

Detailed Minutes - Final

City Commission

Rex Hardin, Mayor

Barry Moss, Vice Mayor

Rhonda Eaton, Commissioner

Andrea McGee, Commissioner

Tom McMahon, Commissioner

Beverly Perkins, Commissioner

Gregory P. Harrison, City Manager

Mark Berman, City Attorney

Asceleta Hammond, City Clerk

Thursday, September 12, 2019

5:15 PM

Commission Chamber

Special City Commission/ EMS Taxing District Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Honorable Rex Hardin called the Special Meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Rhonda Eaton
Commissioner Andrea McGee
Commissioner Tom McMahon
Commissioner Beverly Perkins
Vice Mayor Barry Moss
Mayor Rex Hardin

INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by the Honorable Rex Hardin, Mayor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Asceleta Hammond, City Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Moss, seconded by Commissioner Perkins, that the Agenda be APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. The motion carried unanimously.

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Greg Harrison, City Manager introduced Erjeta Diamanti, Budget Manager who presented the items to the

Commission for approval.

Erjeta Diamanti, Budget Manager, stated this is the first public hearing to adopt the millage rates and the budgets for Fiscal Year 2020. Please see attached Exhibit 1, Summary of the First Budget Hearing for details of the presentation.

Doug Matthes, Pompano Beach, FL, stated that most residents do not know how to read their TRIM notice. Four line items are taxes, assessments, and so forth on the bill, and if you add all these up there is a total amount. He indicated that if 2008 is compared to the current figure this year, it is 122% higher on a \$200,000 home as indicated in the presentation. He stated that the Pompano Beach taxes has increased \$400 per year at \$888 during that same period. Over a ten-year period, it equates to a lot of money.

Continuing, Mr. Matthes indicated that other major taxing authorities such as the County, the School Board and the Hospital Districts are the three biggest items on the tax bill other than the City of Pompano Beach. Not one of the other taxing authorities has had a tax increase that comes close to what the City has done. In addition, Mr. Matthes indicated that he believes there needs to be a policy change by the Commission to say "No tax increase." Staff needs to figure a budget to work that out and the City Manager should be tasked to figure it out.

In Old Pompano Beach where Mr. Matthes resides, he complained that there are problems where the neighborhood is being shredded and walled on three sides by concrete towers. With the approved zoning changes in process, it will result in an increase of approximately 12,000 people in the neighborhood. Cut through traffic, truck traffic and bus traffic is greatly affecting the neighborhood, yet the City has not budgeted any funds for a traffic study. Mr. Matthes suggested that the traffic study be done in this budget. He said the City needs to fix the problem they created by all the zoning changes. In sum, the Commission can set policy and task the City Manager to follow that policy, and one such policy should be a traffic study and the other to reduce taxes.

B. CONSIDERATIONS

1. [19-606](#) Adoption of tentative millage rate for the City of Pompano Beach for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 reflecting a General Fund operating millage of 5.1875 and a voted Debt Service millage of 0.4451 for a total millage of 5.6326. The City's proposed aggregate millage rate represents a 5.43% increase in property taxes when compared to the aggregate rolled-back millage rate of 5.3948.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Erjeta Diamanti)

Comr. McGee enquired about the School Resource Officers' grant and if this would lower the millage rate increase.

Erjeta Diamanti, Budget Manager, responded no. She indicated that the City has entered into an agreement to fund the nine (9) School Resource Officers. The first three years the City received reimbursements, however,

the last four years the City must provide for 100% funding for the nine officers, so the grant is to cover that portion.

Comr. McGee asked if the City looked into those residents that are engaged in the games and practices to ensure the parents that are involved with these activities realize how important it is to get in touch with them for their participation,

Greg Harrison, City Manager, stated that at the initial parent signup meeting those points were covered.

Mark Beaudreau, Recreation Programs Administrator, stated that what Comr. McGee is referring to is the additional funding requested for the practices and football games, as was discussed at the budget workshops, which was approved.

Comr. McGee indicated that she wanted it known that the violence and criminal activities like gambling that take place at these practices and games will not be tolerated by the City and that the parents should be made accountable for their children's behavior.

Mayor Hardin indicated that at the football practices and games there are regulation deputies, which are different from the School Resource Officers. To have officers at the practices and games, which the City decided to do will have a budgetary impact. This is talked about at every meeting with the parents that this is an issue.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Moss, seconded by Commissioner Perkins, that the Considerations Agenda/ Adoption Request be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Eaton
McGee
McMahon
Perkins
Moss
Hardin

2. [19-607](#) Adoption of tentative budget for the City of Pompano Beach for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 totaling \$289,390,215.
(Fiscal Impact: \$289,390,215 for FY 2020)

(Staff Contact: Erjeta Diamanti)

Erjeta Diamanti, Budget Manager, clarified that the EMS budget was removed out of the total budget, because the City Commission is adopting the EMS District as a separate item.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Moss, seconded by Commissioner Perkins, that the Considerations Agenda/ Adoption Request be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Eaton
McGee
McMahon
Perkins
Moss
Hardin

3. [19-610](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE RESCUE SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA; IMPOSING FIRE RESCUE ASSESSMENTS AGAINST ASSESSED PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019; APPROVING THE RATE OF ASSESSMENT; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: \$22,210,972 for FY 2020)

(Staff Contact: Erjeta Diamanti)

Erjeta Diamanti, Budget Manager, stated that there are no changes from the previous hearing of the July 23, 2019, City Commission meeting. All the asset revenues generated by the Fire Assessment fees will be used to provide for eligible services in the Fire Department budget. This hearing will serve as a final adoption of the Fire Assessment rates. The deadline to submit the final resolution is September 15, 2019.

Mayor Hardin recalls years ago, how the budget processes used to be and prior to this stage it used to be laborious. Due to the multiple meetings that has been held over the year with staff, it has made this stage of the budget a much preferable process to the way it used to be done. Therefore, kudos to staff for all the work that has been done behind the scenes and working with all the Commissioners to ensure everyone is up to speed with what is going on. Thanks to staff.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Moss, seconded by Commissioner Perkins, that the Considerations Agenda/ Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Eaton
McGee
McMahon
Perkins
Moss
Hardin

Enactment No: RES. No. 2019-272

C. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

COMMENCE MEETING AS EMS TAXING DISTRICT**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019****(To commence immediately after the Special City Commission Meeting)**

Honorable Rex Hardin called the Special /EMS Taxing District meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Erjeta Diamanti, Budget Manager, stated that there is no further presentation from what was presented at the first meeting done earlier.

B. CONSIDERATIONS

1. [19-608](#) Adoption of tentative millage rate for the Emergency Medical Services District for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 at a millage rate of .5000. The proposed millage rate represents a 5.84% increase in property taxes when compared to the rolled-back millage rate of .4724.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Erjeta Diamanti)

Erjeta Diamanti, Budget Manager, stated that EMS millage rate of .5 has remained unchanged. It is a capped millage rate and there are no other changes from the July City Commission Workshop.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Moss, seconded by Commissioner Perkins, that the Considerations Agenda/ Adoption Request be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Eaton
McGee
McMahon
Moss
Hardin

No: Perkins

2. [19-609](#) Adoption of tentative budget for the Emergency Medical Services District for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 totaling \$18,707,332.
(Fiscal Impact: \$18,707,332 for FY 2020)

(Staff Contact: Erjeta Diamanti)

A female speaker did not provide her name or address but she wanted to get an explanation on how the budget process works.

Erjeta Diamanti, Budget Manager, provided a brief overview on how the budget is developed and processed. The budget is a one-year process commencing in November and staff provides some preliminary estimates on the revenues and expenditures for the overall funds in the City. One of the main funds is the General Fund, which is directly impacted by the property taxes. Another fund that levy property taxes is the EMS Fund and currently this meeting is part of the process to adopt that budget.

During the one-year process, several meetings are held with the City Commission and the meetings are opened to the public. The public and the residents are notified in regards to setting the millage rates and fees. The City adhere to all the Florida Statutes, and all the rules and regulations the Department of Revenues provides the City to notify the residents and make them aware of the rates and the budgets. During the presentations staff provides detailed descriptions of the variances from last year's budget to this year. The budget book is published online and available to the residents to download for their review. After the two budget workshops when the rates and the budget is discussed in details for all funds, there are two budget hearings held.

Mayor Hardin added that a graph is prepared and presented, which shows an average value home of \$200,000, the fiscal year 2019 taxes were \$915 and the fiscal year 2020 taxes would be \$920.

Sandra Parisian, 3401 NE 15th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, stated she received her first hit for not filing for homestead. She said her taxes came in at \$3,100 and her home is \$215,000 value. The taxes for next year is estimated at \$3,700, therefore, she does not understand the \$5 increase, because the numbers of the City is not adding up to the notice she received in the mail.

Without seeing Ms. Parisian TRIM notice, Mayor Hardin explained there are a number of taxing authorities that levy taxes, to include the City, the School Board, the County, and the Hospitals. Therefore, she may be looking at the total of all taxing authorities.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Moss, seconded by Commissioner Perkins, that the Considerations Agenda/ Adoption be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Eaton
McGee
McMahon
Perkins
Moss
Hardin

Enactment No:

C. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Rex Hardin, Mayor

Asceleta Hammond, City Clerk

City of Pompano Beach

First Budget Hearing

September 12, 2019



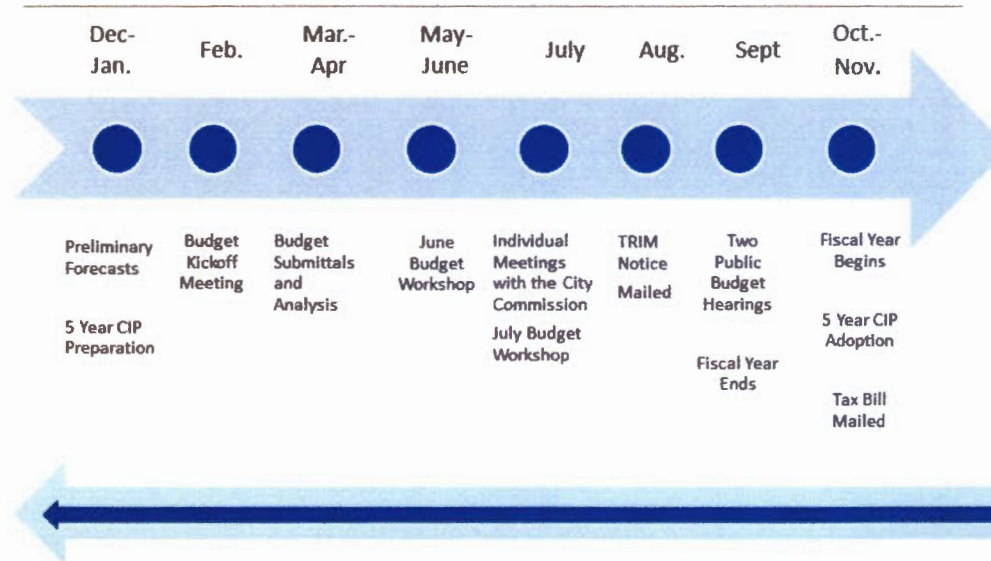
First Budget Public Hearing Presentation Outline

- Budget Process
- Policy Recommendations
- FY 2020 Recommended Budget for All Funds
- FY 2020 Recommended General Fund Budget
- FY 2020 Fire Assessment Rates
- FY 2020 Recommended Millage Rates
- Next Steps

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- The purpose of this presentation is to recap the FY 2020 recommended budget for all funds.
- Per F.S. Chapter 200.065, public hearings shall be held after 5 p.m. if scheduled on a day other than Saturday. No hearing shall be held on a Sunday.
- Because the City utilizes the Trim Notice as the first class notice for a non-ad valorem assessment, the public hearing for the non-ad valorem assessment cannot be scheduled before September 12, 2019.
- The School Board and the Broward County Commission are the first taxing authorities to schedule the hearing dates. The City cannot schedule the hearings dates on the same dates scheduled by the School Board and County Commission.
- The City's dates for both public hearings have been confirmed with the Department of Revenue.
- The City is legally required to adopt its millage rates and budget by October, 1.
- Failure to adopt the City's budget will result in the suspended distribution of major state revenue sources and/or the City's inability to assess property taxes and the fire assessment fee.
- Please note that the deadline to submit the Annual Fire Assessment Resolution to the Revenue Collector's Office is September 15, 2019.

Budget Process



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- The Budget Process for FY 2020 started in December, 2018 and ends in November, 2019.
- The City's Adopted Budget Book is a GFOA Award Winning Book 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.

Policy Recommendations

➤ Maintain Service Levels

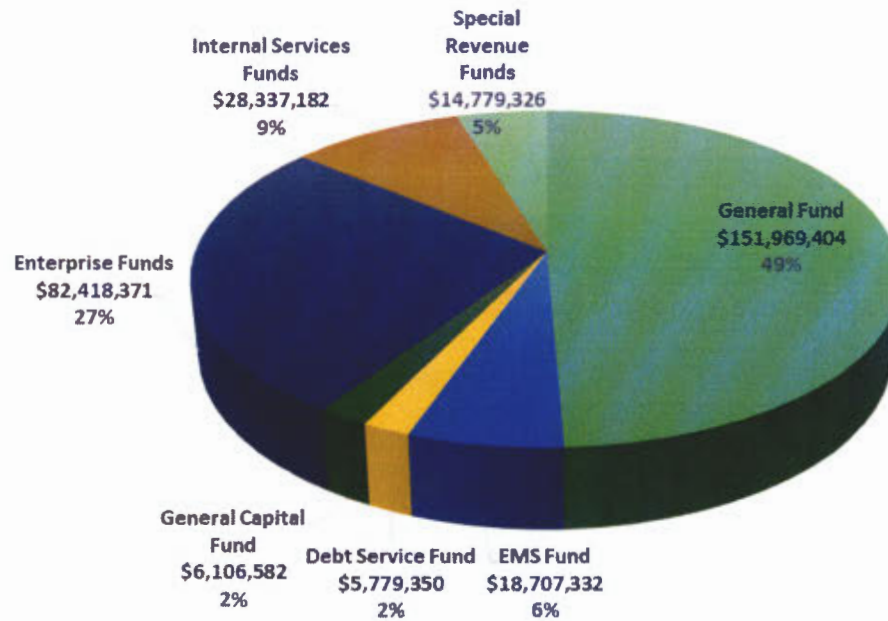
➤ Additions:

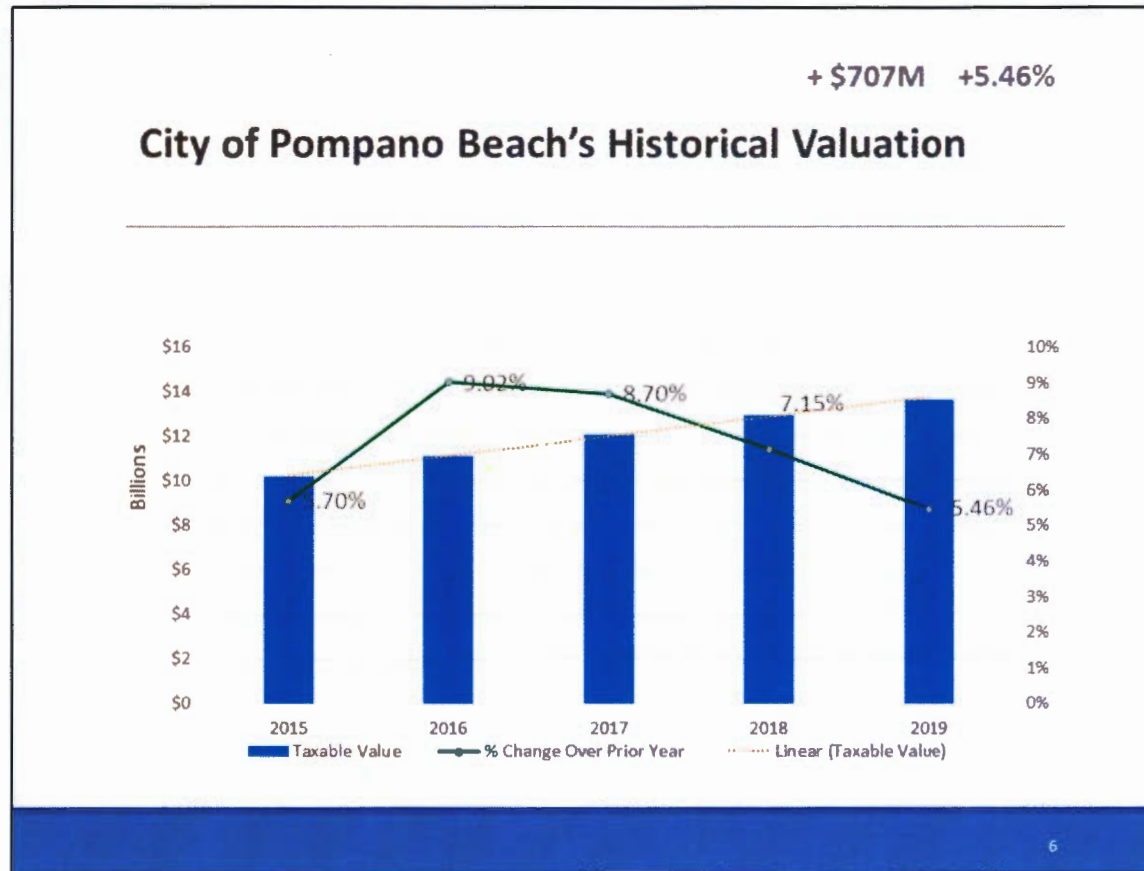
- Pier Operations and Fees
- Burrie Civic Center Operations
- Police services to cover games and practices and adjustment for School Resource Officer (SRO) Grant Program

➤ Changes:

- Collapsed Pier Enterprise Fund in the General Fund

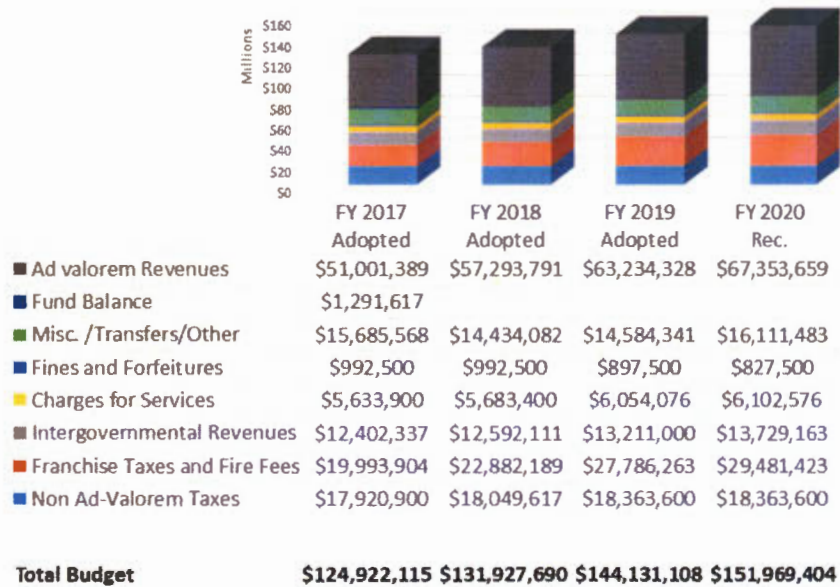
FY 2020 Recommended Budget for All Funds \$308,097,547



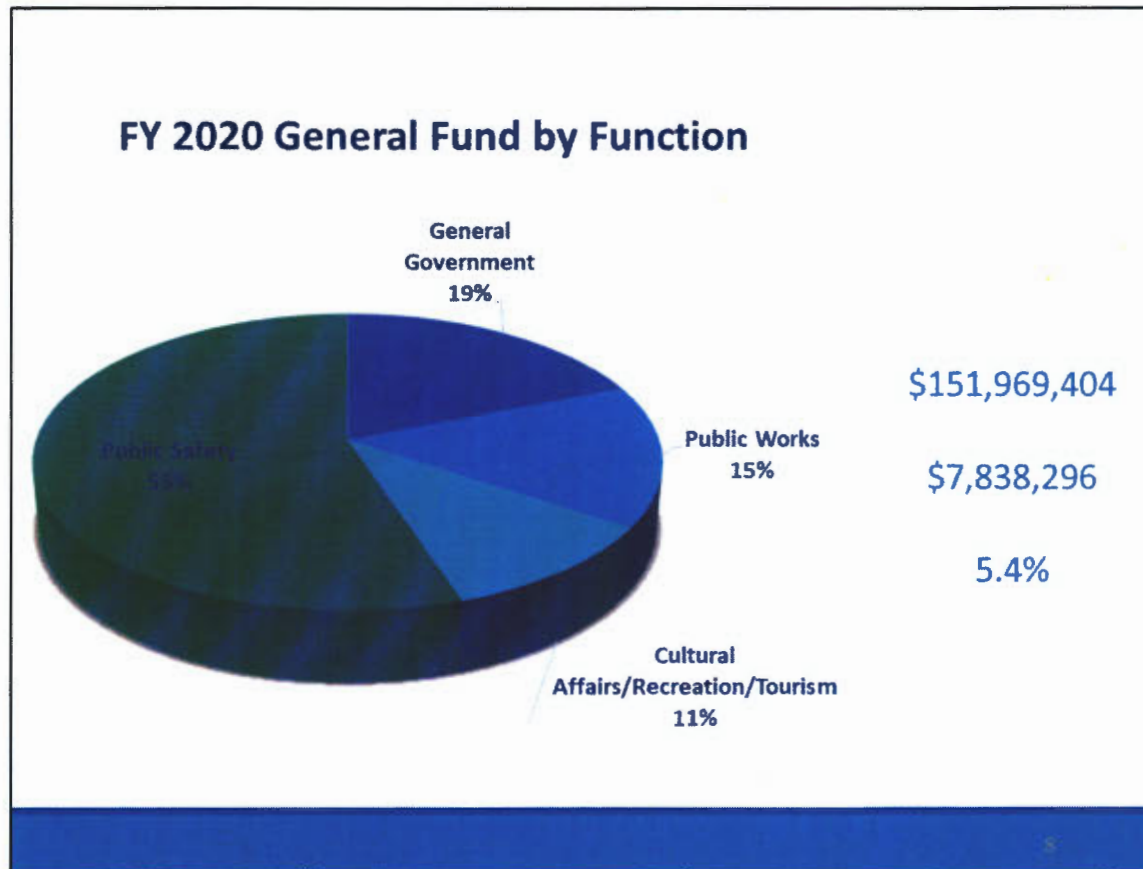


July 1st, valuation FY 2020: \$13,659,649,028. New Construction reported at \$89.3M.

FY 2017-FY 2020 General Fund Revenues



- This chart provides for a historical view of the General Fund revenues.
- Overall from FY2019 the increase in revenues for the General Fund is \$7.8M or 5.4%.



The increases in the General Fund budget for FY 2020 can primarily be attributed to:

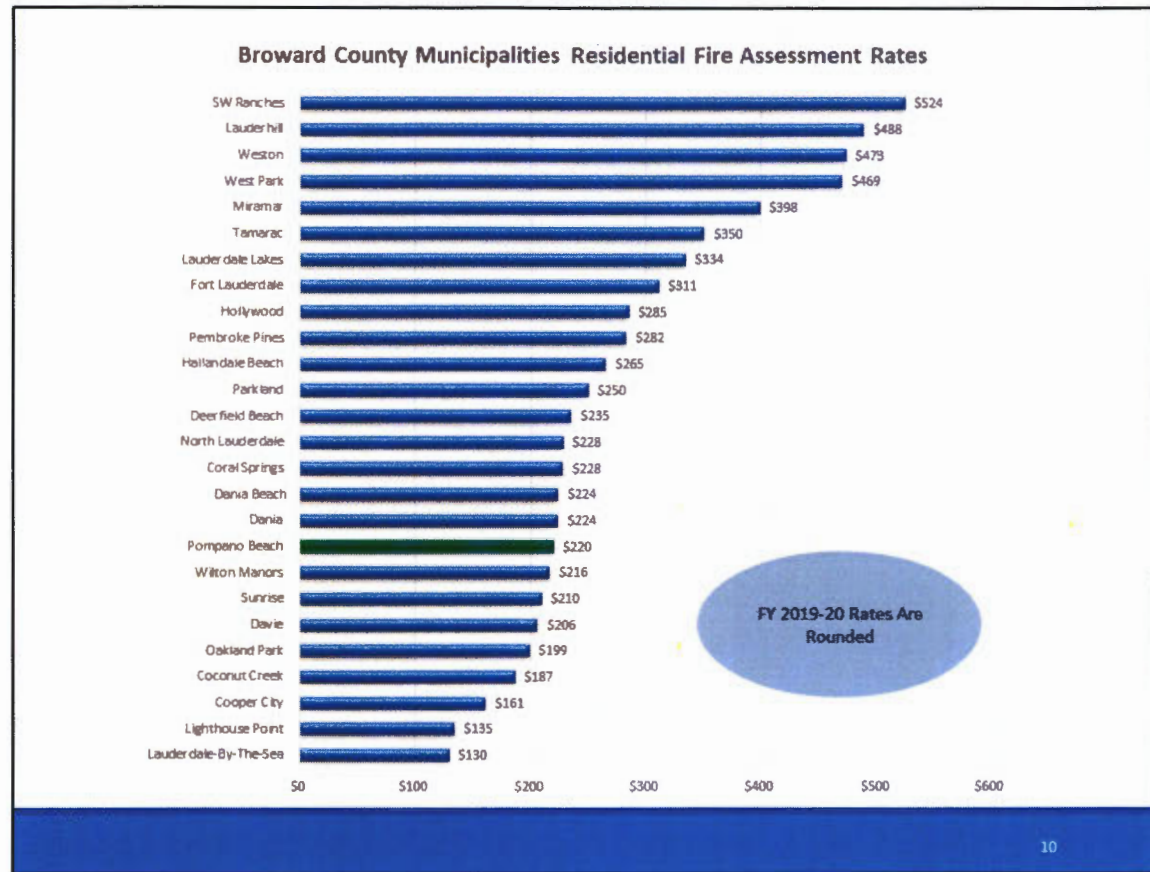
- police services (\$2.6M; to include payments for the SRO grant program (\$547K);
- utilities (\$307K); maintenance (\$567K); recreation (\$444K);
- capital lease payment (\$627K) to amortize the cost of capital items primarily related to fire, ems and parks and recreation;
- TIF increment payments to the Community Redevelopment Agency (NW and East Districts) (\$1M);
- service charges (for example: information technologies charges, risk charges) (\$214K); professional services (\$413K);
- salaries to include cola and merit for general and firefighter employees (\$2.1M) to include additional personnel for Burrie Center and Pier, Fire Department and Cultural Affairs/CRA and Finance Departments;
- other benefits related to current and additional positions such as Fica and Veba (\$842K); pension contributions (\$265K).
- Reductions in other expenses (-\$1.3M) related to the reduction in transfers from the General Fund to the General Capital Fund and reductions in capital expenses due to the lease for the capital replacement plan (-\$330K).

Proposed Fire Assessment Rates for FY 2020

	Adopted	Preliminary Adopted	
Fire Assessment Rates	FY 2019	FY 2020	Variance
Residential	\$210	\$220	\$10
Rates Per Square Feet			
Commercial	\$0.30	\$0.314	\$0.014
Industrial	\$0.16	\$0.168	\$0.008
Institutional	\$0.37	\$0.388	\$0.018
Net Total	\$19,405,263	\$21,100,423	\$1,695,160

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- FY 2020 proposed Residential Rate increased by \$10 from FY 2019 adopted residential rate. Net increase in estimated assessed revenues is \$1.7M.
- The purpose of this recommendation is to cover larger share of eligible fire operations costs to maintain service levels.
- This increase will cover approximately 90% of the fire operations proposed budget in accordance with the 2019-2023 Adopted Fire Strategic Plan.
- Fire fee increase will be applied cross the board on all fire rates: residential, commercial, industrial and institutional rates.
- Rates for Non-Residential properties (i.e., Commercial, Industrial/Warehouse, and Institutional) are based on the first 150,000 square feet per building.
- Note that General Fund ad-valorem revenues cover approximately 100% of the Ocean Rescue Division (\$2.3M) and 43% of the EMS Budget (\$8.1M).
- The First Public Budget Hearing also serves as the final adoption of the preliminary fire assessment rates.



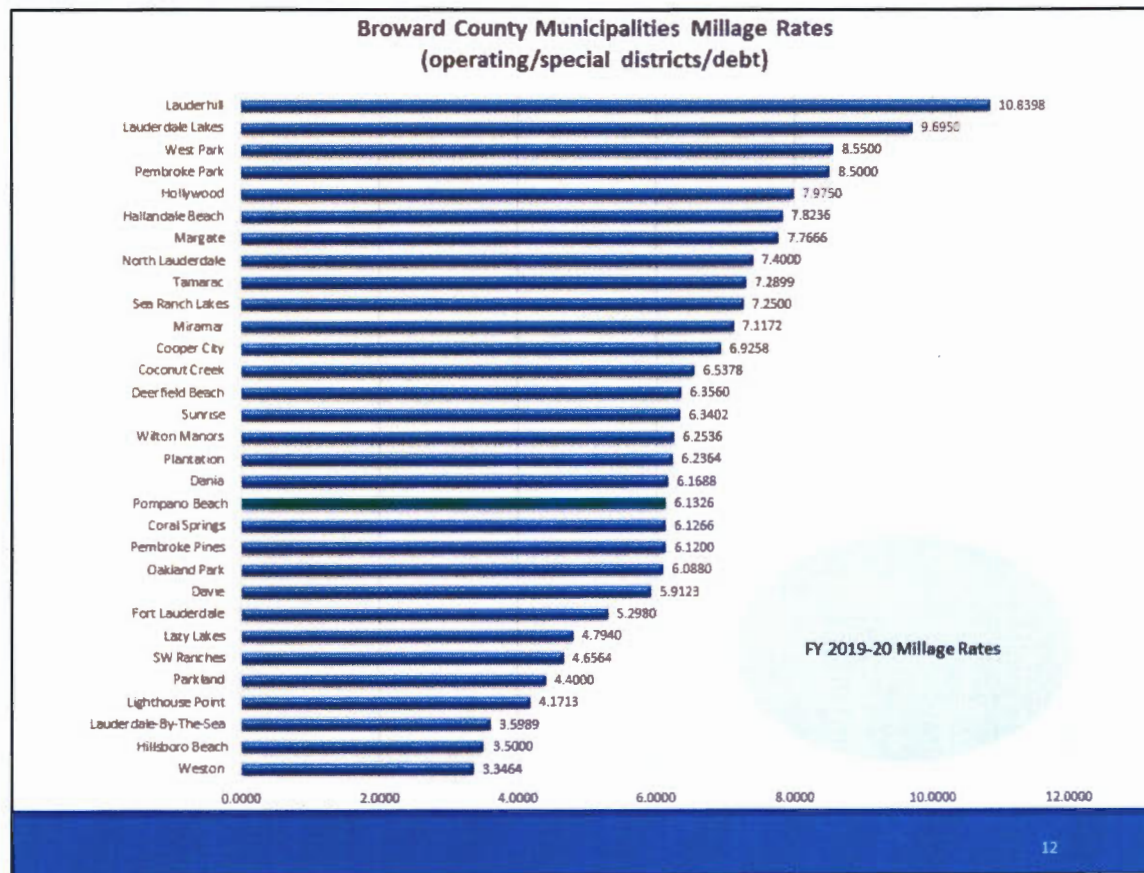
- Adopted Preliminary Residential Rate is \$220: When compared to FY 2019 proposed fire rates of 26 municipalities in Broward County, the COPB is ranked the ninth lowest.
- The range of the 17 municipalities above our residential rate is \$224-\$524.

FY 2020 Recommended Millage Rates

<u>Millage Rates Summary</u>	Adopted FY 2019	Estimated FY 2020	Variance
General Operating	5.1361	5.1875	0.0514
EMS	0.5000	0.5000	0.0000
G.O. Bond 2018 Series	0.4663	0.4451	-0.0212

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- FY 2020 recommended operating millage rate of 5.1875 represents a 1% increase when compared to the FY 2019 adopted operating millage rate of 5.1361.
- FY 2020 EMS millage rate is .5000. (Ordinance 96-76 amended by Ordinance 2000-67), has remained unchanged when it compared to the FY 2019 adopted EMS millage rate.
- FY 2020 recommended GO Bond (Series 2018) debt service millage rate of 0.4451 represents a -4.55% decrease when compared to the FY 2019 adopted debt service millage rate of 0.4663.
- Overall, when compared to the FY 2019 adopted aggregate millage rate of 6.1024, the FY 2020 recommended aggregate millage rate of 6.1326 increased by 0.0302 mills or 0.49%.



When compared to FY 2019 adopted millage rates of 30 municipalities in Broward County, the City's proposed aggregate is ranked 13th lowest.

Aggregate Millage Rate Impact on Property Taxes

Average Value Home \$200K



Homesteaded Properties

FY 2019

\$915

FY 2020

\$920

Tax Impact

\$5



Not Homesteaded Properties

\$1,220

\$1,227

\$7

Next Steps



City of Pompano Beach

FIRST PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

AT 5:15 P.M.

