



# Town of Ponce Inlet

## Special Meeting of the Town Council

### September 12, 2016

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5 **1. CALL TO ORDER:** Pursuant to proper notice, Mayor Smith called the meeting to order  
6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 4300 South Atlantic Avenue, Ponce Inlet, Florida.

7 **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Smith led the attendees in the Pledge of  
8 Allegiance.

9 **3. ROLL CALL:**

10 **Town Council:**

11 Mayor Smith, Seat #1

12 Vice-Mayor Hoss, Seat #3

13 Councilmember Perrone, Seat #4

14 Councilmember Paritsky, Seat #5

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16 Councilmember Milano, Seat #2 was excused absent.

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18 **Staff Members Present:**

19 Chief Fabrizio, Police Chief

20 Mr. Gunter, General Manager of Public Works

21 Ms. Hawkins, IT Technician

22 Ms. Hunt, Administrative Assistant

23 Ms. McColl, Finance Manager

24 Mr. Joulani, Director of Planning and Development Service

25 Chief Scales, Fire Chief

26 Ms. Witt, Town Manager

27 Ms. Zengotita, Parks & Rec/Museum Educator

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29 **4. Additions, Corrections or Deletions to the Agenda.** None.

30 **5. Tentative Millage Rate and Budget for Fiscal Year 2016/2017:**

31 **A. Resolution 2016-11, adopting a tentative millage rate for fiscal year**  
32 **2016/2017.** Ms. Witt read Resolution 2016-11 entirely into the record, as required by law:

33 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PONCE INLET, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
34 ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR THE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM  
35 PROPERTY TAXES FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN  
36 THE TOWN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016 AND ENDING  
37 SEPTEMBER 30, 2017; STATING THE PERCENTAGE BY WHICH THE MILLAGE TO BE  
38 LEVIED IS ABOVE THE ROLLED BACK RATE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY;  
39 PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE  
40 DATE.

41 WHEREAS, Florida law requires the Town Council of the Town of Ponce Inlet, Florida, to pass a  
42 resolution or ordinance establishing the tentative millage rate for levying ad valorem property  
43 taxes for municipal purposes on all taxable property within the Town limits of the Town of Ponce  
44 Inlet, Florida, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016, and ending September 30, 2017;  
45 and

46 WHEREAS, Florida law requires said resolution or ordinance to state the millage rate to be  
47 levied, and also, to state the percentage by which the millage rate to be levied is above the  
48 rolled-back rate as computed pursuant to Florida law; and

49 WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Ponce Inlet, Florida, has duly considered the  
50 budgetary requirements of the Town and is now acting in accordance with the terms, provisions  
51 and procedures contained in Section 200.065, Florida Statutes at this duly advertised public  
52 hearing.

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF  
54 PONCE INLET, FLORIDA:

55 SECTION 1. ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX  
56 MILLAGE RATE:

57 The tentative millage rate for the Fiscal Year commencing on October 1, 2016 through  
58 September 30, 2017 is 5.79 mills, which equals \$5.79 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for the  
59 purpose of raising income in the sum of \$4,551,330.

60 SECTION 2. PERCENTAGE BY WHICH THE MILLAGE TO BE LEVIED IS ABOVE  
61 THE ROLLED BACK RATE

62 The percentage by which this millage rate to be levied is above the rolled-back rate of  
63 5.4977 mills (as computed pursuant to Florida law) is 5.51%.

64 SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY

65 If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is held to be invalid or  
66 unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, that holding in no way affects the  
67 remaining portions of this Resolution.

68 SECTION 4. CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS

69 All Resolutions s in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

70 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

71 This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

72 Ms. Witt stated that this resolution is before Council for adopting a tentative millage rate for  
73 fiscal year 2016/2017. She provided Council with information regarding the manner in which  
74 she was able to reduce the originally proposed rate of 5.85 to 5.79. This included making some  
75 purchases in the current fiscal year as additional funds became available; several of these were

76 approved by Council at their August regular meeting. It also included moving some capital  
77 projects further out along the proposed five-year capital improvement plan which has been  
78 provided to them with this packet and will be proposed for formal adoption as part of the EAR  
79 process in October.

80 Mayor Smith asked for any comments from Council. Councilmember Perrone expressed  
81 support for the capital improvement fund being established for fire engine / ambulance  
82 replacement in future years and inquired if the Town had a fund like this for general capital  
83 replacement like air conditioning and roofs. Ms. Witt explained that air conditioning doesn't rise  
84 to the fifty-thousand plus cost that they consider in a capital improvement plan and the amounts  
85 for replacement are simply planned and budgeted as needed. Roof replacement, though more  
86 costly, could be covered via their general fund reserve unless Council wished to prepare a  
87 separate fund for this. EMS vehicles are the most significant capital expenditure they have and  
88 therefore they have started with that in suggesting a separate fund be established for a future  
89 purchase. Councilmember Perrone also inquired about the Ponce Preserve west boardwalk  
90 replacement and Ms. Witt explained that this is needed due to the lower quality materials that  
91 were used when it was installed in 2006, when construction was so expensive that a higher  
92 quality material was not chosen. Councilmember Perrone also asked about the project for  
93 expansion of the public works yard, which had been moved back a couple years due to more  
94 pressing capital improvement needs around the Town; he confirmed that any beautification  
95 would be done as part of a larger overall project and that the adjacent residents would be given  
96 an opportunity to be heard regarding the plans.

97 Mayor Smith asked for public participation – hearing none – closed public participation.

98 Councilmember Paritsky moved to adopt Resolution 2016-11, adopting a tentative millage rate  
99 of 5.79 for fiscal year 2016/2017, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hoss. This motion PASSED 4-0 with  
100 the following vote: Councilmember Paritsky – yes, Vice-Mayor Hoss – yes, Councilmember  
101 Perrone – yes, and Mayor Smith – yes.

102 **B. First Reading of Ordinance 2016-04, incorporating the final audited budget**  
103 **of fiscal year 2014/2015, amending the budget for fiscal year 2015/2016, and adopting the**  
104 **budget for fiscal year 2016/2017.** Ms. Witt read Ordinance 2016-06 by title only into the  
105 record. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PONCE INLET, FLORIDA INCORPORATING  
106 THE FINAL AUDITED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 WHICH BEGAN ON  
107 OCTOBER 1, 2014 AND ENDED ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2015; AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR  
108 FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 WHICH BEGAN ON OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND ENDS ON  
109 SEPTEMBER 30, 2016; ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017  
110 WHICH WILL BEGIN ON OCTOBER 1, 2016 AND ENDS ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2017;  
111 PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND  
112 PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Mayor Smith asked for Council comments – hearing  
113 none – closed Council comments. Mayor Smith asked for citizen comments – hearing none –  
114 closed public comments. Councilmember Paritsky moved to approve the first reading of  
115 Ordinance 2016-04, incorporating the final audited budget of fiscal year 2014/2015, amending  
116 the budget for fiscal year 2015/2016, and adopting the budget for fiscal year 2016/2017,  
117 seconded by Vice-Mayor Hoss. This motion PASSED 4-0 with the following vote:  
118 Councilmember Paritsky – yes, Vice-Mayor Hoss – yes, Councilmember Perrone – yes, and  
119 Mayor Smith – yes.

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121 **7. ADJOURNMENT.** Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

122 Respectfully submitted by:

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125 Jeaneen Witt, CMC, Town Manager/Town Clerk

126 Prepared by: Kim Cherbano, CMC, Human Resources Director/Deputy Clerk