



ISLAMORADA VILLAGE COUNCIL

**Special Call Village Council Meeting
Final Public Budget Hearing
Fiscal Year 2011-2012**

**Islamorada Founders Park Community Center
87000 Overseas Highway
Islamorada Community Center
Islamorada, Florida 33036**

**Wednesday, September 14, 2011
At 5:30 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Reckwerdt called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and asked Village Clerk Debra Eastman to call the roll. The following Council members were present on roll call: Councilman Don Achenberg, Councilman Ted Blackburn, Councilman Dave Purdo, Vice Mayor Ken Philipson and Mayor Michael Reckwerdt.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Reckwerdt asked Director of Wastewater Utility Greg Tindle to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Reckwerdt invited public comment.

Ron Levy spoke about the Village increasing revenue and announced the tenth anniversary celebration of the pool in Founder's Park to be held on September 24, 2011.

Larry Barr urged the Village Council not to raise taxes.

Stan Margulies spoke in opposition to a tax raise.

Stephen Kurutz asked to go on record as opposed to the Village Council raising taxes.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING – RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution on the Final Millage Rate

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA; ADOPTING THE FINAL MILLAGE RATE OF THE VILLAGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, PURSUANT TO SECTION 200.065,

FLORIDA STATUTES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

B. Resolution on the Final Budget

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF THE FINAL BUDGET OF THE VILLAGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2011, AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2012; AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS ESTABLISHED BY THE BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR BUDGETARY CONTROL; PROVIDING FOR PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING FOR GIFTS AND GRANTS; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR ENCUMBRANCES; PROVIDING FOR ISSUANCE OF CHECKS; PROVIDING FOR POST AUDIT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Village Attorney James White explained the procedure necessary for the adoption of a final millage and final budget. He read the titles of the resolutions.

Finance Director Maria Aguilar explained the changes to the exhibit in Tab 2 and announced that the budget represents 2.5639 mills.

After discussion on whether to go forward with a further budget reduction, Mayor Reckwerdt called for public comment.

Larry Barr requested that the Council look into property rental revenue.

Stan Margulies spoke about wastewater assessments in addition to taxes levied and asked the Council to be aware of other sources of revenue.

Mayor Reckwerdt made a motion not to add \$33,283 to the fund balance and to reduce the fund balance by \$66,649. The motion received a second from Councilman Blackburn. Finance Director Maria Aguilar explained that with the budget amendment the Council will be adopting a mill rate of 2.5217 which is equal to the roll back rate for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

Village Clerk Debra Eastman called the roll and the motion carried 4-1 with Councilman Achenberg voting in opposition.

Mayor Reckwerdt made a motion to adopt the final budget as amended. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Philipson. Village Clerk Debra Eastman called the roll and the motion carried 5-0.

V. MAYOR / COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

None


VI. VILLAGE ATTORNEY / VILLAGE MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Philipson made a motion to adjourn. The motion received a second from Councilman Blackburn. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Approved by the Village Council on September 22, 2011.


Debra E. Eastman, MMC
Village Clerk