



AGENDA
FERNANDINA BEACH CITY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 25, 2017
5:00 PM
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS
204 ASH STREET
FERNANDINA BEACH, FL 32034

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. RESOLUTION**
 - 4.1. TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR FY 2017/2018 – RESOLUTION 2017-114 SETTING A TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018; SETTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR VOTER APPROVED DEBT SERVICE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Synopsis: Establishes the Tentative Operating and Voter Approved Debt Millage Rates for FY 2017/2018.***
- 5. DETERMINE UPCOMING BUDGET WORKSHOP DATES**
- 6. ADJOURNMENT**

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CITY COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

City of Fernandina Beach



SUBJECT: Resolution 2017-114
Establishment of Tentative Operating and Voter Approved Debt Millage Rates for FY
2017/2018

ITEM TYPE: Resolution

REQUESTED ACTION: Adopt Resolution 2017-114

SYNOPSIS: An early step in the annual budget adoption process is to set a millage rate, referred to as the tentative or proposed rate. This rate cannot be increased, but may be decreased at the first and/or final budget public hearings. The City Commission must adopt the proposed millage rate and schedule public hearings prior to adoption of the final millage rate and budget.

Staff is preparing a draft budget with a millage rate which maintains public service levels. Last year's operating millage rate was set at 6.0682 mills, and the debt service for the \$6M General Obligation Bond was set at .2362 for a combined millage rate of 6.3044. Last year's budgeted millage rate was expected to yield \$10,937,700. To levy the same amount this year, the operating millage rate would be set at 5.4951 mills, or the "roll-back" rate. The voter-approved debt service amount is approximately \$423,807, which will require 0.2097 mills. This represents a combined "roll-back" rate of 5.7048 mills. Staff recommends adopting a tentative operating millage rate of 6.0000. Combining an operating millage rate of 6.0000 with the voter-approved millage rate of 0.2097 yields a total millage of 6.2097 and would generate \$12,045,200 in property tax revenue (assuming receipt of 96% of the levied amount). The City's Fund Balance Policy (per Resolution 2012-128) establishes 20% as the minimum for the General Fund's unrestricted, uncommitted, or unassigned balance. Another portion of the General Fund Reserve is restricted per Florida Statutes 553.8(7), and may only be used for expenditures related to the Building and Permitting functions. The anticipated unrestricted, uncommitted, or unassigned reserve for fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, is budgeted to be 20.1%. The total reserve, including the restricted portion, is anticipated to be 24.3%.

FISCAL IMPACT: Necessary for preparation of the FY 2017/2018 Budget.

CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS: No additional comments.

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION(S): I recommend that the City Commission adopt proposed Resolution 2017-114.

Katie Newton, Legal Assistant

Date: 07/20/2017

Date: June 13, 2017

Submitted By: Nicole Bednar, Administrative Services Manager

COMMISSION ACTION: Adopt

RESOLUTION 2017-114

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH, NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, SETTING A TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018; SETTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR VOTER APPROVED DEBT SERVICE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Fernandina Beach, Nassau County, Florida, is required by statute to set a tentative millage rate for the upcoming fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within the City of Fernandina Beach, Nassau County has been certified by the County Property Appraiser to the City of Fernandina Beach as \$2,202,560,248; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Fernandina Beach, Nassau County, Florida, finds that it is in the best interest of the City to set a millage rate that will produce sufficient revenues to support operations that will continue the current level of service; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Fernandina Beach, Nassau County, Florida, finds that it is in the best interest of the City to set a millage rate that will produce sufficient revenues to provide for the annual debt service payment of voter approved debt.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:

SECTION 1. The tentative operating millage rate for FY 2017/2018 is 6.0000 mills, which is greater than the roll back rate of 5.4951 mills by 9.19%.

SECTION 2. The tentative debt service millage rate for FY 2017/2018 is .2097 mills.

SECTION 3. The tentative combined millage rate is 6.2097 mills.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 25th day of July, 2017.

ATTEST:

CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH

Caroline Best
City Clerk

Robin C. Lentz
Commissioner-Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'TEB', is positioned above a horizontal line.

Tammi E. Bach
City Attorney