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City of West Palm Beach
Special City Commission
Pass/ Fail Agenda
Tuesday, September 8, 2026
5:01 PM

In accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons in need of a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall, within three days prior to any proceeding, contact the City Clerk's Office, 401 Clematis Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, (561) 822-1210.

1. CALL TO ORDER- 5:01 P.M.

2. CIVILITY AND DECORUM

The City of West Palm Beach is committed to civility and decorum by its officials, employees and members of the public who attend this meeting. The City Code, Secs. 2-31(8), 2-31(18) and 2-31(22), provides in pertinent part:

- Officials shall be recognized by the Chair and shall not interrupt a speaker.
- Public comment shall be addressed to the City Commission as a whole and not to any individual on the dais or in the audience.
- Displays of anger, rudeness, ridicule, impatience, lack of respect and personal attacks are strictly prohibited.
- Unauthorized remarks from the audience, stamping of feet, whistles, yells and similar demonstrations shall not be permitted.
- Offenders may be removed from the meeting.
- Any person desiring to address the Commission **shall** file a written request with the city clerk prior to consideration of the matter by the Commission or prior to the public comment portion of a meeting. The person wishing to speak **shall** complete a comment card for each agenda item the person wishes to address, which **shall** include the person's full name, address, and the numbered agenda item. The person will not be recognized if the comment card is not completed.

3. PUBLIC HEARING- APPROVED.

3.1. Public Hearing of Resolution No. 210-26(F) adopting the tentative FY 2026/2027 operating and debt service millage rates; and

Resolution No. 211-26(F) adopting the tentative FY 2026/2027 operating budget.

Originating Department:
Finance

Ordinance/Resolution:
RESOLUTION NO. 210-26(F): A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA ADOPTING TENTATIVE AD VALOREM MILLAGE RATES OF 8.0803 MILLS FOR GENERAL OPERATING PURPOSES, WHICH IS 5.05 PERCENT MORE THAN THE CALCULATED "ROLLED-BACK RATE" OF 7.6915 AND 0.0533 MILLS FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT SERVICE FOR A TOTAL OF 8.1336 MILLS, WHICH ARE THE RATES NECESSARY TO FUND A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE 2026/2027 FISCAL YEAR.

RESOLUTION NO. 211-26(F): A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA ADOPTING TENTATIVE ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2026, AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2027, APPROPRIATING THE USE OF FUNDS SHOWN THEREIN AS MAY BE NEEDED OR DEEMED NECESSARY TO DEFRAY ALL EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY FOR SUCH FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Staff Recommended Motion:
(Resolution No. 210-26(F) setting the tentative millage rate must be considered first, and Resolution No. 211-26(F) adopting a tentative budget will be considered after the millage rate resolution. The Resolutions must be considered separately.)

Approve Resolution No. 210-26(F) adopting a tentative ad valorem millage rate of 8.0803 mills for general operating purposes, which is 5.05 percent more than the calculated rolled-back rate of 7.6915, and a millage rate of 0.0533 mills for general obligation debt service, for a total millage rate of 8.1336 mills; and

Approve Resolution No. 211-26(F) adopting a tentative budget for fiscal year 2026/2027.

Background Information:
Section 200.065, Florida Statutes, requires among other things, that the City Commission of the City of West Palm Beach, Florida adopt tentative millage rates necessary to fund the tentative budget, after notice and public hearing, prior to adopting a final budget of final millage rates.

Resolution No. 210-26(F) adopts the FY 2026/27 tentative ad valorem rates of 8.0803 mills for operating purposes and 0.0533 mills for debt service on voter-approved general obligation debt for an aggregate millage of 8.1336. The tentative operating millage rate of 8.0803 mills is 5.05% above the calculated rolled back rate of 7.6915.

Resolution No. 211-26(F) adopts the tentative estimates of revenue and expenditures for FY 2026/2027. The total Citywide budget for all funds (excluding CRA and ECR) is $949,433,520. However, the operating millage mentioned previously relates only to the General Fund budget, which totals $302,725,831. The budget is balanced on the tentative millage rates discussed above.

Public Hearings: Section 200.065 Florida Statutes requires that a taxing authority hold two (2) Public Hearings to adopt the annual budget.

At this first Public Hearing, the City Commission will first hear public comment on the proposed millage rates and budget for FY 2026/2027. After hearing the public comment, the Commission may discuss the FY 2026/2027 budget and make changes. The Commission will then adopt the tentative millage rates through Resolution No. 210-26(F) and then adopt the tentative budget for FY 2026/2027 through Resolution No. 211-26(F).

A second Public Hearing to adopt the final millage rates and final budget for FY 2026/2027 is scheduled for September 23, 2026, at 5:01 PM and will be noticed in the newspaper.

Fiscal Note:
These items set the tentative budget and millage rate.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Public comments are limited to 3 (three) minutes. Anyone wishing to address the Commission should complete a "Comments by the Public" card and present it to the City Clerk prior to the Public Comments. When you are called to speak, please go to the podium and state your name and address for the record prior to addressing Commission. The Commission will not discuss the matter nor respond to the comment this evening. Comments made will become part of the record and may be addressed at a later date.

5. ADJOURNMENT- 5:34 P.M.

*Pursuant to Resolution No. 179-95, adopted according to the provisions of Section 286.0115, Florida Statutes, members of the Commission shall disclose on the record: 1) ex-parte communications - verbal or written; 2.) written communications shall be placed in the record; and 3) site visits, investigations, etc. shall be disclosed.

NOTICE: If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Commission at this meeting, that person will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purposes, may need to ensure that a verbatim records of the proceedings be made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based. The City of West Palm Beach does not prepare or provide such record.