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Minutes - Draft

Thursday, July 25, 2024

1:00 PM

Special Meeting at 1:00 PM

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City Commission

Mayor Thomas F. Carney, Jr.

Vice Mayor Juli Casale

Deputy Vice Mayor Rob Long

Commissioner Tom Markert

Commissioner Angela Burns

Pursuant to Section 3.12 of the Charter of the City of Delray Beach, Mayor Thomas F. Carney, Jr., has instructed me to announce a Special Meeting of the City Commission to be held for the following purposes:

SP.1. FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE

Sponsors: Finance Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[2024 TaxRoll Preliminary Media](#)

The July 25, 2024, Special Meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. City Clerk, Katerri Johnson, called the roll, and the following were present:

Present: 5 - Mayor Thomas F. Carney, Jr., Vice Mayor Juli Casale, Deputy Vice Mayor Rob Long, Commissioner Angela Burns, and Commissioner Tom Markert

Others present were:
Terrence Moore - City Manager
Lynn Gelin - City Attorney

Mr. Moore delivered a presentation that compared the millage rates for fiscal year 2024 from neighboring municipalities, as provided by the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's office. He compared the proposed millage rate of 6.0611 with a rollback rate of 5.9063 after attaining department considerations.

Sam Metott, Director of Parks and Recreation; Missie Barletto, Director of Public Works; Police Chief Russ Mager; and Assistant Fire Chief Green presented their departments' adjusted budgets.

Mr. Moore stated the majority of the Commission had informed him that maintaining the level of service that the City's residents expected was their top priority.

Mayor Carney opened the floor to public comments on this item.

Montre Bennett, 323 NW 2 Avenue, Delray Beach
Provided his thoughts on the budget.

Stephaine Immelman, CEO of the Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce
Applauded the Commission for their efforts to lower the millage rate.

Christina Morrison, 1000 Lowery Street, Delray Beach
Discussed relieving the tax burden on residents through partnerships.

Debra Walker: 1312 NW 2 Street, Delray Beach
Stated part-time residents should pay a higher millage rate.

Michael Weiner: No address given
Supported the Commission in its efforts to prevent annual millage rate increases.

Seeing no one else present, Mayor Carney closed public comments.

The Commission provided feedback on the presentations. They emphasized the importance of maintaining service levels for residents and visitors and shared their suggestions for revenue-generating ideas for the City. They asked for clarification from the Police and Fire Department on how the lower millage rate would affect their departments.

Police Chief Mager and Assistant Fire Chief Green explained that reducing their budgets would negatively impact the City.

Mayor Carney suggested that once the budget was complete, there may be additional ways to lower the millage rate.

Mayor Carney passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Casale. A motion was made by Mayor Carney to accept the rollback millage rate of 5.9063, seconded by Vice Mayor Casale. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Mayor Carney, Vice Mayor Casale, Commissioner Markert

No: 2 - Deputy Vice Mayor Long, Commissioner Burns

approved

Mr. Moore requested a consensus to schedule an additional workshop session on August 13, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. There was a consensus to schedule the meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Carney adjourned the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

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