

DATE: Aug. 15, 2019

TO: Mayor Petrolia, City Commissioners, Interim City Manager

FROM: Laura Simon, Executive Director, Delray Beach DDA

CC: Downtown Development Authority Chairman and Board of Directors,

Interim Finance Director

RE: FY19/20 LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAX OF THE DDA DISTRICT

## **Background:**

As per the State Statute House Bill 299, the DDA board is required to set the millage rate for the DDA district annually. Section 8. LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAX.—For the fiscal year of the Authority an ad valorem tax is levied annually for the purpose of financing the operation of the Authority on all property in the Downtown area that is subject to ad valorem taxation. The rate shall be one mill on each dollar of tax base by written notice to the County tax collector at such time as he or she shall specify, may set a rate of less than one mill for the ensuing fiscal year

It is required by vote to assess the millage levy. The highest rate is one mil as stated in the statute. Palm Beach County Tax Appraisers office has provided the 2019/20 Estimated Taxable Value which is listed below:

Total Taxable Value of the DDA District: \$1,158, 537,691 Estimate of Net New Construction: \$15,955,011

This equates to the following: \$1,100,611 for the FY19/20 budget amount which is an addition of \$61,064 of revenue. The DDA Board has finalized the FY19/20 Goals and Priorities and with the millage rate set will outline the budget details for review at the August meeting. Final approval will be on September 9, 2019.

## Background:

The DDA has provided to the City Commission for their review the following items:

- FY19/20 Detailed Budget Worksheet
- FY19/20 Budget Memo with approved priorities

The DDA will provide a presentation on the approved budget and final plans for the FY19/20 year to the Mayor and City Commission on September 5, 2019 during the Public Hearing.

## **Recommendation:**

The DDA is recommending approval from the City Commission on the FY19/20 proposed millage rate of 1.0000. Final approval will be made under Public Hearing on September 17, 2019.