



Southwest Ranches Town Council

SECOND BUDGET HEARING Agenda of September 29, 2015

Southwest Ranches Council Chambers
6:00 PM TUESDAY

13400 Griffin Road
Southwest Ranches, FL 33330

Mayor
Jeff Nelson

Vice-Mayor
Freddy Fisikelli

Town Council
Steve Breitzkreuz
Gary Jablonski
Doug McKay

Town Administrator
Andrew D. Berns

Town Financial
Administrator
Martin Sherwood, CPA CGFO

Town Attorney
Keith M. Poliakoff, J.D.

Assistant Town
Administrator/Town Clerk
Russell C. Muñoz, MMC

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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. **RESOLUTION** – 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 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR, COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
6. **ORDINANCE – SECOND READING** - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016, COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016; 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, 2015}**
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.

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COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor Nelson and Town Council

THRU: Andrew D. Berns, Town Administrator

FROM: Martin D. Sherwood, Town Financial Administrator

DATE: September 29, 2015

SUBJECT: FINAL MILLAGE RATE ADOPTION: FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 (FY 15/16)

Recommendation

To conduct the statutorily required second and final public hearing and to adopt a final millage rate resolution of 4.3354 mills (representing the Town of Southwest Ranches' "historic" rate of 3.9404 for Operating plus .3950 mills pertaining to the 2nd year of the Transportation Surface Drainage Ongoing Rehabilitation-TSDOR capital improvement project) for Fiscal Year 2015 – 2016.

Strategic Priorities

A. Sound Governance

Background

To generate revenues sufficient for the financing of municipal government operations, municipalities are permitted to establish a millage rate which, when applied to the taxable valuation of properties, creates a taxable levy against real and personal property within the Town. This item provides for the adoption of the final millage rate to assist with funding the Fiscal Year 2015 – 2016 budget.

Fiscal Impact/Analysis

In July of 2015, the Town Administrator and Town Financial Administrator transmitted a proposed budget document as required by the Town Charter. That document proposed

a millage rate of 4.3354 mills and identified (refer to page 10) the effect that adoption of other rates were projected to have upon Town revenues.

For six of the past seven years, the millage rate for Town of Southwest Ranches' (SWR's) general operating purposes has been at approximately at 3.94 mills (\$3.94 per \$1,000 of taxable value). At this rate the millage rate for the Town of Southwest Ranches has been among the lowest in all of Broward County. Currently, for FY 2015, SWR has the seventh lowest rate (of 32) in Broward County for the combined operating and debt millage. Once again, with including the second year addition of the Transportation Surface Drainage Ongoing Rehabilitation (TSDOR) millage, the relative position of SWR increases slightly to the 8th lowest, respectively of the 32 Broward Municipal and Unincorporated rates. However, if TSDOR millage was not included the relative position of SWR decreases slightly to the 6th lowest.

A super-majority (4 of 5 Council members) may, by Florida Statute, set a rate as high as 4.6729 mills. However, the super-majority max is more than what is needed for proposed operations and would result in an increase of \$164 on \$250,000 of taxable value. The proposed not-to-exceed rate (operating plus TSDOR of 4.3354 mills) is well within a super-majority vote and represents an \$80 increase (or \$6.67 / monthly) in the SWR portion of the total annual tax bill on \$250,000 of taxable value.

The SWR portion of the total tax bill would remain less than 25% (23.58%) with the majority of the general fund operating portion dedicated to total Public Safety (51.9%). The proposed rate represents a 7.95% increase over the roll-back rate. This reserve amount for the TSDOR project reflects the total amount of tax increase as calculated by the State of Florida guidelines. The difference between this amount of tax increase (14.82%) and the advertised, 16.58% expenditure increase is primarily funded through a reduction in reserves.

The rate proposed tonight (4.3354) was initially proposed on Tuesday, September 15th, 2015 and, as previously mentioned, requires a super-majority vote (4 of 5 Council members). Should the Town Council decided to increase the rate under consideration to the maximum super-majority rate (4.6729 mills), an additional \$398,824 would be available for TSDOR. This mill rate, however, would be higher than the preliminary rate triggering State of Florida requirements to re-advertise (at Town expense) and would delay the Town's legal ability to levy a property tax.

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Richard Strum, Controller



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COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor Nelson and Town Council

THRU: Andrew D. Berns, Town Administrator

FROM: Martin D. Sherwood, Town Financial Administrator

DATE: September 29, 2015

SUBJECT: FINAL FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 (FY 15/16) BUDGET

Recommendation

It is recommended that the second required public hearing and second reading be held and that a motion be made and passed to adopt the Fiscal Year 2015 – 2016 (October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016) budget summarized as Attachment A to the accompanying Ordinance.

Strategic Priorities

- A. Sound Governance
- B. Enhanced Resource Management
- C. Reliable Public Safety
- D. Improved Infrastructure
- E. Cultivate a Vibrant Community

Background/Issue

Each municipality within the State of Florida is required by State Statute to adopt a balanced budget through a statutorily prescribed deadline and process of two public hearings and in advance of the effective date of the budget. This item provides for the final public hearing on the Town of Southwest Ranches proposed Fiscal Year 2015 – 2016 budget and for adoption of the final budget for that year (FY 16).

Finally, the Preliminary FY 16 Budget, for tonight's consideration, maintains the high levels of service which the residents of The Town of Southwest Ranches desire and have come to expect.

Final Notes on Fiscal Impact:

Adoption of this budget has an impact on General Fund unassigned and restricted fire control Fund Balance (reserves) in the amount of \$150,000 and \$106,500, respectively. Reserves will decrease by \$256,500 as they are utilized to fund a number of capital projects: 1) \$100,000 will be used to fund the Guardrails Installation Project, 2) \$50,000 will be used to fund the 3rd and final year for Town Hall Roof Replacement CIP, 3) \$100,000 is for one-time Public Safety-Fire Rescue Modular Facilities and finally, 4) \$6,500 to partially fund the new Volunteer Fire Pumper vehicle debt service.

Modifications to the Tentative FY 16 Budget at this point may be made. Increases to appropriations after this hearing would result in significant costs to re-advertise and delays in implementing a tax levy. If no final budget is approved by October 1, 2015, the Town of Southwest Ranches is bound by Florida law to continue with an extension of the prior year's budget on a monthly basis until such time as a final budget is properly advertised, goes through public hearing and is approved.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2015-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016, COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016; 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.

WHEREAS, the Town of Southwest Ranches is a municipality located in Broward County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the tentative millage and budget on September 15, 2015; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing on the Town of Southwest Ranches' final budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 will be held at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 29, 2015, at the Southwest Ranches Council Chambers, 13400 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches, Florida, 33330; and

WHEREAS, the amount available from taxation and other revenues equals the total appropriations for expenditures and reserves.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA THAT THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE IS CREATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TOWN CHARTER:

Section 1: Budget Adoptions. The Town of Southwest Ranches budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Attachment "A," is hereby approved and adopted and shall become effective at the beginning of the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year, and the Town's funds may be expended commencing October 1, 2015 and ending September 30, 2016.

Section 2: Budget Basis. The proposed expenditures in the budget are as shown in the budget and by reference made a part hereof. The budget is based upon the gross taxable value of real and personal property of \$1,243,896,530.

Section 3: Expenditure of Funds. No funds of the Town shall be expended except pursuant to duly approved appropriations or for the payment of bonds, notes, or other indebtedness duly authorized by the Council and only from such funds so authorized.

Section 4: Carryover of Funds. Funds of the Town's current Fiscal Year 2014-2015 adopted budget as well as budget amendments pursuant to subsequent resolutions as indicated in Section 5 of this Resolution not expended during Fiscal Year 2014-2015 may be used and expended during subsequent fiscal years.

Section 5: Amendments. The Town of Southwest Ranches budget for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016, may be amended, if required, by a Resolution of the Town Council.

Section 6: Notice. The Town Clerk or designee is directed to forward certified copies of this Ordinance to the Broward County Property Appraiser, the Broward County Revenue Collector and the Florida Department of Revenue.

Section 7: Severability. If any one or more of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be held contrary to any express provision of law or contrary to the policy of express law, though not expressly prohibited or against public policy, or shall for any reason whatsoever be held invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be separate from the remaining provisions, and shall in no way affect the validity of all other provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 8: Conflict. That all Sections or parts of Sections of the Code of Ordinances or parts of Ordinances, and all Resolutions, or parts of Resolution, in conflict are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 9: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED ON FIRST READING this 15TH day of September, 2015 on a motion made by Council Member McKay and seconded by Council Member Jablonski.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON SECOND READING this 29th day of September, 2015, on a motion made by _____ and seconded by _____.

Nelson	_____	Ayes	_____
Fisikelli	_____	Nays	_____
Breitkreuz	_____	Absent	_____
Jablonski	_____		
McKay	_____		

[Signatures on Following Page]

Jeff Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:

Keith M. Poliakoff, J.D., Town Attorney

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BUDGET SUMMARY

Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida - Fiscal Year 2015 - 2016

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES ARE 0.51% LESS THAN LAST YEARS TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

General Fund 4.3354 **Second Public Hearing: Attachment A**
Voted Debt 0.0000 Tuesday, September 29, 2015 @ 6:00pm

	CAPITAL PROJECTS		VOLUNTEER		DEBT		TOTAL ALL FUNDS
	FUND	FUND	FIRE FUND	SERVICE FUND	SOLID WASTE FUND		
ESTIMATED REVENUES:							
TAXES:							
Ad Valorem Taxes	5,123,150	0	0	0	0	0	5,123,150
Ad Valorem Taxes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Franchise /Utility Taxes	1,725,023	0	0	0	0	0	1,725,023
Sales & Use Taxes	590,230	0	0	0	0	0	590,230
Permits/Licenses/Inspections	601,818	0	0	0	0	0	601,818
Intergovernmental	2,500	100,000	365,288	0	0	0	467,788
Charges for Services	122,700	0	0	0	1,040,149	0	1,162,849
Fines & Forfeitures	258,305	0	0	0	0	0	258,305
Loan Proceeds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Fire Assessment	1,695,440	0	0	0	0	0	1,695,440
Miscellaneous Revenues	94,289	0	250	10,000	0	750	105,289
TOTAL SOURCES	10,213,455	100,000	365,538	10,000	0	1,040,899	11,729,892
Interfund Transfers - In	185,828	150,000	1,003,841	111,291	735,487	0	2,186,447
Fund Balance/Reserves/Net Assets	256,500	208,305	104,501	19,000	0	0	588,306
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & BALANCES	10,655,783	458,305	1,473,880	140,291	735,487	1,040,899	14,504,645
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES							
General Government	1,917,038	0	0	0	0	0	1,917,038
Law Enforcement	2,405,469	0	0	0	0	0	2,405,469
Fire Rescue Services	3,014,811	171,530	0	121,291	0	0	3,307,632
Community Services (Planning, Zoning & Engineering)	391,572	0	0	0	0	0	391,572
Physical Environment (Permitting, Code, Roads/Solid Waste)	430,800	286,775	1,473,880	0	0	811,473	3,002,928
Parks, Recreation and Open Space	383,298	0	0	0	0	0	383,298
Debt Service	0	0	0	0	735,487	0	735,487
Contingency	131,176	0	0	0	0	43,598	174,774
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	8,674,164	458,305	1,473,880	121,291	735,487	855,071	12,318,198
Interfund Transfers - Out	1,981,619	0	0	19,000	0	185,828	2,186,447
Fund Balance/Reserves/Net Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES TRANSFERS, RESERVES & BALANCES	10,655,783	458,305	1,473,880	140,291	735,487	1,040,899	14,504,645

THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE (13400 GRIFFIN ROAD, SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FL 33330-2628) AS A PUBLIC RECORD.