



Southwest Ranches Town Council

FIRST BUDGET HEARING

Agenda of September 14, 2026

Southwest Ranches Council Chambers
6:00 PM MONDAY

13400 Griffin Road,
Southwest Ranches, FL 33330

Mayor
Steve Breitzkreuz
Vice Mayor
Gary Jablonski

Town Council
Jim Allbritton
Bob Hartmann
David S. Kuczynski,
Esq.

Town Administrator
Russell C. Muñiz,
ICMA-CM
Town Financial
Administrator
Emil C. Lopez, CPM

Town Attorney
Keith M. Poliakoff, J.D.
Town Clerk
Debra M. Ruesga

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1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Administrator Comments**
4. **Presentation by Finance**

Millage Rate and Budget Hearing

5. **Resolutions**

- a. **A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA PROVIDING FINDINGS; PROVIDING PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS; AMENDING IN PART SECTION 3 OF RESOLUTION 2026-056 BY PROVIDING A NEW DEFINITION; INCORPORATING THE FINAL 2026 FIRE ASSESSMENT REPORT AS REVISED AND CORRECTED; 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 2026-2027; 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.

- b. 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 2026-2027 COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2026, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2027; PROVIDING AUTHORITY FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICES ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FINDINGS; INCORPORATING THE SOLID WASTE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY REPORT; PROVIDING FOR A 100% EXEMPTION FOR VETERAN'S SERVICE-CONNECTED TOTAL AND PERMANENT DISABILITY; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Tentative Millage Rate Resolution

- c. 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 2026-2027, COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2026, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2027; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

6. Ordinance - 1st Reading

- a. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027, COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2026, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2027; 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. {Second reading scheduled for September 24, 2026}**

7. Adjournment

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 A 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