

Town of Melbourne Beach

SPECIAL TOWN COMMISSION MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, September 9, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
COMMUNITY CENTER, 509 OCEAN AVENUE**

MINUTES

Commission Members:

Mayor Jim Simmons
Vice Mayor Wyatt Hoover
Commissioner Steve Walters
Commissioner Sherrie Quarrie
Commissioner Corey Runte

Staff Members:

Town Manager Elizabeth Mascaro
Town Clerk Jennifer Torres
Finance Manager Jennifer Kerr

1. Call to Order

Mayor Simmons called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present:

Mayor Jim Simmons
Vice Mayor Wyatt Hoover
Commissioner Steve Walter
Commissioner Sherrie Quarrie
Commissioner Corey Runte

Staff Present:

Town Manager Elizabeth Mascaro
Town Clerk Jennifer Torres
Finance Manager Jennifer Kerr
Town Attorney Cliff Repperger
Public Works Supervisor Tom Davis

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Steve Walters

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Led by Mayor Simmons

4. Roll Call

5. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

6. Public Comment

Tom Loizzo
445 Riverview Lane

Mr. Loizzo said he did not think this was a good time to raise taxes, citing the pandemic, job loss, and an uncertain future for local businesses.

7. Public Hearings

A. Public Hearing on the Town's Fiscal Year 2020/2021 (FY21) Millage Rate and Annual Budget – Town Manager Mascaro

Town Manager Mascaro said she was submitting the proposed final fiscal year 2021 budget for consideration including a Ten Year Capital Plan, as required by the Town Charter. She summarized by saying that The General Fund budget is submitted in the amount of \$3,376,532 and includes a 4% millage increase over the rollback rate. The millage rate as approved by the Town Commission is 4.5151 % this millage rate will generate \$1,992,327 in Ad-Valorem revenues.

8. Public Comment

*Tom Loizzo
445 Riverview Lane*

He reminded the Commission to not make the choice to raise taxes based on what other larger municipalities are doing.

*Linda Loizzo
445 Riverview Lane*

Ms. Loizzo asked the Commission to consider the fact that there are a lot of older adults in Town and they should reconsider raising taxes at this time.

Mayor Simmons said there are programs in place to assist senior citizens that are having a difficult time paying their tax bill and if she knows anyone who needs assistance to please direct them to Town Hall for more information

9. New Business

- A. Resolution 2020-07, Adopting the Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 – Town Manager Mascaro

Mayor Simmons read Resolution 2020-07:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MELBOURNE BEACH OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Vice Mayor Hoover moved to adopt Resolution 2020-07 setting the tentative operating millage rate for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 at 4.5151 mills which is greater than the roll back rate of 4.3414 by 4.00% and setting the tentative debt service millage rate for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 at .9999%; Commissioner Runte seconded.

The Town Clerk took a roll call vote:

Mayor Jim Simmons - aye
Vice Mayor Wyatt Hoover - aye

Commissioner Steve Walters - nay
Commissioner Sherri Quarrie - aye
Commissioner Corey Runte – aye

Motion carried 4-1.

- B. Resolution 2020-08, Adopting the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 – Town Manager Mascaro

Mayor Simmons read Resolution 2020-08:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MELBOURNE BEACH OF
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE
TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021;
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Vice Mayor Hoover moved to adopt Resolution 2020-08 setting forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 in the amount of \$3,376,532; Commissioner Runte seconded;

The Town Clerk took a roll call vote:

Mayor Jim Simmons - aye
Vice Mayor Wyatt Hoover - aye
Commissioner Steve Walters - nay
Commissioner Sherri Quarrie - aye
Commissioner Corey Runte – aye

Motion carried 4-1.

10. Adjournment

Commissioner Runte moved to adjourn; Vice Mayor Hoover seconded; Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

ATTEST:

James D. Simmons, Mayor

Jennifer Torres, Town Clerk