#### **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

# First Public Budget Hearing Town of Indian River Shores Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 5:01 p.m. 6001 Highway A1A, Indian River Shores, FL 32963

The Town Council of the Town of Indian River Shores held its first Public Budget Hearing on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, in Council Chambers, 6001 Highway A1A, Indian River Shores. Those present were Brian Foley, Mayor; Bob Auwaerter, Vice Mayor; James Altieri, Councilmember. Also present were James Harpring, Town Manager; Heather Christmas, Town Treasurer/Deputy Town Manager; 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 called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. Mayor Foley offered the Invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Town Clerk called the roll. All Councilmembers were present except Councilmember Carroll and Councilmember Dane. (Councilmember Dane arrived at 5:03 p.m.)

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

Mayor Foley read the following into the record:

- a. The Town of Indian River Shores tentatively proposes an aggregate millage rate of 1.2810 per \$1,000 for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026.
- b. The tentative millage rate of 1.2810 is necessary to fund the expenses included in the budget and is **4.51% higher** than the rolled-back rate of **1.2257.**
- c. The 2025-2026 tentative General Fund budget is \$10,430,738 which is 3.77% lower than last year.
- d. The other funds in the 2025-2026 budget are tentatively set as follows:
  - 1) Roads and Offsite Drainage Fund is \$114,200;
  - 2) Solid Waste Special Assessment Fund is \$337,329 and
  - 3) Planning, Zoning and Building Fund is \$955,876.

# 3. Receipt of Public Comment

Mayor Foley opened the floor to Public Comment. There was no Public Comment.

#### 4. Adoption

a. Proposed Resolution 25-09 for Adoption of the Tentative Millage Rate:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN RIVER SHORES, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES OF 1.2810 MILS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026; PROVIDING FOR FUNDING OPERATING EXPENSES DURING FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Sweeney read the title into the record. A motion was then made by Vice Mayor Auwaerter and seconded by Councilmember Altieri to adopt Resolution 25-09. The Town Clerk called the roll. All members in attendance voted in the affirmative with the motion passing 4-0.

b. Proposed Resolution 25-10 for the Adoption of the Tentative Budget:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN RIVER SHORES, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2025 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Sweeney read the title into the record. A motion was then made by Vice Mayor Auwaerter and seconded by Councilmember Altieri to adopt Resolution 25-10. The Town Clerk called the roll. All members in attendance voted in the affirmative with the motion passing 4-0.

## 5. Adjournment

With no further matters to come before the Town Council, the First Public Budget Hearing adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Approved: October 23, 2025

Janice C. Rutan, Town Clerk