

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

Tuesday 6:00 PM

September 29, 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

Second 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 6:01 PM. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Administrator Comments

Town Administrator Berns read a prepared statement required by Florida Statutes outlining the components of the budget which determined the proposed millage rate. He then explained the necessity for the September 29, 2020 meeting and asked the Town Council to reaffirm their decision and vote from the September 24, 2020 2nd Budget Public Hearing. Next, Town administrator Berns addressed members of the agricultural community regarding their concerns regarding the Fire Assessment rates. The Town has received numerous emails and letters, which have been shared with legal counsel, and all the information is being reviewed.

Town Attorney Poliakoff advised the Sun Sentinel advertisements ran on separate pages instead of side by side as required by law. As a result, because the September 24, 2020 meeting was fully advertised, in order to avoid any potential infractions, the decision was to have the full budget meeting and seek approval for the budget items. Since they were approved at that meeting this meeting tonight was required to ratify the decision made at the September 24, 2020 meeting which would avoid any infractions imposed by the State of Florida, because the ads did not run side by side. The Sun Sentinel re-advertised the ads at their cost.

The following motion was made by Council Member Jablonski and seconded by Vice Mayor Schroeder 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 RECONSIDER THE FINAL MILLAGE RATE RESOLUTION AND THE BUDGET ADOPTION ORDINANCE.

4. Presentation by Finance

Town Financial Administrator Sherwood presented the FY 2020-2021 Budget in Brief which summarized the total Town's budget of \$18,306,738 with a final 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, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FINAL MILLAGE RATE FOR TAXATION OF REAL AND PERSONAL 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 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 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 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.

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 SECOND READING.

7. Adjournment

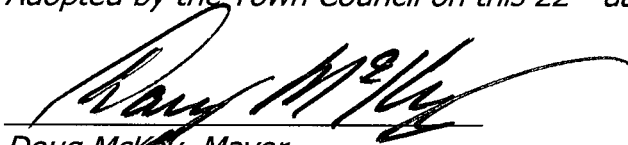
Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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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