

Town of Melbourne Beach

SPECIAL TOWN COMMISSION MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
COMMUNITY CENTER, 509 OCEAN AVENUE**

MINUTES

Commission Members:

Mayor Wyatt Hoover

Vice Mayor Joyce D. Barton

Commissioner Steve Walters

Commissioner Sherrie Quarrie

Commissioner Corey Runte

Staff Members:

Town Manager Elizabeth Mascaro

Town Clerk Jennifer Torres

I. Call to Order

Mayor Hoover called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Town Clerk Torres conducted Roll Call:

Commissioners Present:

Mayor Wyatt Hoover
Vice Mayor Joyce D. Barton
Commissioner Steve Walters
Commissioner Sherrie Quarrie
Commissioner Corey Runte

Staff Present:

Town Manager Elizabeth Mascaro
Town Clerk Jennifer Torres
Town Attorney Cliff Repperger
Finance Manager Jennifer Kerr
Fire Chief Gavin Brown

III. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Led by Mayor Hoover

IV. Public Comment

Dan Brunger
400 6th Avenue

Mr. Brunger expressed concern over residents not having access to the beach access parking because of too many guest passes and paid parking. He said property deeds promise certain access to residents and requested the Commission look into this issue.

Mayor Hoover said the beach accesses belong to the Town and all paid parking proceeds go directly to the Town parks. He went on to say that guest passes will be limited this year and after testing it out, the Commission will reevaluate the program in January.

VI. Public Hearings

A. Public Hearing on the Town's Fiscal Year 2021/2022 (FY22) Millage Rate and Annual Budget – Town Manager Mascaro

Mayor Hoover on Oct 20-21 Marine resource council invited mayor to do a case study on project and accepted

Encourage all to attend

VII. New Business

A. Resolution 2021-08, Adopting the Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Mayor Hoover read Resolution 2021-08:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MELBOURNE BEACH OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Melbourne Beach of Brevard County, Florida, held a public hearing on September 08, 2021 as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Melbourne Beach of Brevard County, Florida, on September 08, 2021, adopted Fiscal Year 2021/2022 tentative Millage Rates following a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within Brevard County has been certified by the County Property Appraiser to the Town of Melbourne Beach as \$481,506,847.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Commission of the Town of Melbourne Beach of Brevard County, Florida, that:

Section 1. The Fiscal Year 2021/2022 operating Millage Rate is 4.6865 mills, which is greater than the rolled-back rate of 4.2885 mills by 9.281 %

Section 2. The voted debt service millage is .9999 .

Section 3. This Resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Town Clerk Torres called a Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Hoover – Aye

Vice Mayor Burton – Aye

Commissioner Walters – Nay

Commissioner Quarrie – Aye

Commissioner Runte – Aye

Resolution 2021-08 carried by a vote of 4-1.

B. Resolution 2021-09, Adopting the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Mayor Hoover read Resolution 2021-09:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MELBOURNE BEACH OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Melbourne Beach of Brevard County, Florida, on September 08, 2021, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Melbourne Beach of Brevard County, Florida, set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 in the amount of \$3,663,353.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Commission of the Town of Melbourne Beach of Brevard County, Florida, that:

Section 1. The Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Tentative Budget be adopted.

Section 2. This Resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Commissioner Walters said he had a few comments and suggested changes. They included:

- Despite the fact that he believes the Fire Chief is a fine young man, he is in opposition to what he referred to as “the 81-percent increase to the salary of the Fire Chief.” He pointed out that the Fire Chief was earning \$35,000 two years ago and the substantial increase is excessive, adding that the Fire Chief in Malabar (a comparative municipality) makes \$47,000 annually. He also pointed out that the Town had gotten rid of the titles; Finance Manager and Public Works Manager – but now those positions are back with a substantial increase in salary.
- Legal fees: Commissioner Walters felt the Town should reduce its legal fees to be more in line with the Town of Indialantic which is \$68,000 - and that the extra money should go into the Public Works budget.

Town Manager Mascaro clarified that a portion of the Chief's salary was previously taken out of the stipend and this year they did not take it out of the stipend and this was approved by the Commission last year.

- Commissioner Walters said that there should have been a budget message distributed and posted in advance. He read from the Ordinance which said – the Town Manager shall submit as an integral part of the budget, a budget message, and it shall contain an outline and features of the budget, setting forth the reasons for any changes.”

Commissioner Runte said the budget message is currently on the website and the salary figures for the Fire Chief have been consistent for 4 months, adding that Commissioner Walters's percentage figures for the Fire Chief salary were incorrect.

Commissioner Walters disagreed and stated that if the Budget Message is currently posted – it was not posted until late this afternoon – and that is too late. He asked the Town Clerk when it was posted but she could not recall in the moment.

Commissioner Quarrie said all budget changes and discussion is outlined in the minutes of the June 9, 2021 workshop. Commissioner Runte added that all residents are welcome and encouraged to attend these workshops.

- Commissioner Walters asked if the Town Manager had budgeted enough for Commission travel because there are public records and sunshine law classes the new Commissioner should take and they are 40 hours each.

Commissioner Quarrie asked the Town Manager to clarify page 23 of the budget.

Town Clerk Torres called a Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Hoover – Aye
Vice Mayor Burton – Aye
Commissioner Walters – Nay
Commissioner Quarrie – Aye
Commissioner Runte – Aye

Resolution 2021-09 carried by a vote of 4-1.

Mayor Hoover noted that on October 20-21 the Marine Resource Council is hosting a low impact development conference and they invited him to do a case study presentation on the Orange Street project. He encouraged everyone to attend.

Commissioner Walters asked if golf carts could get a parking sticker or if insurance was required. Town Manager Mascaro said insurance was required.

VIII. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.



Wyatt Hoover, Mayor

ATTEST:

 5/18/22

Amber Brown, Interim Town Clerk

Minutes were approved but not signed.