



ITEM SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: September 03, 2024
FROM: Teri Lea Beiriger, Director of Finance
SUBJECT: Ord. Nos. 2024-24 and 2024-25

BACKGROUND

Florida Statutes Section 200.065 specifies the procedural steps that must be followed by each unit of local government in the preparation and approval of the government entity's property tax millage, levy, and annual budget. In accordance with these regulations, the certified taxable property values as of June 26, 2024, provided by the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser will be used to determine the ad valorem tax proceeds in the calculation of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Budget.

Taxing authorities must hold two (2) public hearings to adopt a millage rate and budget. This evening's hearing is the First Public Hearing of the City of Greenacres to adopt a tentative millage rate and budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

The tentative millage rate and the budget must be adopted by separate votes. Pursuant to direction provided by the City Council at the budget workshop held on June 17th and the budget meeting held on July 15th, staff has prepared the two (2) ordinances required by the Truth in Millage (TRIM) process for approval by the City Council. The ordinance to establish the taxable value and set the ad valorem rate (Ordinance 2024-24) must be passed first, followed by the ordinance to adopt the budget (Ordinance 2024-25).

ANALYSIS

The first ordinance, 2024-24, establishes the taxable value and sets the ad valorem rate.

The certified total taxable value of \$3,144,674,964 provided by the Property Appraiser's office is \$261,746,929 more than last year's certified taxable value of \$2,882,928,035. The 9.08% increase in taxable value is due to an increase in property values along with an increase in new construction.

The millage rate of 6.300 mills applicable to the General Fund Levy, for Fiscal Year 2025 is 8.33% greater than the calculated rolled-back millage rate pursuant to Section 200.065(1) F.S. of 5.8156 mills that generates the same amount of property tax revenue as last year on existing real and personal property.

The property tax rate of 6.300 mills set by ordinance 2024-24 would generate \$19,018,994 of ad valorem revenue, or \$1,583,045 more than FY2024.

The second ordinance, 2024-25, adopts an operating budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025. The proposed budget appropriated revenues and expenditures from \$63,713,745 in FY 2024 to \$58,337,694 in FY 2025.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The proposed ordinances set the total millage at 6.3000 mills and appropriate \$58,337,694 for the operation of the City in FY2025.

LEGAL

The first budget hearing was advertised in the preliminary tax assessment notices as required in F.S. 200.065. The second hearing, to set the millage rate and adopt the FY2025 budget, is scheduled for September 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Greenacres City Hall and was advertised in a newspaper that has local circulation in the City.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approval of Ordinance 2024-24 and Ordinance 2024-25.