



WEST PALM BEACH

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

AGENDA

**July 12, 2021
4:45 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 JOSEPH A. PEDUZZI**

**COMMISSIONER KELLY SHOAF
COMMISSIONER CHRISTY FOX**

**COMMISSIONER SHALONDA WARREN
COMMISSIONER CHRISTINA LAMBERT**

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

CALL TO ORDER:

INVOCATION:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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.

RESOLUTION (1):

1. **Resolution No. 176-21 authorizing the Mayor to sign the State Department of Revenue (DOR) Form DR-420 (Certificate of Taxable Value) and other DOR forms in connection with certifying the City's operating millage rate at 8.3465 (not to exceed rate), which is 2.77% more than the rolled-back rate of 8.1212 and debt service millage rate of 0.0718 for the fiscal year 2021/2022, directing the delivery of such to the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser, and establishing the date for a public hearing.**

RESOLUTION NO. 176-21: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN STATE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE (DOR) FORM DR-420 (CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE) AND OTHER DOR FORMS IN CONNECTION WITH CERTIFYING THE CITY'S OPERATING MILLAGE AT 8.3465 AND DEBT SERVICE MILLAGE RATE AT .0718 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 AND TO DELIVER SUCH TO THE PALM BEACH COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Agenda Cover Memorandum No.: 23408

Staff Recommended Motion:

Approve Resolution No. 176-21 and set the first Public Hearing on the proposed budget for September 8, 2021.

Background:

Truth in Millage (TRIM), under State Law, Sec. 200.065, Florida Statutes, requires the City to certify to the County Property Appraiser's Office the operating and debt service millage rates to be included on the Notice of Property Taxes (TRIM Notice), which will be mailed in August to each property owner. Department of Revenue Form DR-420 is used to certify such millage to the County Property Appraiser and establishes the date of the first public hearing to consider the proposed millage rate and budget as of September 8, 2021, at 5:01 PM in the City Commission Chambers.

The millage rates certified by Form DR-420 and DR-420 DEBT are the most the City could levy. The City can lower the proposed millage rates at any time prior to the completion of the second budget hearing. Resolution No. 176-21 certifies the City's operating millage rate at 8.3465 and the debt service millage rate at 0.0718 mills.

The purpose of the Form DR-420 is also to highlight whether or not a municipality is proposing a tax increase for operations above that of the calculated rolled-back rate. For purposes of TRIM, any increase in the operating millage rate above the calculated rolled-back rate is considered a tax increase. The rolled-back rate is the calculated rate that produces the same amount of operating tax revenue for fiscal year 2020/21 as that which was available in fiscal year 2020/21, excluding new construction. The calculated rolled-back rate for fiscal year 2021/22 is 8.1212 mills. The proposed millage rate of 8.3465 is 2.77% above the calculated rolled-back rate and therefore, represents a tax increase, per state statute.

The debt service millage rate of 0.0718 mills will be levied to generate revenue sufficient to cover approximately \$1,059,600 of debt service on General Obligation Bonds. The outstanding bonds are:

General Obligation Park Bond (2021) - debt service is \$1,059,600.

The debt service millage rate for fiscal year 2021/22 is decreased from fiscal year 2020/21.

Resolution No. 176-21 authorizes the Mayor to sign the Department of Revenue forms certifying the City's proposed millage rates and sets the first public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2021/22 for September 8, 2021.

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.