 2016. He noted this was the second year in a row that residents would experience a decrease.

Mr. Ackerman reported there would be a special assessments hearing on September 14 at noon, followed by the second budget hearing on September 21 at 5:01 P.M.

Ordinances First Readings (Second & Final Readings to be held on September 21, 2016)

1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE MILLAGE RATES TO BE LEVIED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Rayson read the ordinance by title. Mayor Paul announced that a second public hearing would be held on September 21.

Mayor Paul announced that the Town of Davie's tentative operating millage rate to be levied for fiscal year 2017 was 5.0799 mils, which was 6.4% greater than the rollback rate of 4.7742 mils. The tentative voted debt service millage rate for the fiscal year 2017 was .6163 mils.

Mayor Paul opened the public hearing portion of the meeting. As no one spoke, Mayor Paul closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Vice-Mayor Luis made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hattan to approve the proposed millage rate of 5.0799. In a roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Mayor Paul - yes; Vice-Mayor Luis - yes; Councilmember Caletka - no; Councilmember Hattan - yes; Councilmember Starkey -yes. (Motion carried 4-1)

2. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF DAVIE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Rayson read the ordinance by title. Mayor Paul announced that a second public hearing would be held on September 21.

Mayor Paul opened the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Teina Phillips, Broward Regional Health Planning Council, said they had again been awarded the contract for child care services in Voluntary Pre-K in Broward County for parents who were working or in school. They served 877 Davie children and 33 Davie businesses received childcare funding. Ms. Phillips stated they had requested \$25,000 in matching funds from the Town and asked Council to consider contributing the entire request.

As no one else spoke, Mayor Paul closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Vice-Mayor Luis made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Starkey to approve the proposed budget. In a roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Mayor Paul - yes; Vice-Mayor Luis - yes; Councilmember Caletka - no; Councilmember Hattan - yes; Councilmember Starkey - yes. (Motion carried 4-1)

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 5:24 pm.

Approved _____

Mayor/Councilmember

Town Clerk