



ITEM SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: September 18, 2023
FROM: Teri Lea Beiriger, Director of Finance
SUBJECT: Ord. Nos. 2023-11 and 2023-12

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 July 1, 2023, 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) 2023-2024 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 2023-24.

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 July 17th and the budget meeting held on August 12th, 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 2023-11) must be passed first, followed by the ordinance to adopt the budget (Ordinance 2023-12).

ANALYSIS

The first ordinance, 2023-11, establishes the taxable value and sets the ad valorem rate.

The certified total taxable value of \$2,888,498,573 provided by the Property Appraiser's office is \$351,009,664 more than last year's certified taxable value of \$2,537,488,909. The 13.8% 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 2024 is 12.37% greater than the calculated rolled-back millage rate pursuant to Section 200.065(1) F.S. of 5.6067 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 2023-11 would generate \$17,469,639 of ad valorem revenue, or \$2,101,793 more than FY2023.

The second ordinance, 2023-12, adopts an operating budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024. The proposed budget appropriated revenues and expenditures from \$73,013,015 in FY 2023 to \$63,713,745 in FY 2024.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The proposed ordinances set the total millage at 6.3000 mills and appropriate \$63,713,745 for the operation of the City in FY2024.

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 FY2024 budget, is scheduled for September 18, 2023, 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 2023-11 and Ordinance 2023-12.