

**TOWN OF ASTATULA  
MAYOR AND TOWN  
COUNCIL MINUTES**



**PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING  
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2019  
TOWN HALL**

Having been duly advertised as required by law, Mayor Robert Natale called the Preliminary Budget Hearing to order at 7:02pm. Vice-Mayor gave the invocation and Mayor Natale led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Present:**

Robert Natale, Mayor  
Mitchell Mack, Vice-Mayor  
Stephen Cross  
Gayle Sikkema  
Kimberly Kobera

**Also Present:**

Graham Wells, Town Clerk  
Jane Whaley, Deputy Clerk  
Walter Hoagland, Police Chief

Roll Call was performed, and it was determined that a quorum was present.

This public hearing is for the purpose of announcing the percentage by which the millage rate differs from the rolled-back rate; and for Council to adopt a tentative millage rate by Resolution. Council will also adopt the tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20 by fund department.

**RESOLUTION 2019-19 - DETERMINING THE AMOUNT AND FIXING THE RATE OF AD VALOREM TAXATION**

**RESOLUTION 2019-19 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ASTATULA, FLORIDA, DETERMINING THE AMOUNT AND FIXING THE RATE OF AD VALOREM TAXATION; LEVYING THE ANNUAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 FOR THE TOWN OF ASTATULA, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mayor Natale read the resolution title and announced the following information as required by Florida Statutes:

- The Taxing Authority is the Town of Astatula
- The Rolled-Back Rate is 7.1631 mills
- The Percentage over the Rolled-Back Rate is 4.70
- The Millage Rate to Be Levied is 7.5000 mills

At this point the Mayor opened up the meeting for public comment on this issue only; there being no residents present he closed public comment.

It was then opened up for Council discussion. Councilman Cross asked for confirmation that the final millage rate was the same as last year. Clerk Wells confirmed that it was and explained the calculation of the rolled back rate. There being no further questions, the Mayor called for a motion to approve Resolution 2019-19.

**MOTION by Councilman Mack to approval Resolution 2019-19; SECONDED by Councilwoman Kobera**

**A roll call vote was requested**

**Councilman Cross - YES**

**Councilman Mack - YES**

**Councilwoman Kobera - YES**

**Councilwoman Sikkema - YES**

**Mayor Natale - YES**

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

**RESOLUTION 2019-20 - ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

**RESOLUTION 2019-20 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ASTATULA, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF ASTATULA, FLORIDA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mayor Natale read the resolution title and announced the following information as required by Florida Statutes:

The Tentative Budget for the Town of Astatula for Fiscal Year 2019-20 to be adopted by Fund Department is as follows:

- General Fund – In the amount of \$1,154,807.00
- Transportation Fund – In the amount of \$132,722.00
- Infrastructure Fund – In the amount of \$405,650.00
- TOTAL ALL FUNDS - \$1,693,179.00

There was a difference between the total amount on the agenda and the total amount on the resolution. This was rectified before the motion and vote was taken. The correct amount is shown above.

At this point the Mayor opened up the meeting for public comment; there was no comment from the one resident present, he closed public comment.

It was then opened up for Council discussion. There being no discussion, Mayor Natale requested a motion to approve Resolution 2019-20.

**MOTION by Councilman Mack to approval Resolution 2019-20; SECONDED by Councilwoman Sikkema**

**A roll call vote was requested**

**Councilman Cross - NO**

**Councilman Mack - YES**

**Councilwoman Kobera - YES**

**Councilwoman Sikkema - YES**

**Mayor Natale - YES**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-1**

The Mayor announced that the final budget hearing would be on September 26, 2019 at 7:00pm at Town Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mitchell Mack, Mayor

ATTEST:



Graham Wells, Town Clerk & Finance Officer

