

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

Thursday 6:00 PM

September 14, 2020

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Mayor Doug McKay

Andrew Berns, Town Administrator

Vice Mayor Denise Schroeder

Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Council Member Delsa Amundson

Martin D. Sherwood, Town Financial Administrator

Council Member Bob Hartmann

Keith Poliakoff, Town Attorney

Council Member Gary Jablonski

First Budget Public Hearing of the Town Council of Southwest Ranches was held virtually via the ZOOM Platform. The hearing, having been properly noticed, was called to order by Mayor McKay at 6:04 PM. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Administrator Comments

Town Administrator Berns thanked the Town Council, the Town Advisory Boards, residents and staff for their input and efforts throughout the process. He gave a special thanks to Town Financial Administrator Sherwood and the finance team for their hard work. He then gave a brief outline of the hearing.

4. Presentation by Finance

Town Financial Administrator Sherwood presented. He thanked his staff and stated for the residents the upcoming presentation has been uploaded to the Town's website for viewing. He then presented the PowerPoint presentation which illustrated the Town's total proposed millage rate of 4.2500.

Millage Rate and Budget Hearing

Resolutions

5. 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 2020-2021 COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2020; 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 and seconded by Council Member Jablonski and passed by a 5-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Member Amundson, Council Member Hartmann, Council Member Jablonski, Vice Mayor Schroeder and Mayor McKay voting Yes.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

6. 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 2020-21; 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 and seconded by Council Member Amundson and passed by a 4-1 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Member Amundson, Council Member Jablonski, Vice Mayor Schroeder, Mayor McKay voting Yes and Council Member Hartmann voting no.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.**Tentative Millage Rate Resolution**Tentative Millage Rate Resolution

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 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR, COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.Ordinance-1st Reading

8. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021, COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021; 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 to be held September 24, 2020}

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING.

9. Adjournment

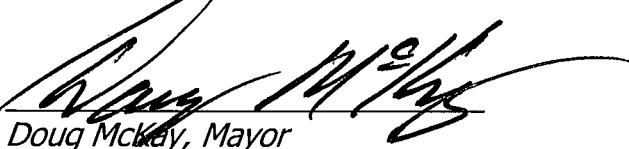
Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Adopted by the Town Council on this 22nd day of October, 2020.



Doug McKay, Mayor

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