

**TOWN OF DAVIE
TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
FIRST FY 2018 BUDGET HEARING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2017**

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 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, Deputy Town Administrator Lewis, Assistant Town Administrator Holste, Town Attorney Rayson and Town Clerk Roig recording the meeting.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Lemack explained that the Town's millage rate would increase from 5.0799 to 5.3220, while the debt service rate would decrease from .6163 to .5265. The proposed millage rate was 11.5% above the rollback rate of 4.7706 and therefore represented an increase. Mr. Lemack reported the increase would allow them to achieve some of their budget objectives and maintain strong fiscal stability. The increase in the General Fund would allow them to:

- Add more personnel, including public safety and information technology
- Increase investment in the Town's critical Capital Improvement Projects
- Increase Fire expenses and reserves for the Police Pension front-loading program
- Continue improving Information Technology infrastructure and services

Mr. Lemack explained that the \$7 annual increase in the fire assessment was needed to offset the reduction in fire revenue due to additional calls to un-assessable roads and the end of the SAFER grant.

Starting in fiscal year 2018, the Town would utilize General fund reserves toward the Police Pension front loading program, which was part of the negotiations with the FOP that would result in significant future savings. The Town would not use general fund reserves for ongoing expenses and would maintain a reserve of at least 25% of the general fund, as approved by the Town Council.

Mr. Lemack explained that if the possible additional \$25,000 homestead exemption was approved by voters in November 2018, there would be a significant negative impact on the Town's fiscal year 2020 budget. The county had estimated a loss of \$2 million in ad valorem revenue to the Town. Since there would probably be restrictions on how the Town could generate offsetting revenue, Mr. Lemack recommended an increase in the 2018 millage rate. He reminded Council that the millage rate and budget could be amended at the September 27, 2017 budget hearing.

Bill Ackerman, Budget and Finance Director, said the Town's budget from 2017 to 2018 had decreased by 1%. He described changes in departmental budgets and funds in 2018.

Mr. Ackerman stated general fund changes since Council's last workshop included:

- Position Changes
- Capital Improvement Plan
- Added ADA Compliance - \$50,000
- Reduced Health Costs - \$538,000
- Reduced Contingency - \$132,000

Notable impacts on the CIP included:

- General Fund:
 - \$2 million increase from the increased millage rate
 - \$1.6 million from the general fund reserve
 - \$950,000 from engineering reserves (Nova Drive)

- Water and Sewer Fund:
 - Carryover 2017 open projects - \$8.6 million for 32 projects
 - Implement FY 2018 CIP - \$9.3 million for 29 projects

Mr. Ackerman said the impact of the 5.3220 millage rate and assessments on a single-family home worth \$250,000 would be a \$72.91 increase from 2017.

Mr. Ackerman reported the second budget hearing would be on September 27 at 5:15 P.M.

Ordinances - First Readings (Second and final readings to be held on September 27, 2017)

1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE MILLAGE RATES TO BE LEVIED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Rayson read the resolution by title. Mayor Paul announced that a second public hearing would be held on September 27 at 5:15 P.M.

Mayor Paul reported that the Town of Davie's tentative operating millage rate to be levied for the fiscal year 2018 was 5.3220 mils, which was 11.56% greater than the rollback rate of 4.7706 mils. The tentative debt service millage rate for fiscal year 2018 was .5265 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 Vice-Mayor Luis to approve. 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, 2017 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Rayson read the resolution by title. Mayor Paul announced that a second public hearing would be held on September 27 at 5:15 P.M.

Mayor Paul opened the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Teina Phillips from Broward Regional Health Planning Council thanked the Town for providing information to residents after the hurricane. Ms. Phillips thanked Council for considering their request for donations. She said the help allowed working families to have access to safe childcare with educational components. She added that they received matching federal funds for donations.

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

Councilmember Hattan made a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Luis to approve. 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 5:38 pm.

Approved _____

Mayor/Councilmember

Town Clerk