

STAFF REPORT REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: June 17, 2025

DEPARTMENT: Financial Services

TITLE:

Resolution No. 28-2025 – establishing the Proposed Millage Rate for fiscal year 2025-2026

SUMMARY:

Resolution No. 28-2025 will establish the proposed Millage Rate of 5.4945 and schedule the first public hearing for September 11, 2025 for the tentative Millage Rate and tentative Budget and the second public hearing for September 25, 2025 for the final Millage Rate and Budget

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

Pursuant to §200.065(2)(b), Florida Statutes, the City must advise the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser of the proposed Operating Millage Rate, as well as the date of the City's first public hearing on the tentative Operating Millage Rate and budget (which is scheduled for September 11, 2025). The proposed Operating Millage Rate approved by this Resolution establishes the maximum millage rate the City may consider and approve during the public hearings in September. The proposed Operating Millage Rate may be lowered by the Commission at the hearings, but it cannot be raised without additional notice being provided to each taxpayer at a cost of approximately \$20,000 for postage.

Based on information from the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office, the FY 2025 Operating Roll Back Millage is 5.1183. This Operating Roll-Back Millage is the millage rate that will generate the same property tax revenue that was generated in FY 2025.

With the inclusion of the County Fire MSTU millage 3.4581, the maximum available Operating Millage cannot exceed 8.9526 mills. This year continues a trend with an increase in the taxable value of real and personal property of approximately 7.4%. This rate will result in an increase in the actual tax revenues collected.

The budget and property tax rate adoption process is governed by the State Statute known as Truth In Millage (TRIM). In Florida, properties are assessed by the County Property Appraiser and property taxes are collected by the county Tax Collector. All property is assessed at 100% of real value, which is approximately 85% of market value. The State Constitution restricts the annual increase in taxable value of homestead property to 3% or the increase in the CPI, whichever is less.

The City is required to hold two (2) public hearings for adoption of a property tax rate and budget. The first public hearing is advertised by the Property Appraiser mailing to each property owner on a TRIM notice. In addition to notification of this first public hearing, the TRIM notice contains the following information:

- The new and prior year's assessed value;
- The tax bill if the current property tax rate is changed for the new fiscal year;
- The tax bill if the roll-back rate is levied for the new fiscal year; and
- The property tax bill if the proposed budget is adopted.

MOTION:

Motion to approve/disapprove Resolution No. 28-2025 and schedule the first public hearing date for the annual operating budget on September 11, 2025, at 5:01 PM at Lake Worth Beach City Hall and the second public hearing for September 25, 2025, at 5:01 PM.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Fiscal Impact Analysis – N/A
Resolution No. 28-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 28-2025 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A PROPOSED OPERATING MILLAGE RATE OF 5.4945 MILLS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026; ESTABLISHING A DATE AND TIME FOR THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON THE TENTATIVE BUDGET AND TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE AND FOR THE SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FINAL BUDGET AND FINAL MILLAGE RATE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED FORMS TO THE PALM BEACH COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, pursuant to §200.065, Florida Statutes, the City Commission is required to advise the County Property Appraiser of its proposed millage rate, its rolled-back millage rate, and the date, time and place at which the public hearings will be held to consider the tentative millage rate and the City's tentative budget and the final millage rate and the City's final budget; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission has determined that based upon its review of all relevant information that the proposed millage rate, rolled-back millage rate, and date and time for the public hearings set forth in this Resolution are in accordance with the requirements of section 200.065, Florida Statutes, and serve a valid public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA that:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated into this Resolution as true and correct findings of the City.

SECTION 2. The City Commission hereby adopts a proposed operating millage rate of 5.4945 for General Operating Budget purposes for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, which is the same millage rate as last fiscal year.

SECTION 3. Based upon information provided by the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office, the City has calculated the FY 2025-2026 Operating Rolled- Back Millage Rate as 5.1183. This Operating Rolled-Back Millage rate is the millage rate that will generate the same property tax revenue that was generated in FY 2024-2025.

SECTION 4. The City Commission hereby establishes September 11, 2025, at 5:01 p.m. as the date and time of the first public hearing on the tentative budget and tentative millage rate. The City Commission hereby establishes September 25, 2025, at 5:01 p.m. as the date and time of the second public hearing on the final budget and final millage rate. The public hearings shall be held at City Hall, 7 North Dixie Highway, Lake Worth Beach, Florida 33460. In the event of an emergency (or as a means of providing additional access), the public hearings may be conducted via technological means. The City will provide additional information on how the hearings will be conducted on its website.

SECTION 5. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to submit forms DR-420 (Certification of Taxable Value), DR-420TIF (Tax Increment Adjustment Worksheet) and DR-420 MM-P (Municipality Maximum Millage Levy Calculation) to the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office.

SECTION 6. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

The passage of this Resolution was moved by Commissioner _____, seconded by Commissioner _____, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Betty Resch
Vice Mayor Sarah Malega
Commissioner Christopher McVoy
Commissioner Mimi May
Commissioner Anthony Segrich

The Mayor thereupon declared this Resolution duly passed and adopted on the 17th day of June, 2025.

LAKE WORTH BEACH CITY COMMISSION

By: _____
Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk