

# EXECUTIVE BRIEF SPECIAL MEETING

**AGENDA DATE:** September 24, 2020

**DEPARTMENT:** Financial Services

**TITLE:**

Resolution No. 35-2020 - Second Public Hearing - Adopt the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Millage Rate

**SUMMARY:**

The resolution sets the final Millage Rate of 5.4945 mils to fund the City's FY 2020-2021 operating Budget.

**BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:**

The budget and property tax rate adoption processes are governed by Chapter 200, Florida Statutes, which sets forth the TRIM (Truth-In-Millage) process. In Florida, properties are assessed by the County Property Appraiser; levied by each taxing entity; and, collected by the County Tax Collector. Taxing entities are required to hold two (2) public hearings for the adoption of a property tax (millage) rate and budget. The first public hearing is advertised by the Property Appraiser mailing a TRIM notice to each property owner. Chapter 200, Florida Statutes, requires the City to:

1. Notify the County Property Appraiser of the City's tentative millage rate in July and of the date and time of first public hearing on the millage and budget. The City complied with this requirement and the City informed the Property Appraiser of the first hearing date and time (September 10, 2020, at 6:00pm). The Property Appraiser sent out its TRIM notice notifying the citizens of the tentative millage rate and date and time of the first hearing.
2. Hold its first public hearing on the tentative millage rate and proposed budget. The City conducted the first public hearing on September 10, 2020 and City staff proposed a tentative millage rate and proposed budget to be adopted.
3. Advertise the tentative rate and proposed budget adopted at the first public hearing and the date and time of the second public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation (the Palm Beach Post). The advertisement, which must be published 2 to 5 days prior to the final public hearing on September 24, 2020 at 6:00 PM, was published on September 21, 2020.
4. At the second public hearing, the City Commission must adopt a final millage rate and final operating budget for fiscal year 2020-2021.
5. Subsequent to the final adoption, the City must deliver the resolution adopting the final millage rate to the County Property Appraiser, the County Tax Collector, and the Department of Revenue within 3 days after the final public hearing.

With the inclusion of the County Fire MSTU millage 3.4581, the City's maximum available Operating Millage cannot exceed 6.5419 mills. The tentative millage is 5.4945 mills (or \$5.4945 per \$1,000 assessed valuation), which is 8.27% more than the rolled-back rate of 5.0754 mills.

The tentative millage rate was passed on first reading by a vote of 3-0.

**MOTION:**

Move to approve/disapprove Resolution No. 35-2020 adopting the millage rate of 5.4945 mills for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Fiscal Impact Analysis – N/A  
Resolution No. 35-2020