

Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Resolutions to adopt final millage rates and budgets for Fiscal Year 2021 (second public hearing).

Recommended Action:

Following a public hearing, adopt resolutions approving the final millage rates and budgets for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021.

Strategic Plan:

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

- 5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach
- 5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

Summary:

At this hearing, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) will consider adoption of resolutions that approve final millage rates and budgets for the various entities for which the Board is the taxing authority. The order of business and content of this Public Hearing on the FY21 Budget are mandated by Florida Statutes.

Background Information:

On July 21, 2020, the County Administrator delivered the FY21 Proposed (Tentative) Budget to the Board. The proposed ad valorem millage rates were then certified to the Property Appraiser on August 4, 2020 for inclusion in the Truth in Millage (TRIM) Notices. The TRIM notice sets the tentative millage rates, which are the maximum millage rates. TRIM notices were mailed to all county property taxpayers on August 24, 2020, and also contained the notice of the time and place of the first public hearing held on September 10, 2020.

Notice for the second and final Public Hearing was published in the Tampa Bay Times on September 20, 2020 in accordance with Florida Statutes Section 200.065.

Fiscal Impact:

Final approval of the FY21 millage rates and budgets for County-wide, Municipal Services Taxing Units, and other taxing districts is required to comply with Florida Statutes. This will conclude the process of approving appropriations for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020.

Staff Member Responsible:

Bill Berger, Director, Office of Management and Budget

Partners:

Constitutional Officers, Independent Agencies, and the Public

Attachments:

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Resolutions Adopting FY21 Final Millages and Budgets Schedule A - List of Millages Handout Notice of Proposed Tax Increase Legal Ad

FY21 Tentative Budget is available for review at Board Records and posted on the County's internet website (www.pinellascounty.org/budget)