

**MINUTES
TOWN OF LAKE CLARKE SHORES
SECOND PUBLIC HEARING 2019/2020 TOWN BUDGET
SEPTEMBER 24, 2019
6:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A) ROLL CALL

The following officials were present:

Valentin Rodriguez, Jr., Mayor
Paul R. Shalhoub, Vice Mayor
Robert M. W. Shalhoub, President Pro Tem
Gregory Freebold, Council Member

B) MOMENT OF SILENCE, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, INVOCATION

(Moved from Regular Town Council Agenda)

Mayor Rodriguez requested a moment of silence for Madeline Farkas, grandmother of Damon Gammons, Utilities Superintendent, who recently passed away. The Most Reverend Father Peter Sphortun of St. Mary's Orthodox Church of West Palm Beach, gave the invocation, then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED 2019/2020 TOWN BUDGET

A) Dan Clark, Town Administrator

Mr. Clark provided the following information on each of the four funds:

General Fund –

- Balanced budget.
- The Millage Rate remains the same at 6.2798.
- Rollback rate is 5.9174.
- Increase in the assessed values of property in Town.
- Expenditures are 2% less than last year.
- No change in number of employees.
- Employees will receive merit increases of 2.8%.
- Waste Management costs up by 3%.
- Capital improvements include – Munis and server upgrades, boat cover and lift for police boat and tennis court fencing.
- 8 Leased vehicles will be received this fiscal year.

Surtax Fund –

- Anticipated revenue of \$241,000.
- Road repaving projects put on hold until after sewer impact has been decided.
- Storm drain improvements will be done at various locations.
- Pine Tree Bridge plans still continue.

CRA –

- Balanced budget.
- Estimated \$46,500 combined TIF revenue from PBC and Town.
- Hiring a Consulting Financial Advisor to review future CRA Funding options.
- Median improvements and Business Development Incentive Projects will continue.

Utility Fund –

- Will hire one additional employee.
- No new debts proposed.
- Up to 2.8% merit increases.
- New Rate Study included in budget.
- 3 Leased vehicles will be received this year.
- Capital improvements include – Munis upgrade and standby pump.

3. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

President Pro Tem Shalhoub – thanked Mr. Clark for his work on the proposed budget.

Council Member Freebold – no comments at this time.

Vice Mayor Shalhoub – also thanked Mr. Clark the work he has done with the budget.

Mayor Rodriguez – discussed the Forest Hill Blvd median improvements. Mr. Clark noted that the improvements were included in the 2018/2019 CRA budget, but the Town will need to transfer some of the money into the 2019/2020 budget since there was a delay in receiving the agreement from ABM.

4. AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

None.

5. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS:

Prior to the Town Clerk reading the Resolutions, Mayor Rodriguez noted Lake Clarke Shores is the Taxing Authority. He noted the Rolled-Back Rate of 5.9174. He also noted that the Millage Rate to be levied is 6.2798 – which is 6.12% higher than the Rolled-Back Rate.

A) RESOLUTION #2019-27 – Adoption of 2019/2020 Millage Rate

A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Lake Clarke Shores, Florida, Setting and Fixing a Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 at 6.2798 Mills.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Shalhoub to adopt Resolution #2019-27, seconded by President Pro Tem Shalhoub; Motion approved (4-0).

B) RESOLUTION #2019-28 – Adoption of 2019/2020 Budget

A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Lake Clarke Shores, Florida, adopting a Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Shalhoub to adopt Resolution #2019-28, seconded by Council Member Freebold; Motion approved (4-0).

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Shalhoub to adjourn the Second Public Hearing 2019/2020 Town Budget at 6:45 p.m., seconded by Council Member Freebold; Motion approved (4-0).

Valentin Rodriguez, Jr., Mayor

Mary Pinkerman, Town Clerk