

VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY  
Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of Wednesday, July 28, 2010  
Deering Estate Visitor's Center  
16701 SW 72 Avenue

**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Eugene P. Flinn, Jr.  
Vice Mayor Brian W. Pariser  
Council Member Ed Feller  
Council Member Howard Tendrich  
Council Member Shelley Stanczyk

Staff present:  
Village Manager Ron E. Williams  
Village Attorney Eve A. Boutsis  
Village Clerk Meighan J. Alexander

Mayor Flinn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Flinn led the pledge of allegiance.

**2. RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO AD VALOREM TAXES; DETERMINING THE PROPOSED MAXIMUM MILLAGE RATE AND SETTING THE DATES, TIMES AND LOCATION FOR THE FIRST AND SECOND BUDGET HEARINGS FOR FY 2010-11; FURTHER DIRECTING THE VILLAGE CLERK TO FILE SAID RESOLUTION WITH THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilman Tendrich moved this item forward. Seconded by Councilman Feller.

Manager Williams recognized Finance Director Desmond Chin and thanked him for his outstanding efforts in protecting the Village's financial integrity. Manager Williams noted that the County reported a 5.8% reduction from last year's taxes for the Village's property taxes. He remarked that the Village lost less than many of the other cities, which is a testament to the stability of this community. Manager Williams provided an explanation and definition of millage rate and rollback rate. He noted that last year's millage was 2.447 and rollback would be 2.544. He advised that the rollback rate is being recommended as the absolute maximum to establish a ceiling. He also asked the Council to consider the two proposed dates, September 14 and 27, for the public hearings wherein resident input and priorities will be considered. Manager Williams further explained that the Council will not have the option to raise the maximum rate, once established; however, it could be lowered. He concluded that in order to meet the Council's directive of establishing and maintaining service levels and growing the livability of this community, this maximum level would be both prudent and sensible.

Mayor Flinn asked the loss of revenue that would be experienced if the rollback rate was not adopted.

Finance Director Chin advised that the Village would experience an approximate loss of \$220,000 if the rate remains at 2.447.

Mayor Flinn asked the expected reduction from sales tax and revenue sharing.

Director Chin reported that it had remained the same.

Manager Williams advised that the Village did not have information on the communications portion as of this date.

Mayor Flinn thanked Manager Williams and Director Chin for being conservative throughout this budget year and past years. He noted that staff has never underestimated costs or revenues and that the “working” millage rate being presented is a “safety net level” in terms of allowing you to have a working number.

Councilman Feller moved to use the rate of 2.544 as a maximum tax rate. Seconded by Councilwoman Stanczyk.

Councilman Feller remarked that the Village has always been very conservative; however, it remains important to keep some “leeway” while the staff prepares the budget and the Council begins discussions and conducts public hearings. He remarked that the Village’s portion of an average resident’s tax bill is approximately 12%. He concluded that the rollback rate provides flexibility to staff.

Vice Mayor Pariser stated that while he would agree to the rollback rate for consideration, he would be in favor of suggestions as to how to reduce the \$220,000 difference.

Councilman Tendrich remarked that the rollback rate seems an approximate maximum for use by staff.

Councilwoman Stanczyk stated that she believes staff is conservative in its approach and would also be in favor of the rollback rate.

Mayor Flinn remarked that one must consider the aggregate budget, the \$20 the Village may receive per household; however, the remainder of the bill is divided between several governmental agencies. He stated that he is in favor of sending the message that the Village’s does not have to raise the millage rate and is hopeful that staff will review the budget to reduce spending.

Following brief discussion, the Council voted to approve the Resolution, including the rate of 2.554. The Motion carried 3-2 (Mayor Flinn and Councilwoman Stanczyk opposed.)

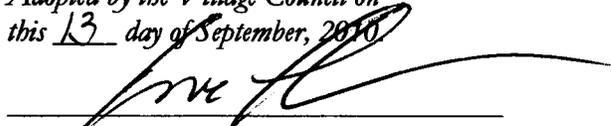
**3. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT**

The Meeting was officially adjourned at 7:40 pm.

*Prepared and submitted by:*

  
Meghan J. Alexander, CMC  
Village Clerk

*Adopted by the Village Council on  
this 13 day of September, 2010*

  
Eugene P. Flinn, Jr., Mayor

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