

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



**FINAL BUDGET HEARING
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2019
TOWN HALL**

Having been duly advertised as required by law, Mayor Robert Natale called the Preliminary Budget Hearing to order at 7:00pm. Vice-Mayor Mack 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
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 the final millage rate by Resolution. Council will also adopt the final budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20 by fund department.

RESOLUTION 2019-21 - DETERMINING THE AMOUNT AND FIXING THE RATE OF AD VALOREM TAXATION

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 the meeting up for public comment on this issue only;

Mr. Vic Stone – 24737 Madison Street addressed Council; his comments and the Council's responses can be made available on request. The Mayor closed public comment.

It was then opened for Council discussion. Councilman Cross said that a pie chart had been requested to show the expenditure percentages of the General Fund which showed the true cost of the Police Department. This was updated in the Councils budget books. Mr. Cross was concerned about the fiscal controls over the expenditures in the PD that council have. Discussion ensued about the state of the finances and Mr. Stones comments.

There being no further questions or comment, the Mayor called for a motion to approve Resolution 2019-21.

MOTION by Councilman Cross to approval Resolution 2019-21; SECONDED by Councilwoman Sikkema

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 2019-22 - ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ASTATULA, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A FINAL 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 Final 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

At this point the Mayor opened up the meeting for public comment; there was no comment as the one resident present had gone home so he closed public comment.

It was then opened up for Council discussion. Mr. Cross stated that there are items in the budget that he does not agree with which is why he will not be voting to approve it. The Mayor reported to council that he had purchased a new property in Tavares and was moving in the first week in October. This will require the Mayor's resignation on the day that he moves out of Astatula.

There being no discussion, Mayor Natale requested a motion to approve Resolution 2019-22.

MOTION by Councilman Mack to approval Resolution 2019-22; 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

ADJOURNMENT

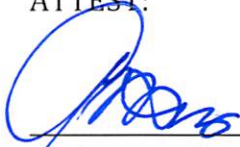
There being no further business Mayor Natale adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mitchell Mack, Mayor

ATTEST:



Graham Wells, Town Clerk & Finance Officer

