

# **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:**

  
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Wyatt Hoover, Mayor

  
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Jennifer Torres, Town Clerk