



MINUTES
TOWN OF HILLSBORO BEACH
BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
ADOPTING THE FINAL MILLAGE RATE &
FINAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026

MONDAY

SEPTEMBER 15, 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

Vice Mayor David A. Ravanese

Commissioner Vinnie Andreano

Commissioner Heather Berman

Commissioner Jane Reiser

Town Staff:

Town Manager William "Mac" Serda, ICMA-CM

Donald J. Doody, Town Attorney, Esq.

Town Clerk Sherry D. Henderson, CMC

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

I. ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2026 FINAL MILLAGE RATE

Motion made by Vice Mayor Ravanese, seconded by Commissioner Andreano, to adopt the tentative millage rate of 3.5. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously (5-0).

A. Resolution No. 2025-37 Consideration to Approve and Adopt the Final Millage for General Operations for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF HILLSBORO BEACH ADOPTING A FINAL MILLAGE RATE OF 3.5 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.

Finance Director Stephen Bloom gave a presentation on the Town's proposed millage rate and budget for fiscal year (FY) 2025-2026. There have been no changes to the millage rate, which remains 3.50 mills. This is 5.13% higher than the rolled back rate of 3.3291 mills.

The Town's total taxable value is just over \$2 billion, which is 6.22% higher than FY 2024-2025. Most of this increase comes from growth in market value.

There have been no changes to the proposed budget since the first public budget hearing. All funding comes to just over \$20.3 million. There is a 4.5% increase in revenue over the previous year. Proposed spending is \$20.3 million, with costs covered from the Town's General Fund. Debt service will cover the bridge loan for the previous beach project.

The Town has almost \$2.8 million in capital projects from both the General Fund and the Water Fund. The Water Fund includes just under \$1.2 million in terms of spending, which is a 2% increase. This is the same percentage by which the Town will increase its water rates. The Town plans \$2.4 million in water projects.

Mr. Bloom reviewed non-operating capital projects, which include:

- Underground utility project, which is funded through a contribution received in FY 2024-2025
- Vulnerability assessment, which is fully paid through grant funds
- One Police vehicle
- Town Hall Chamber modifications

The primary expense from the Water Fund is the storage tank, which is just under \$2.2 million. A loan will be required for this expense, as well as grant funding. Some funds for repair and renewal are also included in the Water Fund.

At this time Mayor Miller opened the public hearing, which she closed upon receiving no input.

Mayor Miller recognized the efforts of Town Staff in preparing the FY 2025-2026 budget.

Town Manager Mac Serda advised that the Town is audited annually and consistently receives a clean audit opinion. The Police Department will also undergo accreditation in FY 2025-2026, which will be the fifth such process over 10 years. The Department expects to achieve Excelsior accreditation status, which is the highest level a Police Department may achieve. Mr. Serda emphasized that this is not a required process.

Mr. Serda continued that the Water Department is also audited every two years, typically with clean opinions. He emphasized that all Town operations undergo mandatory or voluntary outside reviews to ensure actions are done properly. The results of these procedures will be presented at future Town Commission meetings.

Mayor Miller noted that the beach nourishment project was completed in FY 2024-2025, which is a major accomplishment. The Town also received state funding for water projects and the pending vulnerability assessment. Portions of Chapter 12 of the Town's Land Development Code have been updated, and several Town programs remain in place. She concluded that the Town is in good shape going into the next fiscal year.

Town Attorney Donald J. Doody read the Resolution by title only.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Ravanese, seconded by Commissioner Andreano, to approve. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously (5-0).

II. ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2026 FINAL BUDGET

A. Resolution No. 2025-38 Consideration to Approve and Adopt the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF HILLSBORO BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A FINAL 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; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Attorney Doody read the Resolution by title only.

At this time Mayor Miller opened the public hearing, which she closed upon receiving no input.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Ravanese, seconded by Commissioner Andreano, to approve. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously (5-0).

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time Mayor Miller opened the public hearing, which she closed upon receiving no

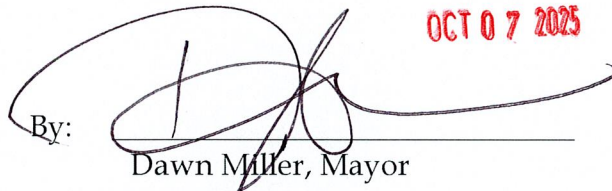
input.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

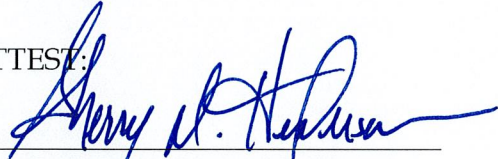
Motion made by Commissioner Reiser, seconded by Commissioner Berman, to adjourn. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously (5-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF October, 2025.

By: 
Dawn Miller, Mayor

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ATTEST:

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

