

City of Pompano Beach

100 West Atlantic Blvd. Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Detailed Minutes - Final

City Commission

Rex Hardin, Mayor
Andrea McGee, Vice Mayor
Alison Fournier, Commissioner
Barry Moss, Commissioner
Beverly Perkins, Commissioner
Rhonda Sigerson-Eaton, Commissioner

Gregory P. Harrison, City Manager Mark Berman, City Attorney Kervin Alfred, City Clerk

Thursday, September 12, 2024

6:00 PM

Commission Chamber

Special City Commission/EMS Taxing District

CALL TO ORDER

The Honorable Rex Hardin, Mayor called the Special City Commission/ EMS Taxing District meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Alison Fournier

Commissioner Barry Moss

Commissioner Beverly Perkins

Commissioner Rhonda Sigerson-Eaton

Vice Mayor Andrea McGee

Mayor Rex Hardin

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton participated in the meeting via remote conference call.

INVOCATION

Mayor Hardin offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Kervin Alfred, City Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice Mayor McGee, seconded by Commissioner Fournier, that the Agenda be **APPROVED** AS

SUBMITTED. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Yes: Fournier

Moss

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

McGee

Hardin

PUBLIC HEARING

A. PRESENTATION

Mayor Hardin stated this is a tentative adoption of the proposed millage rates and proposed budgets of the City of Pompano Beach and the Emergency Medical Services District for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

City Manager Harrison expressed his gratitude to the Budget Department staff for their exceptional work in preparing the budget. Mayor Hardin extended appreciation to the City Manager and then invited Erjeta Diamanti, the Budget Director, to deliver her presentation.

Ms. Diamanti began her presentation, stating that this is the first public budget hearing to adopt the millage for the City and EMS taxing district, as well as the budgets for the City and the EMS taxing district for fiscal year 2025. She outlined the scheduling of public hearings in accordance with Section 200.065 of the Florida Statute and the coordination of dates with Broward County Public Schools and the Broward County Commission. Ms. Diamanti also emphasized the importance of adopting the budgets to ensure the distribution of state revenue sources and the City's ability to assess property taxes and collect the fire assessment fee. The deadline for submitting the fire assessment resolution is September 15th. Furthermore, Ms. Diamanti provided an overview of the budget process timeline. The process begins in January and February with projected revenues, expenses, and the CIP. In March and April, submissions from various departments are reviewed. The June budget workshop is held, followed by individual meetings with the City Commission in July to discuss budget proposals. In August, the trim notice is sent to residents, and in September, two public budget hearings are scheduled to adopt the millage rates, fire assessment fee, and the CIP. The new fiscal year begins in October, and tax bills are mailed out to residents in November. The City's budget process is ongoing throughout the year, with efforts to achieve the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award with an award-winning budget book.

Ms. Diamanti summarized major revisions made after the July budget workshop. She said the City Commission proposed reducing the operating millage rate from 5.2705 to 5.2443, and the aggregate millage rate, which includes operating EMS and debt service costs, also decreased to 6.2292. This represents a 1.22 percent decrease from the previously adopted aggregate millage rate of 6.3063. Due to the millage rate reduction, there was a decrease in ad valorem revenues by \$524,000, but the general fund balance increased by \$878,000. The budget now includes \$524,000 for one-time expenditures funded by the fund balance and matching funds of \$353,000 for safety improvements at the Great Crossings, adopted via Resolution 2020-236. Moreover, in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), \$60,000 was reallocated from the LEEP grant program to the road resurfacing program. Bond financing estimates were updated for several projects, including adjustments to the membrane replacement and water treatment plant electric rehab projects. The water treatment plant

nanofiltration project was removed, and its funding was combined with the emerging contaminants project.

Ms. Diamanti stated the proposed budget for fiscal year 2025 is \$497,144,472, with the general fund comprising about 45% of this total. This budget marks a \$71.5 million or 16.8% increase from the fiscal year 2024 adopted budget of \$425.7 million. Revenue sources include charges for services, fines and forfeitures, intergovernmental revenues, and more, with significant portions coming from ad valorem revenues. The General Fund's proposed budget for fiscal year 2025 is \$223,303,000, with allocations for support services, public works and facilities, parks, recreation, cultural affairs, tourism and marketing, and public safety. This represents \$12.4 million or a 5.9% increase from the fiscal year 2024 adopted budget. Ms. Diamanti explained the revenue distribution in the general fund, including various sources such as franchise, non-profit and fire fees, intergovernmental revenues, and charges for services. The fire assessment fee will not increase, remaining the same as the fiscal year 2024 adopted fees. The City bases its budgeting on the July 1st taxable value, which saw a 10.36% increase from the previous fiscal year, with new construction accounting for a significant portion of this increase.

In closing, Ms. Diamanti stated that the general fund has estimated expenditures of \$223 million, with non-ad valorem revenues projected at \$118 million and ad valorem revenue at \$104 million. The proposed millage rate is 5.2443, based on the City Commission's recommendations, representing a 1.2% decrease from last year's rate. The first public budget hearing has taken place, with another scheduled for next Thursday at 6:00 p.m. for the final adoption of the millage and budget.

Attached as **Exhibit 1**, is a copy of the presentation in its entirety that provides a more detailed breakdown of the FY 2025 budget.

Comr. Fournier had a few questions about the budget, particularly regarding the EMS taxing district deduction, ad valorem revenues, and changes in the capital improvement plan since the July budget workshop. Erjeta Diamanti clarified that the difference in the budget was due to the EMS taxing district deduction and explained the components of the ad valorem revenues. Regarding the changes in the capital improvement plan, they were attributed to timing differences and updated estimates for the plan.

Mayor Hardin raised concerns about the significant increase in capital improvements, specifically an \$8 million increase for water treatment plant electric rehabilitation. City Manager Harrison explained that the increase is due to the shortage of materials, equipment, and contractors for specialized work, which is a challenge faced by cities across Florida. He also cautioned that the costs might continue to rise as the project progresses.

B. CONSIDERATIONS

1. 24-507 Adoption of the tentative millage rate for the City of Pompano Beach for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, reflecting a General Fund operating millage of 5.2443; a voted Debt Service millage, Series 2018 of 0.2884 and a voted Debt Service millage, Series 2021 of 0.1965 for a total millage of 5.7292. The City's proposed aggregate millage rate (General Fund operating millage rate (5.2443) and EMS millage rate (0.5000)) of 5.7443 represents a 7.25% increase in property taxes when compared to the aggregate rolled-back millage rate of 5.3559. This

increase in property taxes is due to the increase in the City's assessed valuation of taxable property on the 2024 Tax Roll, even though the recommended operating millage rate decreased by -0.5% to 5.2443.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Erjeta Diamanti)

Erjeta Diamanti, Budget Director, stated she has no further comment to provide on the item.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item and, receiving none, he moved on to Commission discussion.

Vice Mayor McGee thanked the staff for their efforts in working to establish a rollback in the millage. Residents have noticed the difference compared to other taxing entities and appreciate it.

Comr. Fournier expressed gratitude for the collaborative effort in decreasing the millage despite the significant growth in the tax base. She thanked Mr. Harrison, Ms. Diamanti, and the entire city for their hard work in compiling the budget. She acknowledged the arduous task and commended the budget team and everyone involved.

motion was made by Vice Mayor McGee, seconded by Commissioner Fournier, that the Item for Consideration/Discussion be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Fournier

Moss

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

McGee

Hardin

2. 24-508 Adoption of the tentative budget for the City of Pompano Beach for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 totaling \$468,047,472.

(Fiscal Impact: \$468,047,472 for FY 2025)

(Staff Contact: Erjeta Diamanti)

Erjeta Diamanti, Budget Director, mentioned that Comr. Fournier brought up a topic related to the total citywide budget. The total amount presented for the citywide budget does not include the EMS taxing district budget, which will be adopted in the upcoming Special City Commission meeting.

Mayor Hardin invited the public to provide input on the item.

Ed Phillips, 384 Northwest 19th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, expressed concern about the disrepair of roads in Pompano Beach due to erosion and the changing climate. He requested additional funds in the budget for road repaving, emphasizing the importance of addressing this serious matter. Mayor Hardin thanked Mr. Phillips for his input and expressed agreement with the need to address the issue of deteriorating roads.

There being no further speakers, Mayor Hardin concluded public input and moved on to Commission discussion.

Comr. Fournier expressed her awareness of the residents' concerns about paving and emphasized the importance of getting the roads paved for the overall well-being of the city. She acknowledged the need to actively work on this issue and assured that she would continue to work towards getting the roads paved.

motion A made by Vice Mayor McGee. seconded by Item Commissioner Fournier, that the for **Consideration/Discussion** be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Fournier

Moss

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

McGee

Hardin

24-509 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO 3. BEACH, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE RESCUE SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA; PROVIDING AUTHORITY, DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION; CONFIRMING THE **PRELIMINARY** RESOLUTION: **IMPOSING FIRE RATE** RESCUE ASSESSMENTS AGAINST ASSESSED PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024: APPROVING THE RATE OF ASSESSMENT; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL AND PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION; PROVIDING FOR EFFECT AND SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: \$30,531,400 FY 2025 gross revenues before discounts)

(Staff Contact: Erjeta Diamanti)

Erjeta Diamanti, Budget Director, mentioned that the proposed fire assessment fees for 2024 will remain the same as the adopted fees. The final hearing will officially adopt these fees, which will generate approximately \$30.5 million in the general fund for eligible fire operation services.

Mayor Hardin sought public input and invited the Commission to comment on the item; however, no one provided any comments.

motion A was made bv Vice Mayor McGee. seconded by Commissioner Fournier, that the Resolution Regular Agenda be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Fournier

Moss

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

McGee

Hardin

Enactment No: RES. No. 2024-217

4. 24-555 P.H. 2024-63: (PUBLIC HEARING 1ST READING)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 34, "CITY POLICY," OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING SECTION 34.107, "POSITION **CLASSIFICATION** PLAN," BY RECLASSIFYING **CERTAIN** POSITIONS, BYCREATING **NEW** POSITIONS, BY RETITLING CERTAIN POSITIONS, AND BY RETITLING AND RECLASSIFYING CERTAIN POSITIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: \$416,761)

Strategic Plan Initiative

(Staff Contact: Lisa Sonego/Bobby Bush)

Lisa Sonego, Human Resources Director, stated the proposed Ordinance outlines the compensation changes accompanying the tentative budget adoption and highlights the changes to the position classification plan.

Mayor Hardin invited the public to provide input on the item.

Ed Phillips asked about the availability of information regarding reclassifications of positions within the city. Mayor Hardin mentioned that the information could be found in the backup material for this item. Mr. Phillips also emphasized the importance of inclusion, diversity, and equality as the City moves forward in bringing new positions and people into the city.

There being no further speakers, Mayor Hardin concluded public input and moved on to Commission discussion; however, no one commented further on the item.

motion McGee, A was made bv Vice Mayor seconded by Commissioner Fournier, that the **Ordinance** Regular Agenda APPROVED FIRST READING. The motion carried by the following

roll call vote:

Yes: Fournier

Moss

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

McGee Hardin

Enactment No: ORD. No. 2024-52

C. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hardin announced the transition from the Special City Commission meeting to the EMS Taxing District meeting, which is a public hearing on the proposed millage and budget for the Emergency Medical Services District for the fiscal year 2024-2025. Subsequently, he adjourned the Special Meeting and initiated the EMS Taxing District meeting.

COMMENCE MEETING AS EMS TAXING DISTRICT THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

Mayor Hardin called the EMS Taxing District meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

A. CONSIDERATIONS

1. 24-510 Adoption of the tentative millage rate for the Emergency Medical Services District for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 at a millage rate of 0.5000. The proposed millage rate represents a 9.22% increase in property taxes compared to the rolled-back millage rate of 0.4578. This increase in property taxes is due to the increase in the City's assessed valuation of taxable property on the 2024 Tax Roll.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Erjeta Diamanti)

Erjeta Diamanti, Budget Director, stated she has no further comment to provide on the item.

Mayor Hardin sought public input and invited the Commission to comment on the item; however, no one provided any comments.

motion was made by Vice Mayor McGee. seconded by Commissioner Fournier, that the Item for Consideration/Discussion be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Fournier

Moss

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

McGee

Hardin

2. <u>24-511</u> Adoption of the tentative budget for the Emergency Medical Services District for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 totaling \$29,097,000.

(Fiscal Impact: \$29,097,000 for FY 2025)

(Staff Contact: Erjeta Diamanti)

Erjeta Diamanti, Budget Director, stated she has no further comment to provide on the item.

Mayor Hardin invited the public to provide input on the item.

Ed Phillips, 384 Northwest 19th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, sought confirmation regarding the addition of \$468 million and \$29 million to the budget and wanted to know the total amount. Ms. Diamanti replied, "\$497 million."

There being no further speakers, Mayor Hardin concluded public input and moved on to Commission discussion; however, no one commented further on the item.

A motion Vice McGee. was made by Mayor seconded by Commissioner Fournier, that the Item for Consideration/Discussion be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Fournier

Moss

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Sigerson-Eaton

McGee

Hardin

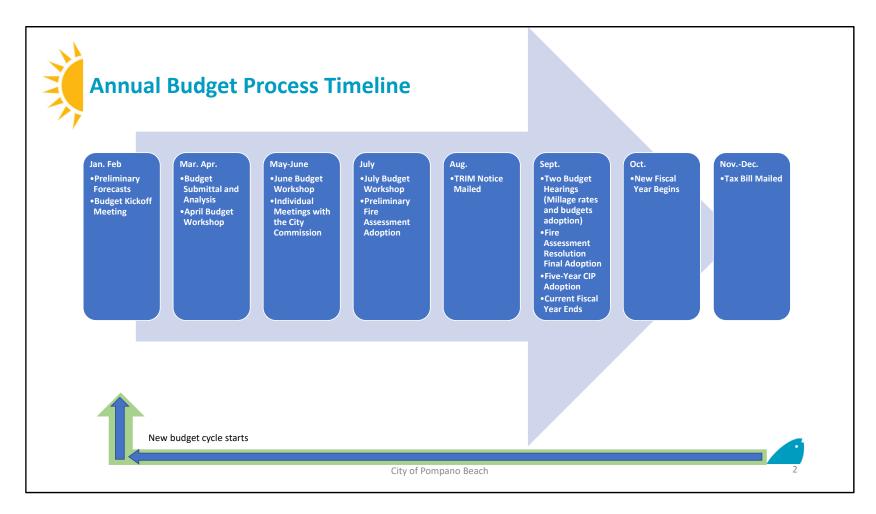
B. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hardin expressed gratitude to Ms. Diamanti and her staff, as well as the entire city, for their contributions. He acknowledged the collaborative effort of every department and recognized Mr. Harrison's role. The Mayor also thanked his colleagues for their efforts in managing the budget and delivering services to the residents.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.



- The purpose of this presentation is to recap the FY 2025 proposed millage rates and budget.
- Three budget workshops were held on April 4, June 25, and July 15, 2024.
- Per F.S. Chapter 200.065, public hearings shall be held after 5:00 P.M. if scheduled on a day other than Saturday. No hearing shall be held on a Sunday.
- As the City utilizes the Trim Notice as the first class notice for a non-ad valorem assessment (fire Assessment Fees), the public hearing for the non-ad valorem assessment cannot be scheduled before September 12, 2024.
- The School Board and the Broward County Commission are the first taxing authorities to schedule their hearing dates. The City cannot schedule the hearings on the exact dates the School Board and County Commission hearings are scheduled.
- In compliance with section 200.065, F.S., the property appraiser mails TRIM notices to property owners in August.
- The City's dates for both public hearings have been confirmed with the Department of Revenue.
- The City must legally adopt its millage rates and budgets by October 1.
- Failure to adopt the City's budget will result in the suspended distribution of significant state revenue sources and the City's inability to assess property taxes and the fire assessment fee collection.
- Please note that the deadline to submit the Annual Fire Assessment Resolution to the BC Revenue Collector's Office is September 15, 2024.



- The City's budget process is a year-round cycle as illustrated by the chart.
- The City's Adopted Operating Budget Book has received once again the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). The Award Winning Book is prepared of the very highest quality that reflects both the guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting and the GFOA's best practices on budgeting.



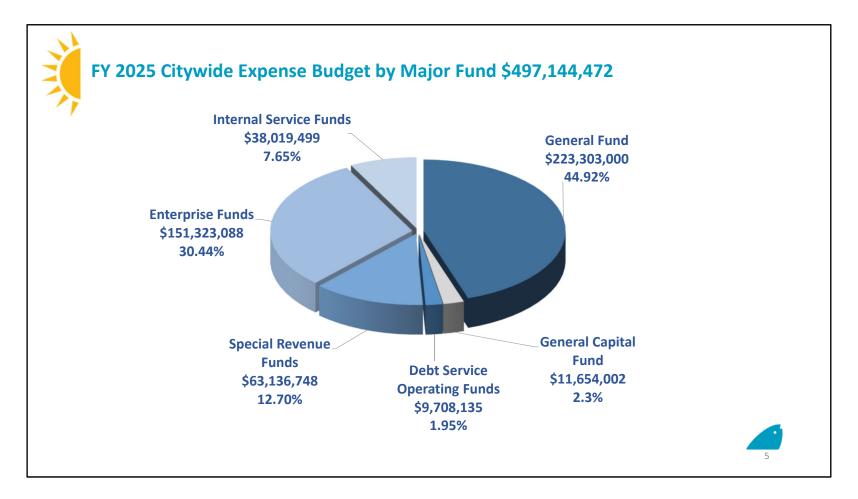
Summary of Major Revisions Implemented After the July Budget Workshop

- Operating Millage Rate: The City Commission was presented with a proposed budget during the three budget Workshops held on April 4th, June 25th, and July 15th, 2024. During the July Budget Workshop, the City Commission unanimously recommended a 0.5% reduction in the proposed operating millage rate of 5.2705 to 5.2443. The aggregate millage rate (operating, EMS, debt service) for Fiscal Year 2025 of 6.2292 represents a decrease of -0.0771 mills or -1.22% less than the FY 2024 adopted aggregate millage rate of 6.3063.
- General Fund Revenues and Expenditures:
- Ad-valorem revenues were reduced by \$524K due to the -0.5% decrease in the operating millage rate.
- **Fund Balance** increased by (\$878,449) to cover one-time expenses of \$524,530 budgeted in FY 2025 and matching funds of \$353,919.
- Operating Budget: The Public Works/Streets budget was adjusted to include the City's matching contribution of \$353,919 for safety improvements at grade crossings within the City of Pompano Beach, as approved by the City Commission via Resolution 2022-236.

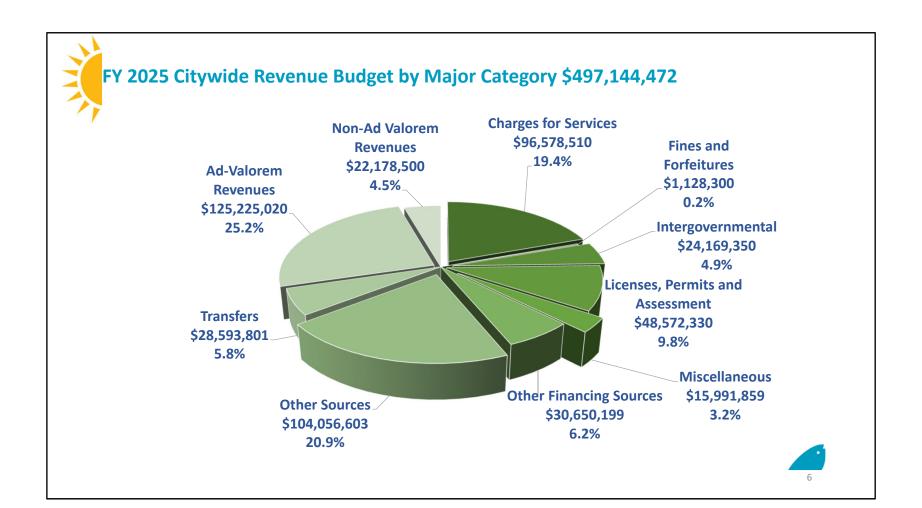


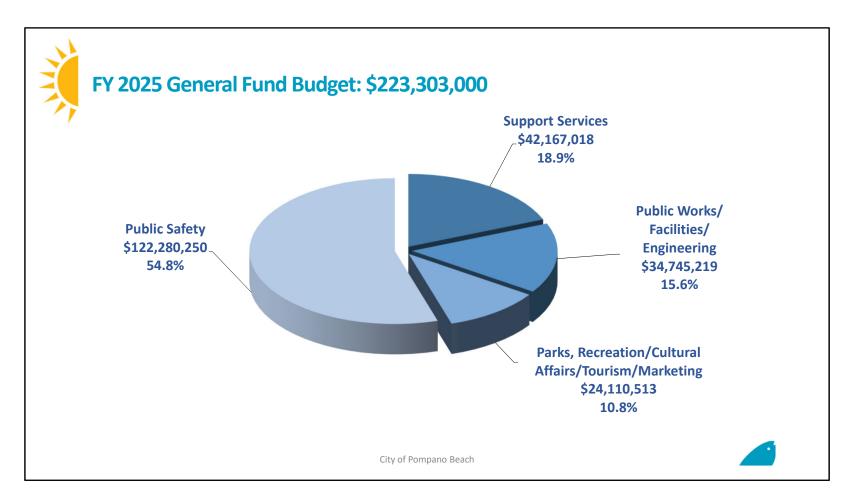
Summary of Major Revisions Implemented After the July Budget Workshop Capital Improvement Plan:

- The City Commission recommended reallocating \$60,000 from the LEEP grant program to the road resurfacing improvement project.
- o In addition, staff has updated a few estimates regarding the five-year 2025-2029 Utility Renewal and Replacement (R&R) Capital Plan related to bond financing:
 - ✓ Membrane Element Replacement (08-952): This project is bond funded in FY 2029, 2030, and 2031; therefore, it was removed from FY 2027 and 2028.
 - ✓ WTP Electrical Rehab (11-194): The estimated amount increased from \$19 million to \$27 million.
 - ✓ Wellfield Performance and Relocation (19-349): The project is bond funded in FY 2026, 2030, and 2031 and removed from FY 2027, 2028, and 2029.
 - ✓ Water Treatment Plant Nanofiltration Plant Expansion & Process Improvements (21-403): Deleted, and \$1.5M is included in Emerging Contaminants 24-023 in FY 2027.
 - ✓ Bond proceeds revenues and transfers from the Utilities Fund (412) to the R&R Capital Fund (420) were updated accordingly.

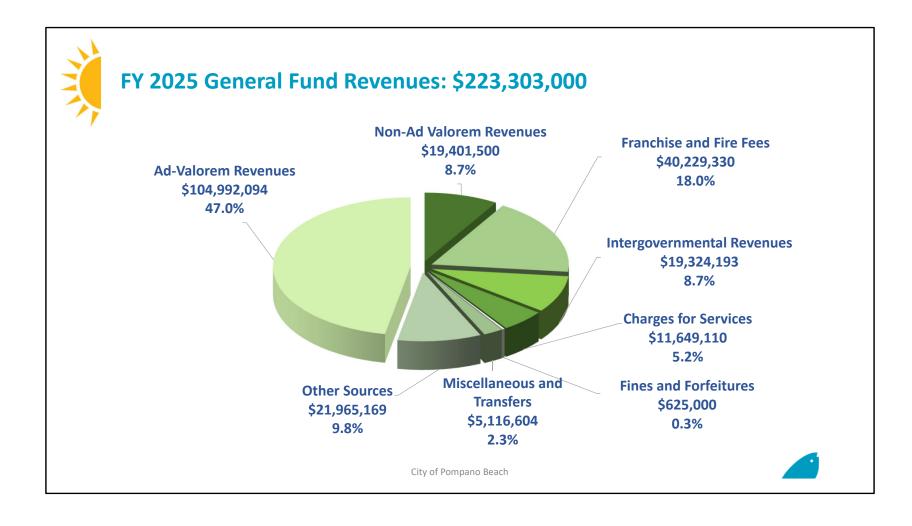


The FY 2025 proposed citywide budget of \$497.1M represents a \$71.5M, or 16.8% increase, compared to the FY 2024 adopted budget of \$425.7M.





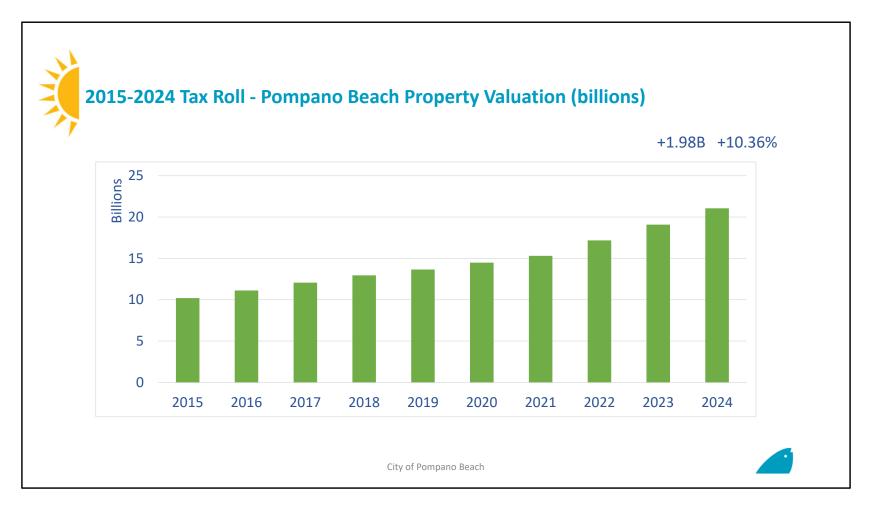
Total FY 2025 General Fund budget of \$223,303,000 represents a \$12.4M or 5.9% increase compared to the FY 2024 adopted budget of \$210,873,000.



FY 2025 Proposed Fire Assessment Fees

| Fire Assessment Fees | Adopted FY 2024 | Proposed FY 2025 | Variance |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Residential (per unit) | \$331 | \$331 | \$0 |
| Rates Per Square Foot | | | |
| Commercial | \$0.54 | \$0.54 | \$0 |
| Industrial | \$0.08 | \$0.08 | \$0 |
| Institutional | \$0.30 | \$0.30 | \$0 |
| Estimated Revenue | | | |
| Estimated Gross Revenue | \$30,355,533 | \$30,531,400 | \$175,867 |
| Discounts | -\$1,517,776 | -\$1,526,570 | -\$8,794 |
| Total Net Revenue | \$28,837,757 | \$29,004,830 | \$167,073 |
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- The fire assessment fees for FY 2025 will remain the same as those adopted for FY 2024. The First Public Budget Hearing serves as the final adoption of the fire assessment resolution.
- The proposed fire assessment fees are expected to generate approximately \$29 million (net), covering about 81% of eligible fire operations costs.
- It's important to note that in Fiscal Year 2025, General Fund ad-valorem revenues will cover about 100% of the costs for the Ocean Rescue Division (\$2.9M) and approximately 37% of the EMS budget (\$10.7M).



The City received its Preliminary Valuation from BCPA on July 1st, 2024 of 21,062,287,144*. This represents a 10.36% increase compared to the final July 1st, 2023 valuation of 19,085,795,102. The July 1st property assessed valuation is used for budgeting purposes.

Taxable Value: BCPA determines the assessed value of property, less exemptions. They consider various factors such as cash value, use, location, condition, and replacement cost, ensuring a fair and accurate valuation.

Tax Base: The total Taxable Value of properties within the City of Pompano Beach.

• *Note: This includes new construction of \$349M, representing an increase of 156.6% compared to the July 1st, 2023 new construction of \$136M.



FY 2025 Recommended Ad-Valorem Revenues and Operating Millage Rate

FY 25 Estimated Expenditures \$223,303,000

FY 25 Estimated Revenues (Non-Ad Valorem) \$118,310,906

\$104,992,094

\$104,992,094 (net ad-valorem) /20,020,230 (net mill)
= 5.2443 FY 2025 Recommended Operating Millage Rate



- Millage Rate is the rate in mills (1 mill = \$1 per 1000 or 0.01%) at which the property is taxed. For example, if the property's value is \$100K (after exemptions) and the millage rate is five mills, the property taxes are \$500.
- Taxes=millage rate*property value/1000
- Property Tax: An Ad-Valorem Tax paid on the fair market value of real property (land and buildings) and personal property (business equipment). Fair market or "just" value is determined by BCPA as of January 1st of each year.
- Net mill calculation: Property valuation divided by 1,000 and discounted at 95%.

Millage Rates

| Millage Rates | Adopted FY 2024 | Proposed FY 2025 | Variance | % Change |
|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------|----------|
| General Operating | 5.2705 | 5.2443 | -0.0262 | -0.5% |
| EMS | 0.5000 | 0.5000 | 0.0000 | 0% |
| G.O. Bond Series 2018 | 0.3183 | 0.2884 | -0.0299 | -9.4% |
| G.O. Bond Series 2021 | 0.2175 | 0.1965 | -0.0210 | -9.7% |
| Aggregate Millage Decrease | 6.3063 | 6.2292 | -0.0771 | -1.2% |
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- The recommended operating millage rate for FY 2025 is 5.2443, representing a 0.5% decrease from the FY 2024 adopted millage rate of 5.2705.
- FY 2025 EMS millage rate is capped at 0.5000. (Ordinance 96-76 amended by Ordinance 2000-67)
- The FY 2025 recommended G.O. bond debt service millage rate, series 2018, has decreased by -9.4% to 0.2884 compared to the FY 2024 adopted rate of 0.3183. This decrease is a result of the increase in property valuation.
- FY 2025 recommended G.O. bond debt service millage rate, series 2021 of 0.1965, represents a -9.7% decrease compared to the FY 2024 adopted rate of 0.2175 due to the increase in property valuation.
- Overall, compared to the FY 2024 adopted aggregate millage rate of 6.3063, the FY 2025 recommended aggregate millage rate of 6.2292 represents a decrease of -1.2%.

