

ROLLER continued from 33A

team has one jammer — designated with a star on their helmet — who scores the points, and four blockers who attempt to prevent the other team’s jammer from scoring points, as well as helping to clear a path for their jammer.

The games, called bouts, are 60 minutes long and are broken into two minute jams. A point is scored for each opposing blocker that a team’s jammer passes.

Unlike the early years where limbs and bodies flew everywhere, there is no punching, kicking or throwing elbows and no contact with another player’s helmet or below the knee. As many as seven referees — four on the track and up to three outside the track — are there to make sure these rules are adhered to.

“The hardest thing for me to get used to was there are so many whistles, and it’s all



Charlotte Roller Derby member Haley Holland (The Little MerBlade), center, knocks a Collision jammer out of bounds in Charlotte, N.C., on March 11.

happening so fast. In soccer there is one ref, one whistle, but in derby there are refs everywhere, whistles blowing, teammates yelling, music playing — its like an echo chamber,” said Sierra “BBSK8” Elrahal.

A safe, supportive environment

There is nothing universal about the players of Charlotte Roller Derby, except that they love — and feel loved — by their community.

The crowd includes teachers, bartenders, lawyers, dog walkers, stay-at-home moms, 20-somethings, 50-somethings, lifetime athletes and those who never played an organized sport in their life.



Megan Tyson (Miso Fierce) hypes up the fans during a bout in Charlotte, N.C., on March 11.

“I was joining just to have some fun on the side, stay fit and be competitive, and derby changed my life. I met some of the best friends I’ve ever had, felt part of a community like I’ve never felt before in my life. Derby became my family,” said Denise “Puck” Holden.

In addition to Charlotte Roller Derby, Holden is also part of Team North Carolina and was recruited to play for Team Greece in the Roller Derby World Cup —

impressive facts on their own merit, but even more so considering the fact that she will be 56 in November.

Tami “FrogHer” Williams found derby through her daughter and knew it was something she had to do.

“Derby literally saved my life — it came to me at a time of need and brought so many incredible people into my life,” Williams said.

In fact, the community was so important to her that for three years when **See ROLLER, 35A**

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners has tentatively adopted a measure to increase its property tax levy.

Last year’s property tax levy:

A. Initially proposed tax levy	\$735,093,667
B. Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes.....	\$ 19,819,719
C. Actual property tax levy	\$715,273,948

This year’s proposed tax levy

\$791,913,512

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on

**Tuesday, September 19, 2023,
6:00 P.M.**

**at
Palm Room**

333 Chestnut Street, Clearwater, FL 33756

This meeting may also be attended through electronic media by following the instructions at the following link: <https://pinellas.gov/publichearing>

A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.

9/17/2023

0000307134-01

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE

PINELLAS COUNTY SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BUDGETS - FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE PINELLAS PLANNING COUNCIL, AS A DEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT, ARE 12.8 PERCENT MORE THAN LAST YEAR’S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES.

DESCRIPTION	General County-wide & MSTU Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Debt Service Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Enterprise Funds	Internal Service Funds	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
SOURCES							
Ad Valorem Taxes *	612,031,550	141,049,150	0	0	0	0	753,080,700
Sales and Use Tax	6,218,510	112,315,880	0	118,930,320	0	0	237,464,710
Licenses and Permits	1,517,360	31,942,330	0	0	95,610	0	33,555,300
Intergovernmental Revenue	98,153,740	214,531,590	0	32,779,000	3,284,570	0	348,748,900
Charges for Services	59,754,080	73,813,960	0	0	355,136,490	159,714,160	648,418,690
Fines & Forfeitures	926,860	1,658,720	0	0	0	0	2,585,580
Miscellaneous Revenue	44,129,620	37,727,840	0	18,127,140	25,239,690	2,745,080	127,969,370
Internal Service Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RECEIPTS (@ 95%)	822,731,720	613,039,470	0	169,836,460	383,756,360	162,459,240	2,151,823,250
Transfers In	0	60,637,100	0	57,117,890	84,196,950	0	201,951,940
Debt Proceeds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nonoperating Sources	50,000	8,000	0	0	22,292,610	0	22,350,610
Balances Brought Forward	249,748,240	375,716,370	0	257,382,900	659,967,240	164,114,220	1,706,928,970
TOTAL	1,072,529,960	1,049,400,940	0	484,337,250	1,150,213,160	326,573,460	4,083,054,770
* Including Delinquent Taxes & Redemptions							
APPROPRIATIONS							
General Government	199,681,470	12,574,580	0	86,488,960	14,301,040	186,571,180	499,617,230
Public Safety	454,903,460	291,323,900	0	20,350,000	0	0	766,577,360
Physical Environment	12,452,870	68,396,360	0	34,561,140	355,676,070	0	471,086,440
Transportation	266,090	119,060,460	0	96,679,000	51,738,300	0	267,743,850
Economic Environment	31,287,400	106,598,400	0	43,164,000	0	0	181,049,800
Human Services	70,863,470	31,655,280	0	1,870,000	0	0	104,388,750
Culture/Recreation	22,823,040	41,157,400	0	25,874,000	0	0	89,854,440
Transfers Out	102,569,560	12,023,430	0	3,162,000	84,196,950	0	201,951,940
Reserves	177,682,600	366,611,130	0	172,188,150	644,300,800	140,002,280	1,500,784,960
TOTAL	1,072,529,960	1,049,400,940	0	484,337,250	1,150,213,160	326,573,460	4,083,054,770

PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX MILLAGES AND PROCEEDS		
	Proposed Millage	Proposed Ad Valorem Proceeds (@ 95 %)
County-wide:		
General Fund	4.7398	557,589,450
Health Department Fund	0.0713	8,389,940
Emergency Medical Services Authority	0.8418	94,582,590
Total BCC County-wide	5.6529	660,561,980
Dependent Special Districts:		
Unincorporated Area MSTU*	2.0857	54,442,110
Public Library Svcs District MSTU*	0.5000	8,108,670
Palm Harbor Comm Svcs District	0.5000	3,115,670
Feather Sound Comm Svcs District	0.7000	2,969,910
East Lake Library Svcs District	0.2500	939,950
East Lake Recreation Svcs District	0.2500	939,950
*Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU)		
Dependent Special Fire Districts:		
Belleair Bluffs	1.3250	682,320
Clearwater	2.0657	3,561,810
Dunedin	1.7650	993,720
Gandy	0.9267	73,810
High Point	2.3000	2,711,520
Largo	2.2367	2,262,100
Pinellas Park	2.8000	1,048,220
Safety Harbor	1.6448	190,790
Seminole	1.5675	6,697,080
South Pasadena	0.2900	69,120
Tarpon Springs	2.2000	635,510
Tierra Verde	1.6700	2,515,900

Total of All Budgets	4,083,054,770
Less Transfers	(201,951,940)
Total of All Budgets Net of Transfers	3,881,102,830

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY: JANET C. LONG, CHAIR

The PINELLAS PLANNING COUNCIL (a dependent special district that requires approval by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) of Pinellas County, Florida. The BCC has the right to raise or reduce the budget as deemed necessary.)	Proposed Millage (County-wide)	0.0210	APPROPRIATIONS AND RESERVES
	SOURCES		
	Ad Valorem Taxes	\$2,471,080	
	Local Assistance & Intergovernmental	1,830,060	
	Interest	4,990	
	RECEIPTS (@95%)	4,306,130	
	Balances Brought Forward	1,854,240	
By: Janet Long, Chair Pinellas Planning Council	TOTAL	\$6,160,370	TOTAL \$6,160,370

The Tentative, Adopted Tentative, and Final Budgets are on file in the Office of Management & Budget and the Office of the Clerk to the Pinellas Board of County Commissioners as a public record.

9/17/2023

0000307134-01