

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

Thursday 6:00 PM

September 13, 2021

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Mayor Steve Breitreuz

Andrew Berns, Town Administrator

Vice Mayor Bob Hartmann

Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Council Member Jim Allbritton

Martin D. Sherwood, Town Financial Administrator

Council Member Gary Jablonski

Keith Poliakoff, Town Attorney

Council Member David Kuczenski

First Budget Public Hearing of the Town Council of Southwest Ranches was held at 13400 Griffin Road in the Southwest Ranches Council Chambers. The hearing, having been properly noticed, was called to order by Mayor Breitreuz at 6:04 PM. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Administrator Comments**

Town Administrator Berns advised this was the first budget hearing and that a second and final hearing would be held on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm. He indicated that a presentation illustrating the proposed budget would be provided by Town Financial Administrator Sherwood. He further advised that the final solid waste assessment and fire assessment rates would be approved this evening. He thanked the Town Council, the Town Advisory Boards, residents, and staff for their input and efforts throughout the process.

**4. Presentation by Finance**

Town Financial Administrator Sherwood presented. He thanked his staff and advised residents the presentation has been uploaded to the Town's website for viewing. He then presented the PowerPoint presentation which illustrated the Town's final solid waste assessments based on lot sizes which reflected no proposed increases, a fire assessment of \$690.00 for residential properties with a combined category rate for Commercial, Institutional, and Industrial/Warehouse of \$0.8314 per square foot based on the new fire methodology report and a 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 2021-2022 COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2021; 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 Vice Mayor Hartmann and seconded by Council Member Jablonski and passed by a 5-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Member Allbritton, Council Member Jablonski, Council Member Kuczenski, Vice Mayor Hartmann and Mayor Breitreuz 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 2021-22; 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 Vice Mayor Hartmann and passed by a 5-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Member Allbritton, Council Member Jablonski, Council Member Kuczenski, Vice Mayor Hartmann and Mayor Breitreuz voting Yes.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.**

**Tentative Millage Rate Resolution**

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**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 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR, COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2021 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.**

Ordinance-1<sup>st</sup> Reading

**8.** AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022, COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2021 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022; 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.

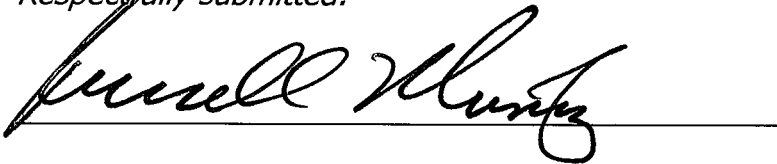
The following motion was made by Council Member Jablonski and seconded by Council Member Allbritton and passed by a 5-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Member Allbritton, Council Member Jablonski, Council Member Kuczenski, Vice Mayor Hartmann and Mayor Breitzkreuz voting Yes.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING.**

**9. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted:*



*Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk*

*Adopted by the Town Council on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021.*

  
*Steve Breitzkreuz, Mayor*

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