

6:00 PM MINUTES - FIRST BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING



City of Pembroke Pines, FL

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Charles F. Dodge City
Center
601 City Center Way
Pembroke Pines, FL
33025

Meeting Minutes

City Commission

Mayor Frank C. Ortis
Vice Mayor Thomas Good, Jr.
Commissioner Angelo Castillo
Commissioner Iris A. Siple
Commissioner Jay D. Schwartz

Monday, September 13, 2021

5:15 PM

Commission Chambers

5:15 PM Fire Assessment and Nuisance Abatement Assessment Hearings. 6:00 PM 1st Budget Hearing. 6:30 PM (or at such time as 1st Budget Hearing adjourns) Regular Commission Meeting. ADD1 Addendum Item on IAFF MOU added to Consent Agenda/Republished 9/13

6:00 PM FIRST BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Mayor Frank Ortis, Vice Mayor Thomas Good Jr., Commissioner Angelo Castillo, Commissioner Iris A. Siple, and Commissioner Jay D. Schwartz

Also present: City Manager Charles F. Dodge, City Attorney Samuel S. Goren, and City Clerk Marlene D. Graham.

BH [21-0776](#)

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET AND PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 FOR THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA.

PURPOSE: RECOMPUTE AND PUBLICLY ANNOUNCE PROPOSED OPERATING MILLAGE RATE OF 5.6690, WHICH IS 4.34% ABOVE THE ROLLED-BACK MILLAGE RATE OF 5.4333, AND DEBT SERVICE MILLAGE RATE OF 0.4159, AS WELL AS AMEND AND ADOPT TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR GENERAL FUND, UTILITY FUND, AND ALL OTHER FUNDS OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, AND INVITE THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK REGARDING THE PROPOSED MILLAGE AND BUDGET.

City Attorney Goren read the First Budget Public Hearing item into the record and provided an overview of the purpose of the hearing which was to adopt a tentative budget for the General, Utility, and Other Funds and to publicly announce the following rates for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year:

Millage Rate: **5.6690** which is 4.34% above the rolled-back rate of 5.4333.

Debt Service Millage: **0.4159**.

BH-1 **2021-17**

MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2021-17 ON FIRST READING.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE OPERATING MILLAGE RATE FOR THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO THE 2021-2022 CITY BUDGET, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 200, FLORIDA STATUTES; AND ESTABLISHING THE DEBT SERVICE MILLAGE RATE FOR DEBT SERVICE ON THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS APPROVED BY THE ELECTORATE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CITY'S OPERATING MILLAGE RATE SHALL BE SET AT 5.6690, WHICH IS GREATER THAN THE ROLLED-BACK RATE OF 5.4333 MILLS BY 4.34%; AND THE PROPOSED DEBT SERVICE MILLAGE RATE IS 0.4159.

SECOND AND FINAL BUDGET HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR 6:00 PM WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Castillo, seconded by Commissioner Schwartz, to pass Proposed Ordinance 2021-17 on First Reading, establishing the operating millage rate pursuant to the 2021-2022 City Budget. At 6:15 PM, the vote to pass on first reading was taken, and City Attorney Goren declared the City's Operating Millage rate set at 5.6690 which is greater than the rolled-back rate of 5.4333 mills by 4.34%, and the proposed debt service millage rate of 0.4159. Second and final reading for adoption is scheduled for Wednesday, September 22, 2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Mayor Ortis, Vice Mayor Good Jr., Commissioner Castillo, Commissioner Siple, and Commissioner Schwartz

Nay 0

Enactment No: 1972

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Ordinance 2021-17 into the record by title, to establish the millage rates and the tentative budget for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year.

Commissioner Castillo spoke in support of the budget. He expressed thanks to the City Administration for a well prepared budget and to the Police Department for their efforts in keeping the City's communities safe. Commissioner Castillo said the millage would generate \$82 million dollars for the General Fund and \$6 million dollars for the Capital Funds based upon the City's property tax values.

Commissioner Schwartz commented on the budget and highlighted page 4 of Item BH-01, Exhibit 3 regarding how the City remained fiscally responsible every year since 2013. Commissioner Schwartz expressed thanks to the City Administration, Police, and Fire Departments for their tireless efforts throughout the pandemic. He also acknowledged the Recreation and Cultural Arts Department for their patience when numerous City events were delayed or cancelled.

Vice Mayor Good spoke about the millage rates and thanked the City Administration for its work on the budget. He inquired about the Code Compliance Officers/Police Aide position included with the eleven (11) additional personnel budgeted for the Police Department.

Police Chief Shimpeno responded to the questions of the Commission. He provided further clarification about the Code Compliance Officer/Police Service Aide position.

Mayor Ortis thanked the City Manager and the Finance Department on the well prepared budget. He also thanked the Recreation and Cultural Arts Department for efforts to provide outdoor recreational activities for the public.

AFTER THE VOTE WAS TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren reiterated the publicly announced millage rates, and

that the second and final reading of the ordinance would be on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, in the City Commission Chambers.

Millage Rate: **5.6690** which is 4.34% above the rolled-back rate of 5.4333.

Debt Service Millage: **0.4159**.

BH-2 [2021-18](#)

MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2021-18 ON FIRST READING.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022; AND ADOPTING THE FIVE (5) YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH §5.08 OF THE CITY CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECOND AND FINAL READING IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Siple, seconded by Commissioner Schwartz, to pass Proposed Ordinance 2021-18 on First Reading, to adopt the budget for fiscal year 2021-2022, and adopting the five year capital improvement program. At 6:16 PM, the vote to pass on first reading was taken. Second and final reading for adoption was scheduled for Wednesday, September 22, 2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Mayor Ortis, Vice Mayor Good Jr., Commissioner Castillo, Commissioner Siple, and Commissioner Schwartz

Nay 0

Enactment No: 1973

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Ordinance 2021-18 into the record by title.

AFTER THE VOTE WAS TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren stated that the second final reading would be held on

Wednesday, September 22, 2021 in the Commission Chambers.

ADJOURN 6:25 PM

CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES

Marlene D. Graham, CMC
City Clerk