



**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**First Public Budget Hearing**  
**Town of Indian River Shores**  
**Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 5:01 p.m.**  
6001 HIGHWAY A1A, INDIAN RIVER SHORES, FL 32963

The first Public Budget Hearing for the 2024/2025 fiscal year was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, in Council Chambers, 6001 Highway A1A, Indian River Shores. Those present were Brian Foley, Mayor; Robert Auwaerter, Councilmember; Mary Alice Smith, Councilmember and James Altieri, Councilmember. Also present were James Harpring, Town Manager, Heather Christmas, Deputy Town Manager/Town Treasurer, Peter Sweeney, Town Attorney and Janice C. Rutan, Town Clerk.

**1. Call to Order**

- a. Invocation
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call

Mayor Foley offered the Invocation and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Town Clerk called the roll. All members were present except Vice Mayor Carroll.

Mayor Foley read the following into the record:

**2. Discussion of Tentative Millage Rate and Budget**

- a. The Town of Indian River Shores tentatively proposes an aggregate millage rate of 1.3349 per \$1,000 for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025.
- b. The tentative millage rate of 1.3349 is necessary to fund the expenses included in the budget and is **10.29% higher** than the rolled-back rate of **1.2104**
- c. The 2024-2025 tentative General Fund budget is \$10,838,870 which is 22.53% higher than last year.
- d. The other funds in the 2024-2025 budget are tentatively set as follows:
  - 1) Roads and Offsite Drainage Fund of \$120,076; and
  - 2) Planning, Zoning and Building Fund \$1,044,500.

**3. Receipt of Public Comment**

Mayor Foley opened the Public Hearing to Public Comment. There being none, the Public hearing was closed to Public Comment.

**4. Adoption**

- a. Proposed Resolution 24-12 for Adoption of the Tentative Millage Rate:

Attorney Sweeney read the Title.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN RIVER SHORES, FLORIDA,  
ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES OF 1.3349 MILS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025; PROVIDING FOR FUNDING OPERATING  
EXPENSES DURING FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025; AND PROVIDING FOR AN  
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Councilmember Auwaerter made a motion to approve Resolution 24-12. Councilmember Altieri seconded the motion. The Town Clerk called the roll. All members present voted in the affirmative. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Proposed Resolution 24-13 for the Adoption of the Tentative Budget:

Attorney Sweeney read the Title.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN RIVER SHORES, FLORIDA,  
ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING  
OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; AND PROVIDING  
FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Councilmember Auwaerter made a motion to approve Resolution 24-13. Councilmember Altieri seconded the motion. The Town Clerk called the roll. All members present voted in the affirmative. The motion passed unanimously.

c. First Reading: Ordinance No. 574

Attorney Sweeney read the title.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN RIVER SHORES, FLORIDA, TO  
ADOPT THE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 2025-2029 AS  
PART OF THE TOWN'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
MANDATES SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 163, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING  
FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Councilmember Auwaerter made a motion to approve Ordinance 574 on first reading. Councilmember Altieri seconded the motion. The Town Clerk called the roll. All members present voted in the affirmative. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Town Council, the Public Hearing adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Approved: October 24, 2024

  
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Janice C. Rutan, Town Clerk

