



Fort Myers Beach Town Council

Town Hall Council Chambers
2731 Oak Street
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

Minutes

Monday, September 23,
2024

5:01 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

Vice Mayor Atterholt moved to approve the final agenda with Item C. moved before Item A., seconded by Council Member Safford.
The motion carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Resolution 24-184; FY25 Final 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 2024-2025 COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR THE GENERAL FUND; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Allers read the title of the resolution. Director Onzick reviewed the presentation with Maintaining Millage Rate, Roll Back Rate, Final Millage Rate Compared to Roll Back Rate, Stabilizing the Millage Rate, Use of Revenue Generated by Final Millage Rate, Fort Myers Beach Share of Property Tax Bill and Surrounding Millage Rates.
No public comment.

Council Member King moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Council Member Woodson.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

B. Resolution 24-185; FY25 Final Budget

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Allers read the title of the resolution. Director Onzick displayed slides including Overview, Changes to Budget Document Since 1st Budget Hearing, Required Amendments to Budget Document and Guiding Principles. He corrected the Bay Oaks Recreational Campus Redevelopment Grant to \$1 million instead of \$2 million and its capital expense budget had to be lowered by \$1 million.

He explained that the Mound House and other capital projects were not in the budget yet because they could not be obligated without knowing how they would be paid for. He noted that adjustments could be made throughout the year as information comes to light. He recommended considering using ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds of \$877,000.00 for the underground exhibit repairs in the Mound House. Culture, Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Hauge stated that it would cost approximately \$200,000.00 to put it back to the way it was, but that was not the best setup. He explained how Ian damaged the exhibit. Town Manager Hyatt will decide how to allocate ARPA funds before expiring at the year's end. Director Onzick added that the ARPA funds were in the budget to be spent this year but have not been specified.

Compliance and Operations Director Frankie Kropacek explained that the Tier 1 stormwater was a capital project with its own funding and a priority for the town.

Director Onzick continued with the Bridge Loan Calculation, Changes in Position Count by Department Since FY24, General Fund Revenue by Source as Percent of Whole, General Fund Expense by Category as Percent of Whole, General Fund Expense Categories by Year, General Fund Expenses by Department, All Funds Revenue by Source as Percent of Whole, Use of Reserves, Grant Revenue, Other Revenue Detail, All Funds Expense by Category as Percent of Whole, All Funds Expense Categories by Year, All Funds Expense Budgets by Fund, Capital Budget Items, FDEM FEMA Project Loan, Fund Balance Projection by Fund, Cash Balance Projection by Fund, \$10 MM Capital Improvement Note, DEO Bridge Loan, Florida State Revolving Fund and The Requested Amendment to Budget: "as amended to include \$1 million reduction in FDEP grant and \$1 million reduction in capital budget for Bay Oaks Recreational Campus." No public comment.

Council Member King moved to approve the resolution as amended to include \$1 million reduction in FDEP grant and \$1 million reduction in capital budget for Bay Oaks Recreational Campus, seconded by Council Member Safford.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

C. Resolution 24-186; FY25 Final Fee Schedule

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, ADOPTING THE FINAL FEE SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; ADOPTING A FEE REFUND POLICY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Allers read the title of the resolution. Finance Director Joe Onzick presented a change to the Mooring Field Fee Schedule. Harbormaster Cutis Ludwig explained that increasing the monthly rate would put them out of competition, but increasing the daily rate kept them in the middle of the range. The credit card processing fee will be adjusted. Director Onzick reviewed the Resident Parking Permit Data. Mayor Allers stated he was interested in the data and did not intend to proceed with any action. Director Onzick continued with a Summary of Fee Schedule Changes and the Fee Refund Policy Update.

Town Attorney Stuparich suggested adding a sentence that the "Town Council shall hear and decide appeals of application of the refund policy" in case refund charges were accidentally duplicated.

Council Member King moved to approve the amended resolution, seconded by Council Member Safford.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

V. FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member King moved to reconvene at 6:00 p.m., seconded by Council Member Safford.

The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Minutes adopted as presented, September 23, 2024. Motion by Council Member King and seconded by Council Member Woodson. Passed 5-0.



Amy Baker, Town Clerk