

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF HILLSBORO BEACH  
FY26 TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE & BUDGET HEARING**

**WEDNESDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 3, 2025**

**5:01 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Dawn Miller called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. Roll was called with the Commission members and staff present as listed below.

**Town Commission:**

Mayor Dawn Miller

Commissioner Heather Berman

Commissioner Jane Reiser

Commissioner Vinnie Andreano

Vice Mayor David A. Ravanese

**Town Staff:**

Town Manager William "Mac" Serda, ICMA-CM

Donald J. Doody, Town Attorney, Esq.

Town Clerk Sherry D. Henderson, CMC

Police Chief Rob O'Neil

**I. PUBLIC HEARING**

- A. Resolution No. 2025-28** Consideration to Approve and Adopt the Tentative Millage Rate for General Operations for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF HILLSBORO BEACH ADOPTING A TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE OF 3.50 FOR GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET PURPOSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AND SETTING FORTH THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING TO FORMALLY ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 MILLAGE RATE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Stephen Bloom, Finance Director, provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) budget process and gave a brief *PowerPoint* presentation outlining the proposed FY26 Millage Rate. He stated the total FY26 budget as proposed was unchanged since the budget discussed at the July 31<sup>st</sup> Special Commission Meeting. He reviewed high level assumptions, including:

- The tentative millage rate is **3.50 mills**, which is **5.13%** higher than the rollback rate of **3.3291**.
- The FY 2026 Budget was developed using FY 2025 service levels as a baseline.
- **General Fund** budget increased by **\$1,970,730**; **Water Fund** operations budget increased by **\$201,220**.
- A **2.2% water rate adjustment** is included to support operations, debt service, and capital projects.
- **Use of reserves:** \$1,815,041 (General Fund) for Beach Loan payments; \$255,000 (General Fund) for capital projects; \$177,525 (Water Fund) for capital projects.
- **Debt service:** A **\$1,275,000 loan** will be required for the water storage reservoir project.
- **Compensation & benefits:** Net increase of **\$421,128**, including COLA, step increases, and higher insurance/retirement contributions.
- **Capital projects** include:
  - \$2,000,000 Underground Utility Project
  - \$190,000 FDEP Vulnerability Study
  - \$80,000 Police Vehicle
  - \$20,000 Commission Chamber Modifications
  - \$285,000 Beach Management Expenses
  - \$2,175,000 Water Storage Reservoir
  - \$30,000 Perimeter Fence Rehabilitation
  - \$40,000 Maintenance Building Roof
  - \$100,000 Truck Purchase
  - \$65,000 Repairs & Maintenance Projects

Mayor Miller opened a public hearing on the item.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Miller closed the public hearing.

**Motion** made by Vice Mayor Ravanese, seconded by Commissioner Andreano, to adopt a Tentative Millage Rate of 3.50. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously. (5-0)

Mr. Doody read the Resolution by title only. He stated the rate of 3.50 was 5.13 percent higher than the roll back rate of 3.3291 mils.

**Motion** made by Vice Mayor Ravanese, seconded by Commissioner Reiser, to adopt Resolution 2025-28. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously. (5-0)

Town Attorney Doddy announced September 15, 2025, at 5:01 p.m. as the time and date of the public hearing to set the final Millage Rate.

**B. Resolution No. 2025-29** Consideration to Approve and Adopt the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF HILLSBORO BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; DETERMINING AND FIXING THE AMOUNTS NECESSARY TO CARRY ON THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TOWN FOR THE ENSUING YEAR; DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF APPLICABLE FUNDS ON HAND; ESTIMATING RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR ALL FUNDS, EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Miller opened a public hearing on the item, however there being none to speak, she closed the public hearing.

Mr. Doody read the Resolution by title only.

**Motion** made by Vice Mayor Ravanese, seconded by Commissioner Reiser, to adopt Resolution 2025-29. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously. (5-0)

## **II. ANNOUNCE FINAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

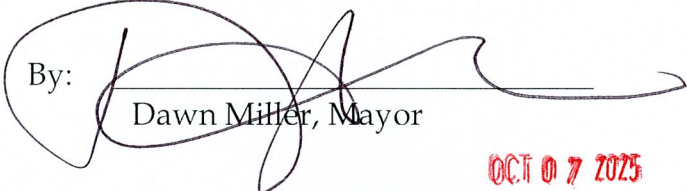
Mr. Serda highlighted the progress represented in the budget toward providing solutions for the Town. He thanked staff for their tremendous work and the Commission for their leadership. The Mayor and Commissioners recognized Mr. Serda and his team for their efforts.

Mayor Miller announced that the second and final budget public hearing was scheduled for Monday, September 15, 2025, at 5:01 p.m.

**III. ADJOURNMENT**


**Motion** made by Commissioner Andreano, seconded by Commissioner Berman, to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 p.m. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously. (5-0)

ADOPTED THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF October, 2025

By:   
Dawn Miller, Mayor

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ATTEST:

  
Sherry D. Henderson, CMC Town Clerk  
10/7/2025

