

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

Wednesday 6:00 PM

September 13, 2017

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Mayor Doug McKay

Vice Mayor Steve Breitreuz

Council Member Freddy Fisikelli

Council Member Gary Jablonski

Council Member Denise Schroeder

Town Administrator Andrew D. Berns

Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Martin D. Sherwood, Town Financial Administrator

Keith Poliakoff, Town Attorney

First Budget Hearing of the Town Council of Southwest Ranches was held at 13400 Griffin Road in the Southwest Ranches Council Chambers. The meeting, having been properly noticed, was called to order by Mayor McKay at 6:03 PM. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Administrator Comments

Town Administrator Berns spoke about the Budget Workshop held in August and indicated that direction provided at that workshop was incorporated into this budget. He explained the final fire and solid waste assessments would be considered tonight as well as the tentative millage rate and the first reading of the budget ordinance. He introduced Town Financial Administrator Sherwood who had prepared a detailed presentation explaining the finer points of these items.

4. Presentation by Finance

Town Financial Administrator Sherwood's presentation explained the methodology justifying the proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Fire Assessment rate of \$518.49 for residential and the various square footage rates based on usage categories. The presentation also revealed the proposed Solid Waste Assessment rates which ranged from \$455.44 to \$683.60 depending upon lot sizes. The presentation also indicated that the proposed millage of 4.4629, including the millage associated with TSDOR, remained unchanged from Fiscal Year 2017. Lastly, the presentation highlighted some of the most important projects contained within the proposed Fiscal Year 2018 budget which was \$12,153,859.

Millage Rate and Budget Hearing

Resolutions

5. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE FINAL FIRE SERVICES ASSESSMENT RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2017; PROVIDING PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOSITION AND COMPUTATION OF FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENTS; INCORPORATING THE FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENT REPORT; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE DETERMINATION OF SPECIAL BENEFIT AND FAIR APPORTIONMENT; ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF ASSESSMENT; DIRECTING THE PREPARATION

OF A FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR A DISABLED VETERANS EXEMPTION; AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE THEREOF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

6. 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 2017-2018 COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2017; PROVIDING AUTHORITY FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICES ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FINDINGS; INCORPORATING THE SOLID WASTE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY REPORT; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE 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 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR, COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2017 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

Ordinance – 1st Reading

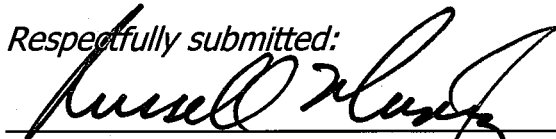
8. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018, COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2017 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018; PROVIDING FOR A BUDGET BASIS; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE.

9. Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Russell Muñiz, MMC, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

*Adopted by the Town Council on
this 9th day of November, 2017.*



Doug McKay, Mayor

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