



WEST PALM BEACH

**City of West Palm Beach  
Special City Commission**

**AGENDA**

**September 24, 2020  
5:01 P.M.**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA), PERSONS IN NEED OF A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHALL, WITHIN THREE DAYS PRIOR TO ANY PROCEEDING, CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, 401 CLEMATIS STREET, WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA 33401, {(561) 822-1210}**

**MAYOR  
KEITH A. JAMES**

**CITY COMMISSION  
PRESIDENT KELLY SHOAF**

**COMMISSIONER CHRISTINA LAMBERT  
COMMISSIONER CHRISTY FOX**

**COMMISSIONER CORY NEERING  
COMMISSIONER JOSEPH A. PEDUZZI**

**ADMINISTRATION  
CITY ADMINISTRATOR, FAYE W. JOHNSON  
CITY ATTORNEY, KIMBERLY ROTHENBURG  
CITY CLERK, HAZELINE CARSON**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**CIVILITY AND DECORUM:** The City of West Palm Beach is committed to civility and decorum by its officials, employees and members of the public who attend this meeting. The City Code, Secs. 2-31(8), 2-31(18) and 2-31(22), provides in pertinent part:

- Officials shall be recognized by the Chair and shall not interrupt a speaker.
- Public comment shall be addressed to the City Commission as a whole and not to any individual on the dais or in the audience.
- Displays of anger, rudeness, ridicule, impatience, lack of respect and personal attacks are strictly prohibited.
- Unauthorized remarks from the audience, stamping of feet, whistles, yells and similar demonstrations shall not be permitted.
- Offenders may be removed from the meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING (1):**

1. **Public Hearing of Resolution No. 270-20(F) adopting the final FY 2020/2021 millage rates for operating purposes and for debt service; and**

**Resolution No. 271-20(F) adopting the final FY 2020/2021 operating budget.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 270-20(F): A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA ADOPTING FINAL AD VALOREM MILLAGE RATES OF 8.3465 MILLS FOR GENERAL OPERATING PURPOSES WHICH IS 4.96% ABOVE THE CALCULATED "ROLLED-BACK RATE" OF 7.9520, AND 0.1261 MILLS FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT SERVICE FOR A TOTAL OF 8.4726 MILLS AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021; SETTING FORTH CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING "ROLLED-BACK RATES"; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 271-20(F): A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE FINAL ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2020, AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2021, AS ITS ANNUAL BUDGET, APPROPRIATING THE USE OF FUNDS SHOWN THEREIN AS MAY BE NEEDED OR DEEMED NECESSARY TO DEFRAY ALL EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY FOR SUCH FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

*Agenda Cover Memorandum No.: 23057*

**Staff Recommended Motion:**

*(Each Resolution must be considered by a separate vote.)* Resolution No. 270-20(F) must be considered first.

CITY CLERK MUST READ THE TITLE OF THE MILLAGE RESOLUTION BEFORE THE VOTE.

Approve Resolution No. 270-20(F) adopting final ad valorem millage rates of 8.3465 mills for general operating purposes (which is 4.96% above the rolled-back rate of 7.9520) and a millage rate of 0.1261 mills for general obligation debt service for a total millage rate of 8.4726.

Approve Resolution No. 271-20(F) adopting the City's annual budget for fiscal year 2020/2021.

**Background:**

On September 10, 2020, the City Commission approved the tentative millage rates and operating budget.

Resolution No. 270-20(F) adopts the FY 2020/2021 final ad valorem millage rates of 8.3465 for operating purposes and 0.1261 mills for debt service on voter approved general obligation debt for an aggregate millage rate of 8.4726. The operating millage is 4.96% above, the "rolled-back rate" of 7.9520.

Resolution No. 271-20(F) adopts the final estimates of revenue and expenses for the fiscal year commencing on October 1, 2020 and ending on September 30, 2021, as its annual budget, appropriating the use of funds therein as may be needed or deemed necessary to defray all expenses and liabilities of the City for such fiscal year.

The total Citywide budget for all funds is \$542,040,568 (which excludes the CRA and ECR) for the fiscal year 2020/2021. However, the operating millage mentioned previously relates only to the General Fund budget, which totals \$193,470,640. The budget is balanced on the millage rates discussed above.

Section 200.065 Florida Statutes requires that a taxing authority hold two public hearings to adopt the annual operating budget. At the First Public Hearing, held on September 10, 2020, the City Commission commented on the budget and then adopted a tentative millage rate and tentative operating budget.

This public hearing was noticed by publication in the Palm Beach Post on September 20, 2020. The City Commission will hear public comment on the millage rates and the budget, and then the Commission may discuss the millage rates and budget and make changes. The Commission will take action adopting the final millage rates and the final budget for the fiscal year 2020/2021.

Each Resolution must be voted on separately.

CITY CLERK MUST READ THE TITLE OF THE MILLAGE RESOLUTION BEFORE THE VOTE.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**\*Pursuant to Resolution No. 179-95, adopted according to the provisions of Section 286.0115, Florida Statutes, members of the Commission shall disclose on the record: 1) ex-parte communications - verbal or written and written communications shall be placed in the record; and 2) site visits, investigations, etc.**

**NOTICE: IF ANY PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AT THIS MEETING, THAT PERSON WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND FOR THAT PURPOSE MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH DOES NOT PREPARE OR PROVIDE SUCH A RECORD.**