

FIRST BUDGET HEARING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Southwest Ranches, Florida

Thursday 6:00 PM

September 14, 2023

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Mayor Steve Breitreuz

Andrew Berns, Town Administrator

Vice Mayor Jim Allbritton

Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Council Member Bob Hartmann

Emil C. Lopez, Town Financial Administrator

Council Member Gary Jablonski

Keith Poliakoff, Town Attorney

Council Member David Kuczenski

First Budget Public Hearing of the Town Council of Southwest Ranches was held at 13400 Griffin Road in the Southwest Ranches Council Chambers. The hearing, having been properly noticed, was called to order by Mayor Breitreuz at 6:11 PM. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Administration Comments

Town Administrator Berns advised this was the first budget hearing and indicated this is the second to last stop in the budget process. He stated the final solid waste assessment and fire assessment rates would be approved this evening, and it would be the first reading of the millage rate resolution and the budget ordinance. He thanked the Town Council for their cooperation during the budget process and recognized the outstanding work of the Finance Department and the department directors. He then turned the meeting over to Town Financial Administrator Lopez for the presentation.

4. Presentation by Finance

Town Financial Administrator Lopez narrated the PowerPoint presentation in detail which illustrated the Town's final solid waste assessments, final fire assessment of \$758.63 for residential properties, and a total tentative millage rate of 3.9000 and the proposed budget for fiscal year 2024. He concluded the presentation by asking Council to approve the fire and solid waste assessments and for their direction regarding the millage rate and budget.

Millage Rate and Budget Hearing

Resolutions

5. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA PROVIDING FINDINGS; PROVIDING PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR PROVISION AND FUNDING OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR IMPOSITION AND COMPUTATION OF FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE DETERMINATIONS OF SPECIAL BENEFIT AND FAIR APPORTIONMENT; APPROVING THE FINAL FIRE SERVICES ASSESSMENT RATES AND FINAL ROLL RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE TOWN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24; CONFIRMING AN EXEMPTION FOR VETERAN'S WITH SERVICE-CONNECTED TOTAL AND PERMANENT DISABILITY; PROVIDING FOR EFFECT OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION;

PROVIDING FOR APPLICATION OF ASSESSMENT PROCEEDS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following motion was made by Council Member Jablonski, seconded by Council Member Hartmann, and passed by a 5-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Member Hartmann, Council Member Jablonski, Council Member Kuczenski, Vice Mayor Allbritton and Mayor Breitzkreuz voting Yes.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

6. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF SOLID WASTE SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS TO RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES IN THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA FOR FY 2023-2024 COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2023, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; PROVIDING AUTHORITY FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICES ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FINDINGS; INCORPORATING THE SOLID WASTE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY REPORT; PROVIDING FOR AN EXEMPTION FOR VETERAN'S SERVICE-CONNECTED TOTAL AND PERMANENT DISABILITY; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following motion was made by Council Member Hartmann, seconded by Council Member Jablonski, and passed by a 5-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Member Hartmann, Council Member Jablonski, Council Member Kuczenski, Vice Mayor Allbritton and Mayor Breitzkreuz voting Yes.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

Tentative Millage Rate Resolution

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7. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR TAXATION OF REAL PROPERTY LYING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024, COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2023, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following motion was made by Council Member Kuczenski, seconded by Council Member Hartmann, passed by a 5-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Member Hartmann, Council Member Jablonski, Council Member Kuczenski, Vice Mayor Allbritton and Mayor Breitzkreuz voting Yes.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL \$20,000 TO THE BUDGET FOR RESTORATION OF THE MULCH AT THE EQUESTRIAN PARK PLAYGROUND, THE FUNDS TO BE TAKEN FROM THE UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE.

Ordinance-1st Reading

7. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024, COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2023, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; PROVIDING FOR A BUDGET BASIS; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

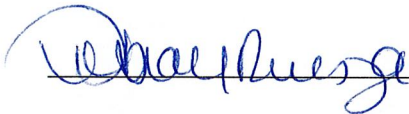
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MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL \$20,000 TO THE BUDGET FOR RESTORATION OF THE MULCH AT THE EQUESTRIAN PARK PLAYGROUND, THE FUNDS TO BE TAKEN FROM THE UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE.

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Debra Ruesga, Deputy Town Clerk

Adopted by the Town Council on this 26th day of October, 2023.



Steve Breitkreuz, Mayor

PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES 286.0105, THE TOWN HEREBY ADVISES THE PUBLIC THAT IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THIS COUNCIL WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT ITS MEETING OR HEARING, HE OR SHE WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND THAT FOR SUCH PURPOSE, THE AFFECTED PERSON MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDING IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED THIS NOTICE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE CONSENT BY THE TOWN FOR THE INTRODUCTION OR ADMISSION OF OTHERWISE INADMISSIBLE OR IRRELEVANT EVIDENCE, NOR DOES IT AUTHORIZE CHALLENGES OR APPEALS NOT OTHERWISE ALLOWED BY LAW.