



Fort Myers Beach Town Council

**Diamondhead Beach Resort
2000 Estero Blvd.
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931**

Minutes

Monday, September 25, 2023

5:01 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FINAL

I. CALL TO ORDER

Members present: Mayor Allers, Vice Mayor Atterholt, Council Member King, Council Member Veatch and Council Member Woodson.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS - BUDGET ITEMS

A. Resolution; 23-116; Final FY23/24 Ad Valorem Millage Rate

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, ADOPTING THE FINAL AD VALOREM MILLAGE RATE FOR THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR THE GENERAL FUND; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Allers read the title of the resolution.

Council Member Woodson moved to approve the final ad valorem millage rate; second by Council Member Veatch.

Finance Director Joe Onzick discussed slides regarding the Budget Impact of Replacing Contractors with Employees, Additional Personnel to Support Recovery, Resulting Total Budget, Maintaining Millage Rate, Roll Back Rate, Proposed Millage Rate Compared to Roll Back Rate, Revenue Generated by Proposed Millage Rate, Average Taxable Assessed Value 5 Year Graph, Taxes on Average Taxable Assessed Value 5 Year Graph, Tax Percentage of Taxing Authority, Net Change Between FY24 Final Budget and FY23 Adopted Budget, General Fund Expenses by Department, Where the

General Fund Money Goes, Funding Strategy for General Fund, Where the General Fund Money Comes From, Expense Budgets of All Funds, Where the Money Goes - All Funds, Where the Money Comes From - All Funds, \$10 MM Capital Improvement Note, DEO Bridge Loan and Florida State Revolving Fund.

Mark Brewer from Angie Brewer estimated that \$2.7 million needed to be covered by additional loans or grants. He stated that the state deferred payments for two fiscal years due to the hurricane and was open to extending the deferment. He indicated that the town had four years to go through the legislative process for additional funding.

Director Onzick reported that the total cost of 31.28 personnel positions would increase the budget by \$2.5 million, but after subtracting savings, the total net cost increase was approximately \$1.4 million.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

B. Resolution 23-117; Final FY23/24 Budget

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Allers read the title of the resolution.

Director Onzick requested that Resolution 23-117 be amended to replace Exhibit A with the revised Final Annual Budget to correct a typo in the formula errors on page 20.

Council Member Woodson moved to adopt the final budget as amended; second by Council Member Veach.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

C. Resolution 23-115; Final FY23/24 Fee Schedule

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, ADOPTING THE FINAL FEE SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Allers read the title of the resolution.

Director Onzick described a couple of minor corrections to the earlier presentation. First was the Financial Impact of Fee Changes Proposed by Community Development, Financial Impact of Fee Changes Proposed by Town Council at April 17, 2023 Meeting, Proposed Fee Changes that Have No Financial Impact (Corrections/Clarification to Fee Schedule), Allocation of Short Term Rental Fee Income to Workforce Housing after Covering Cost of Program and Comparison of Short Term Rental Fee Income to Expenses Including Enforcement and Action Required to Amend Resolution 23-115.

Council Member Woodson moved to approve the final fee schedule as amended; second by Council Member Veatch.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

IV. FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member King moved to adjourn; second by Mayor Allers.
Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Minutes adopted, October 16, 2023; Motion by Council Member King and seconded by Council Member Veatch. Passed 5-0.



Amy Baker, Town Clerk