



# City of Pompano Beach, Florida

## City Commission Workshop Minutes

**Agenda No.** 2016-22

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Commission Meeting Room

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The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and presided as the chairman.

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**ROLL CALL:**

***Mayor***  
***Vice Mayor***  
***Commissioner***  
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**Present:**

*Lamar Fisher*  
*Charlotte Burrie*  
*Barry Dockswell*  
*Rex Hardin*  
*Barry Moss*  
*Edward Phillips*

and

***City Manager***  
***City Attorney***  
***City Clerk***

*Dennis W. Beach*  
*Mark E. Berman*  
*Asceleta Hammond*

**INVOCATION BY:**

*Mayor Lamar Fisher*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY:** *Asceleta Hammond, City Clerk*



Names of Commrs.	M	S	V Y	V N
<b><u>ROLL CALL</u></b>				
Dockswell		X	X	
Hardin	X		X	
Moss			X	
Phillips			X	
Burrie			X	
Fisher			X	

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**PRESENTATION CONTINUED**

Mr. Donovan presented a video of some of the Commission's completed accomplishments.

Additionally, Mr. Donovan stated that the recommended budget proposed at \$255,164,620, in comparison to last year's budget is an increase of approximately \$18 million or over 7.5% and pointed out the major drivers or impacts behind the increase. Attached is a copy of the presentation that will provide details of the fiscal year 2017 recommended budget, as well as a summary of changes.

Mr. Donovan indicated that the General Fund is where majority of the tax dollars are appropriated, all the expenditures will be totaled for all the departments that fall under the general fund to include fees and charges, which is referred to as the non-ad valorem revenue. The difference between the two would determine how much is needed to collect in property taxes to cover the cost of services. Attached is a copy of the presentation that will provide in details the breakdown of the general fund.

The non-ad valorem revenue includes fees and charges; such as fines and forfeitures, charges for services, taxes, licenses and permits, intergovernmental, miscellaneous and transfers, and fund balance. In addition, there is an estimated total of \$74 million in non- ad valorem revenue, compared to last year that is an \$8 million increase.

Continuing, Mr. Donovan highlighted the fiscal year 2016 taxable value of \$10.1 billion, over \$766 million in the existing tax base growth, plus approximately \$154 million in new construction, together this yields a fiscal year 2017 taxable value of \$11.1 billion, which equates to a net mil of \$10.5 million. However, when the tax-based growth is compared to the previous year, there is an increase of over \$900 million or over 9%. So, with this information staff can determine what type of tax rate is needed to levy to cover the differences between the non-ad valorem revenue and expenditures. The ad valorem revenue is divided by the net mil, which yields an operating millage rate of 4.8252. When added to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) millage, the proposed millage is 5.3252. So, compared to last year's adopted millage rate, it is a decrease of 0.1613 mils or about 3% decrease in the tax rate.



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## PRESENTATION CONTINUED

In terms of how this impacts taxpayers will depend on the category of their property. The value of the property for residents with Homestead exemption will increase by 0.07%. Since staff is proposing a 3% decrease in the tax rate, residents should pay about \$20 or \$21 less to the City next fiscal year. However, non-residents or non-homestead property residents could pay an additional \$40 to the City, which is driven by the increase in the assessed value.

In sum, compared to other cities in Broward County, the City continues to remain in the lower quartile. Currently staff is not proposing any changes to the fire assessment. Therefore, a single-family will remain at \$134, which is the third lowest in the county. So, the cost for services in Pompano Beach when compared to other cities, Pompano Beach is the third lowest.

Joe Ryan, 427 NE 24th Avenue, Pompano Beach stated that the last figure that was given by Mr. Donovan does not take care of the millage that continuously increases; moreover, he does not think it is accurate. He mentioned that some affluent people in some neighborhoods to include Harbor Village, Cypress Harbor, and Santa Barbara are leaving the City. He is very unhappy with the presentation.

Mayor Fisher asked Mr. Donovan to clarify for the record that there is actually a decrease in the millage from last year, and asked what the increase in property values was.

Mr. Donovan responded correct and the increase in property value was over \$900 million or over 9%.

Teina Phillips, Broward Regional Health Planning Council, 200 Oakwood, Hollywood expressed her gratitude for the support that the City provided to her organization, the children and all the Child Care centers in Pompano Beach. They will be working this year in subsidized childcare and Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK). She informed the commission that they were able to institutionalize an online system that would be helpful for parents who are trying to get their child/children into childcare. Also, during October 2015- June 2016 an average of 1,894 children were subsidized from Pompano Beach.

Additionally, \$24.3 million were expended in the City's Child Care centers. Currently, they are requesting \$40,000, which would be used as a match for \$87 million, plus they have other matching contributors to include the county and the 30 municipalities as well as United Way and Children Services Council.

