

**TOWN OF BAY HARBOR ISLANDS
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING**

A Regular Meeting of the Town Council was held on Monday July 31, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Upon roll call the following members responded:

Mayor Stephanie Bruder	Vice Mayor Joshua Fuller
Council Member Jordan Leonard	Council Member Kelly Reid
Council Member Elizabeth Tricoche	Council Member Robert Yaffe

Item 1. Brief overview of the proposed budget by Town Manager J.C. Jimenez.

Town Manager Jimenez proposed 3.6245 millage rate for this budget year, which was lower than the current fiscal year. He provided the council a detailed analysis of the impact and added services that included the property values; Town revenue; increase to the water rates and the department goals. The following are a few of events and project schedule for this fiscal year:

- Concert Series will commence in November 2019.
- Addition of one (1) Police Officer.
- The DARE program will be re-implemented at the school to address ongoing issues.
- Replace the lights on the East Island.
- Town Hall renovations and update
- Replace the Parking Enforcement vehicle.
- Service fees for the Town Shuttle bus will increase.
- Will add one more crossing guard.
- \$30,000 savings in payroll due to retirements.
- Causeway Fund current value was at \$8,900,000.
- Stormwater Fund was hitting low and was exploring an impact fee.

2. Discussion and review the proposed budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Frances Neuhut, 1060 Kane Concourse, came forward and urged the Town Council to look into the professional services; staff salaries; landscaping fees; ADA compliance; sea wall; parking impact and parking trust fund current value.

Kathleen Kennedy, 9180 W. Bay Harbor Drive, came forward and asked why was there a 25% increase for legal services? Town Manager Jimenez stated that this included fees for Gary Resnick and the Labor Attorney.

CLOSED PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Bruder and Vice Mayor Fuller would like to add an electric vehicle to the Town Fleet in the near future and requested the proposed amount for the cuing system be remove from the budget.

Council Member Yaffe suggested the staff provide quarterly reports of the budget. Council Member Tricoche suggested staff prepare a report that provides a comparison of budgeted versus actual.

Council Member Tricoche suggested to increase the budgeted amount for the mental health counselor so services can be provided for a total of 3 days per week at the school.

Consensus was for Council Member Leonard to reach out to the school Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and for the Town Manager to contact the City of Miami Beach Chamber Education Foundation to coordinate the possibility of the additional days of mental counseling.

Vice Mayor Fuller made the following points:

- Page 12 of the proposed budget, the software upgrade should be 2019.
- Page 18, Town Hall renovations of \$100,000 seemed to much.
- Was opposed to the Council Chamber configurations that estimated \$8,700.

Town Clerk Siegel explained that the room needed to be brought ADA compliant, the center isles were too narrow, and the proposed configurations could make room for more functional space.

Council Member Yaffe suggested utilizing TDR funds or impact fees to renovate Town Hall.

Item 3. Discussion regarding the tentative millage to be advertised via the Notice of Proposed Taxes to be mailed by Miami-Dade County.

ACTION: Council Member Leonard made a motion to adopt a 3.6245 millage rate. Council Member Tricoche seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Item 4. Discussion regarding additional workshops (if necessary) and the dates and times for the Budget Hearings and Special Council meetings to adopt the millage and budget. It is suggested that the first budget hearing be held at 7:00 PM on September 9th, immediately preceding the regular Council Meeting. The second hearing could be scheduled after 5:00 PM on any of the following dates: September 16, 17, or 18.

Consensus was to schedule the first Budget Public Hearing for September 9th, 2019 and the Second Budget Public Hearing for September 17th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST

TOWN CLERK

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