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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-some-things, 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**

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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:

| | |
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| 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.

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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 | PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX MILLAGES AND PROCEEDS | |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | Proposed Millage (@ 95 %) | Proposed Ad Valorem Proceeds |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | |
| 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**

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| 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 | |
| By: Janet Long, Chair Pinellas Planning Council | Balances Brought Forward | 1,854,240 | |
| | 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.

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