

**GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE FIRST PUBLIC TRIM COMPLIANCE HEARING
ON PROPOSED 2024-2025 TAXES AND BUDGET**

September 3, 2024

The MEETING took place at the Swim & Racquet Center and was live-streamed for viewing & listening through Zoom. The meeting was called to order by CHAIR Erin Wright at 6:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Craig F. Ehrnst
Steven M. Engel
Robert K. Rollins, Jr.
Susan Vogelgesang
Erin Wright

PRESENTATION:

Executive Director Harms presented the District's proposed Millage Rate of 1.08 mills and proposed budget for the year ending September 30, 2025. The proposed operating budget expenditures for the Greater Boca Raton Beach & Park District are 5.6% less than last year's total operating expenditures.

Ms. Harms reviewed each line item in the proposed budget. The total appropriated expenditures and reserves for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 are \$91,875,200.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

Mr. Mark Levy inquired if and when the residents can use the Don Estridge Middle School field and track facilities.

Ms. Evie Scott raised concerns about the lack of education on the homestead exemption for first-time homebuyers.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-05 TO ADOPT A TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025:

Mr. Samuel Goren, District Counsel, read Resolution No. 2024-05 into the record. The Fiscal Year 2024-2025 tentative operating millage rate is 1.08 mills, which is greater than the rolled-back rate of 1.0083 mills by 7.11%. There is no voted debt service millage.

Mr. Goren noted that the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District conducted a public hearing this evening, as required by Florida Section 200.065, to adopt the tentative millage rate for the fiscal year 2024-2025. The hearing was properly advertised and allowed the public an opportunity to provide input. The gross taxable value for operating purposes, not exempt from taxation within Palm Beach County, has been certified and set forth in the resolution.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to adopt Resolution No. 2024-05, adopting a tentative operating millage rate of 1.08 mills for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, which is greater than the rolled-back rate of 1.0083 mills by 7.11%.

Discussion: Commissioner Ehrnst proposed lowering the millage rate from 1.08 to 1.07, citing rising property values and inflation. He reasoned that the \$500,000 revenue loss would be offset by higher-than-expected interest earnings and would not significantly affect the District's finances.

Commissioner Ehrnst made a substitute motion to reduce the millage rate to 1.07mills. The motion did not receive a second and therefore died due to lack of support.

The rest of the Board supported keeping the rate at 1.08, emphasizing the importance of funding upcoming projects, rising recreational demands, and uncertainty in future property values and revenues.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ehrnst	No
Commissioner Engel	Yes
Commissioner Rollins	Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang	Yes
Commissioner Wright	Yes

MOTION PASSES 4-1

(Time Adopted: 6:27 p.m.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-06 TO ADOPT A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

Mr. Samuel Goren, District Counsel, read Resolution No. 2024-06 to adopt a Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 into the record. The Greater Boca Raton Beach & Park District set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in the amount of \$91,875,200.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to adopt Resolution No. 2024-06 adopting a Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in the amount of \$91,875,200.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ehrnst	Yes
Commissioner Engel	Yes
Commissioner Rollins	Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang	Yes
Commissioner Wright	Yes

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

(Time Adopted: 6: 28 p.m.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-07 ESTABLISHING A DATE, TIME, AND PLACE FOR A FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON TAXES AND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025:

Mr. Samuel Goren, District Counsel, read Resolution No. 2024-07 into the record establishing a date, time, and place for a Final Public Hearing on Taxes and Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 which will be publicly advertised in accordance with State Statute.

The Final Public TRIM Compliance Hearing on Taxes and Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 will be held on:

September 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
at the
Swim & Racquet Center
21618 St. Andrews Boulevard
Boca Raton, FL 33433

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to adopt Resolution No. 2024-07 establishing the Final Public Hearing date of September 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Swim & Racquet Center.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ehrnst Yes
Commissioner Engel Yes
Commissioner Rollins Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang Yes
Commissioner Wright Yes

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ehrnst Yes
Commissioner Engel Yes
Commissioner Rollins Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang Yes
Commissioner Wright Yes

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED



Erin Wright Chair



Craig F. Ehrnst Secretary-Treasurer