

**SECOND BUDGET HEARING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Southwest Ranches, Florida**

Thursday 6:00 PM

September 26, 2024

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Mayor Steve Breitkreuz  
Vice Mayor David Kuczenski  
Council Member Jim Allbritton  
Council Member Bob Hartmann  
Council Member Gary Jablonski

Russell Muñiz, Town Administrator  
Dan Stewart, Deputy Town Clerk  
Emil C. Lopez, Town Financial Administrator  
Keith Poliakoff, Town Attorney

A Second 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 Breitkreuz at 6:04 PM. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Town Administrator Muñiz attended the meeting by phone.

**3. Administration Comments**

Town Administrator Russell Muñiz commended the work done by the Town's Finance Department and Town Staff for their work on the budget. He thanked the Town Council for their guidance during the process and stated he was proud that the Town could provide the level of service to the residents and keep the millage rate at 3.900. 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 millage rate of 3.9000, and the proposed budget for fiscal year 2025.

**Millage Rate and Budget Hearing**

**Final Millage Rate Resolution**

**5. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FINAL MILLAGE RATE FOR TAXATION OF REAL PROPERTY LYING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025, COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2024, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.**

**Ordinance-2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

**6.** AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025, COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2024, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; 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. {Approved on First Reading September 12, 2024}

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

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING.**

**7. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted:*



*Debra M. Ruesga, Town Clerk*

*Adopted by the Town Council on this 21st day of November, 2024.*



*Steve Breitkreuz, Mayor*

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