

**TOWN OF DAVIE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
FIRST FY 2016 BUDGET HEARING  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2015**

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. ROLL CALL**

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

**III. PUBLIC HEARING**

Bill Ackerman, Budget and Finance Director, explained that the Town's millage rate would decrease from 5.0829 to 5.0819, while the debt service rate would decrease from .8081 to .7157. The proposed millage rate was 5.72% above the rollback rate of 4.8068 and therefore represented an increase. Mr. Ackerman reported the increase would allow them to avoid reduction of services or using any General Fund reserves or non-recurring revenue to balance the operating budget.

Mr. Ackerman provided an overview of the 2016 budget. The budget included an increase in personnel, including 12 in public safety; salary increases for the FOP Police and Battalion Chiefs; a commitment to improving IT infrastructure and services; investment in the Town's Capital Improvement Plan; no Fire Assessment increase and a slight Solid Waste Assessment increase.

Mr. Ackerman said the impact of the 5.0819 millage rate on a single-family home worth \$200,000 would be a \$1.18 decrease annually. On a \$500,000 home there would be a \$15.29 decrease.

Mr. Ackerman reported there would be a special assessments hearing on September 15 at 4:00 P.M., followed by the second budget hearing at 5:01 P.M.

**IV. ORDINANCES**

*Ordinances First Readings (Second and Final Readings to be held on September 15, 2015)*

1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE MILLAGE RATES TO BE LEVIED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Rayson read the ordinance by title and stated a second public hearing on the ordinance would be held on September 15, 2015.

Mayor Paul announced that the Town of Davie's tentative operating millage rate to be levied for fiscal year 2016 was 5.0819 mils, which was 5.72% greater than the rollback rate of 4.8068 mils. The tentative voted debt service millage rate for the fiscal year 2016 was .7157 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.

Councilmember Hattan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Luis to approve the proposed millage rate of 5.0819. In a roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Mayor Paul - yes; Vice-Mayor Starkey - yes; Councilmember Caletka - yes; Councilmember Hattan - yes; Councilmember Luis - yes. (Motion carried 5-0)

2. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF DAVIE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016; 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 15.

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

Mayor Paul said everyone had done a wonderful job.

Mayor Paul recalled that First Call for Help had received no donation from the Community Endowment Fund at the workshop but she had received a number of emails and asked that \$1,000 be given to First Call for Help. This would come from the money they had designated for the fundraising training.

Vice-Mayor Starkey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hattan to pass the annual budget for fiscal year 2016 with the change requested by Mayor Paul. In a roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Mayor Paul - yes; Vice-Mayor Starkey - yes; Councilmember Caletka - yes; Councilmember Hattan - yes; Councilmember Luis -yes. (Motion carried 5-0)

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 5:21 pm.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor/Councilmember

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Town Clerk