



ITEM SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: September 17, 2025
FROM: Teri Lea Beiriger, Director of Finance
SUBJECT: Ord. Nos. 2025-17 and 2025-18

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, 2025, 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) 2025-2026 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 2025-26.

The tentative millage rate and the budget must be adopted by separate votes. Pursuant to directions provided by the City Council at the budget workshop held on June 16th and the budget meeting held on July 21st, 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 2025-17) must be passed first, followed by the ordinance to adopt the budget (Ordinance 2025-18).

ANALYSIS

The first ordinance, 2025-17, establishes the taxable value and sets the ad valorem rate.

The certified total taxable value of \$3,382,129,026 provided by the Property Appraiser's office is \$240,847,423 more than last year's certified taxable value of \$3,141,281,603. The 7.67% increase in taxable value is due to an increase in property values along with an increase in new construction.

The millage rate of 6.3000 mills applicable to the General Fund Levy, for Fiscal Year 2026 is 7.43% greater than the calculated rolled-back millage rate pursuant to Section 200.065(1) F.S. of 5.8641 mills that generates the same amount of property tax revenue as last year on existing real and personal property.

The property tax rate of 6.3000 mills set by ordinance 2025-17 would generate \$20,455,116 of ad valorem revenue, or \$1,530,146 more than FY2025.

The second ordinance, 2025-18, adopts an operating budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026. The proposed budget appropriated revenues and expenditures from \$58,337,694 in FY 2025 to \$81,792,071 in FY 2026.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The proposed ordinances set the total millage at 6.3000 mills and appropriate \$81,792,071 for the operation of the City in FY2026.

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 FY2026 budget, is scheduled for September 17, 2025, 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 2025-17 and Ordinance 2025-18.