

September 16, 2026

Village Council Meeting & Final Budget Hearing

Attendance:

Mayor Nelson

Mrs. Bryan

Mr. Borshchukov

Mr. Hodgson

Mr. Volkert (via phone)

Mr. Robichaux (via phone)

Also:

John Tomlinson

Sean Swartz

Chief Gajate

Starr Paton

The roll was called and a quorum was determined.

Mayor Nelson asked the council to review the minutes of the August 12, 2026, council meeting and September 9, 2026, first budget hearing. Motion made by Mr. Hodgson and seconded by Mr. Borshchukov to approve the August 12, 2026, and September 9, 2026, minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Nelson opened the public hearing for the consideration of the final millage rate for the fiscal year 2026-27. The new millage rate will be set at 6.0 mils which represents a 3.41% increase over the roll back rate of 5.0823%.

Public comments were opened. There were none. Public comments were closed.

There was no further discussion by the council. Motion made by Mr. Borshchukov and seconded by Mrs. Bryan to approve the 2026-27 millage rate of 6.0 mils. Mr. Swartz read the resolution by title only adopting the final millage rate of 6.0 mils for the Village's general operating fund for the fiscal year 2026-27. The roll was called and the motion passed unanimously. Public hearing was closed.

Mayor Nelson opened the public hearing for the consideration of the adoption of the final budget for the fiscal year 2026-27.

Public comments were opened. There were none. Public comments were closed.

There was no further discussion by the council. Motion made by Mrs. Bryan and seconded by Mr. Borshchukov to approve the final budget for the 2026-27 fiscal year. Mr. Swartz read

the resolution by title only adopting the final budget for the fiscal year 2026-27, determining and fixing the amounts necessary to carry on the government of the Village for the ensuing year. The roll was called and the motion passed unanimously. Public hearing was closed.

Mr. Tomlinson reviewed the accounts payable for September. All the bills were ordinary and necessary. Motion made by Mrs. Bryan and seconded by Mr. Borshchukov to approve the accounts payable for September. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tomlinson reviewed the July 31, 2026, financial statement. Cash balance of all accounts at the end of July was \$2,964,000. This is the tenth month of the fiscal year. We received an additional \$97,000 in ad valorem receipts this month as the tax certificates were sold in June, which is helping exceed our budgeted number for ad valorem receipts. Mr. Tomlinson discussed the police budget. This month they were \$11,000 for the month of July but have been working to keep the spending to a minimum. At this point, the variance of the police expenditure is \$22,000 over budget, which is not too far out of line. Motion made by Mr. Hodgson and seconded by Mrs. Bryan to approve the July 31, 2026 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Police Report:

Chief Gajate reported there has been an increase in e-bike thefts at the plaza. Officers recovered a stolen bike this week and the suspect went to jail. The owner of the e-bike had a tracker on the bike which helped officers recover the bike. Our officers are doing more traffic enforcement now that school is back in session and reminds residents to slow down and stop at the stop signs. There have been no incursions this month and Lauderdale by the Sea had only one burglary this month. BSO has beefed up their patrols.

Code Compliance:

Starr reported that 19 Gatehouse Rd had complied with the removal of the fence, gates, and landscaping. They will be coming back before the council to discuss the possibility of reducing their code lien fine.

Public comments opened. There were none. Public comments closed.

New Business:

There was none.

Old Business:

Mr. Volkert updated the council on the Intracoastal wake zone and speeding issues. Mr. Volkert had a Zoom call with the Zachariah & Reggie Zachariah, along with the President of the Bay Colony. The President of Bay Colony was fully on board, and he will reach out to the President of the Landings HOA. They would like to craft letters that homeowners on the waterways could sign and submit to proper agencies. They also suggested that Lauderdale by the Sea and Sea Ranch Lakes consider creating a public proclamation to submit to the same governing bodies. They have begun collection of video evidence of the waterway and

the dangerous speeding which will be able to be uploaded to these agencies regarding creating a no wake zone between Commercial Boulevard and Atlantic Boulevard bridges. There was discussion of environmental concerns and liability exposure should a waterway accident occur and impact our communities. Mr. Volkert would like approval by council to reach out to Lauderdale by the Sea to have a discussion to update them regarding behind the scenes discussions. They have heard that there is favorable momentum coming out of the tragic accident that occurred south of Oakland Park Blvd bridge. There was discussion of the expenditure of funds for a patrol detail on the Intracoastal and the impact that would have. Mayor Nelson stated advancing the process of letters and a proclamation would be easy to do but advancing the process of expenditure of funds from the community as whole is more complicated to define the benefits to the community. Public notice for the expenditure of village funds on this matter should be well noticed. Historically the council voted to have the conversation with the other communities. The Mayor and Council discussed this further. Mrs. Bryan made a motion to advance the process, so we know how much other communities and HOA's are willing to contribute and the distribution of funds. Mr. Swartz stated this is preliminary at this point. Mr. Volkert discussed further and felt no funds are needed at this time. Mr. Swartz stated we need a consensus and he can bring back a resolution in support of creating a wake zone for a distance to be determined. There are two separate issues. The council further discussed the need to address this issue and what issues the residents along the Intracoastal are facing with the wakes hitting the seawalls. Mr. Tomlinson stated that next year, the state is looking for municipalities to reduce budgets by 10% if possible and there will be a new budget process in place beginning in January. Mr. Borshchukov made a motion to proceed with joining forces with the other municipalities and homeowners' associations to explore to create some limitations in the form of reduced speed zone or no wake zone in our area between Commercial Blvd. and Atlantic Blvd. Mrs. Bryan seconded the motion. The roll was called and the motion passed unanimously.

The October meeting was set for Thursday, October 15th at 5:00 p.m.

Adjourn.

