

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

Monday 6:00 PM

September 25, 2025

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

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

Russell Muñiz, Town Administrator
Debra M. Ruesga, Town Clerk
Emil C. Lopez, Town Financial Administrator
Jacob Korman, Assistant Town Attorney

Second Budget Public Hearing of the Town Council of Southwest Ranches was held at 13400 Griffin Road in the Southwest Ranches Council Chambers. The meeting, having been properly noticed, was called to order by Mayor Breitkreuz at 6:01 PM. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Administration Comments

Town Administrator Muñiz welcomed everyone to the Second Budget Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2026 budget. He stated that the First Budget Hearing was held on September 15th, and that presentation tonight would take into account the requested changes from Town Council related to projects using the appropriated fund balance. He said tonight's discussion would be focusing on the final millage rate as well as the second reading of the Budget Ordinance. He 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 2026. He concluded the presentation by asking Town Council to approve the final millage rate and budget.

A discussion between the Town Council ensued about the presentation of the Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026 Town Budget. Town Council spoke about the inclusion of the projects that were carried over to the next fiscal year and said that it gave a better understanding of the budget and provided more transparency to the process. The Mayor and Town Council expressed their gratitude towards the Town Administration and Finance Department for their hard work on the budget process and thanked Town Staff for the work as well.

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 2025-2026, COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

Ordinance – 2nd Reading

6. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026, COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; 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 15, 2025}

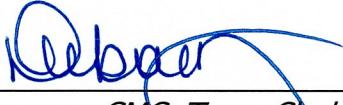
The following motion was made by Council Member Jablonski, seconded by Vice Mayor Hartmann, and passed by a 5-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Allbritton, Jablonski, Kuczenski, Vice Mayor Hartmann, and Mayor Breitkreuz voting yes.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Debra M. Ruesga, CMC, Town Clerk

Adopted by the Town Council on this 20th day of November, 2025.


Steve Breitkreuz, Mayor

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