

**Village of Highland Park**  
**AGENDA – Final TRIM & Public Budget Hearing Meeting**

Clerk's Building  
1650 Highland Park Drive North  
Tuesday, September 26, 2023, 6:00 PM  
Lake Wales, Florida

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Public Comment
- IV. RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05  
"A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND PARK, POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR POLK COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE."
- V. RESOLUTION NO. 2023-06  
"A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND PARK, POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE."
- VI. Questions/Comments/Announcements
- VII. Adjournment

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In accordance with Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities needing special accommodations to participate in this meeting should contact the Village Clerk's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the meeting at 863-455-6518.

Appeals concerning decisions on issues requiring a public hearing:

Persons who wish to appeal any decision made by the Village Commission with respect to any matter considered during a public hearing at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose may need to ensure that verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

## FINAL TRIM & BUDGET HEARING, 9/26/23

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND PARK

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND PARK, FLORIDA MET IN SPECIAL SESSION AT THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND PARK ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, 1650 NORTH HIGHLAND PARK DRIVE, ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023, AT 6:00 P.M. WITH THE FOLLOWING COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STAFFPERSONS PRESENT:

BRANDON MCWHORTER, MAYOR-COMMISSIONER (Seat 2)  
MARCUS HINSHAW, COMMISSIONER (Seat 1)  
AMANDA UPDIKE, COMMISSIONER (Seat 3)  
MARY BRADLEY, INTERIM CLERK  
LITA O'NEILL, INTERIM DEPUTY CLERK  
ANDREW HAND, CITY ATTORNEY

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor-Commissioner Brandon McWhorter called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

#### ROLL CALL

The Village Clerk called the roll. Mayor-Commissioner Brandon McWhorter, Commissioner Amanda Updike, and Commissioner Hinshaw (attending via phone call) were present. A full quorum was present.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor-Commissioner McWhorter opened the floor to public comment regarding final TRIM and budget. Being none, Mayor McWhorter closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

Attorney Hand recommended that the Commission make a motion due to extraordinary circumstances for Commissioner Hinshaw to participate remotely and vote.

Mayor-Commissioner McWhorter made a motion to file the extraordinary circumstances and opened that up for public comment. Amanda Updike seconded.

Mark Smith, 1514 South Highland Park Drive, asked for Commissioner Hinshaw to make note of the extraordinary circumstances. Commissioner Hinshaw explained that he is across the country because his trip had been extended. Mayor-Commissioner McWhorter invited other members of the public for questions or comments regarding the issue. No additional public comment was made.

The Roll Call Vote was read by Mary Bradley:

Commissioner McWhorter – yes

Commissioner A. Updike – yes

The motion passed.

## **FINAL TRIM & BUDGET HEARING, 9/26/23**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05**

Resolution 2023-05 was read by title by the Mayor, "A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND PARK, POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND PARK FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

Mayor-Commissioner McWhorter motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-05. Commissioner Updike seconded the motion. Discussion was opened to the public. No public comment was made. A Roll Call vote was taken.

Mayor-Commissioner McWhorter – yes  
Commissioner Updike – yes  
Commissioner Hinshaw – yes

The motion carried and the final millage was approved at 6:10 P.M.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-06**

Resolution 2023-06 was read by title by the Mayor, "A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND PARK, POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND PARK FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

Mayor-Commissioner McWhorter motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-05. Commissioner Updike seconded the motion. Discussion was opened to the public. No public comment was made. A Roll Call vote was taken.

Mayor-Commissioner McWhorter – yes  
Commissioner Updike – yes  
Commissioner Hinshaw – yes

The motion carried and the final millage was approved at 6:12 P.M.

### **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no additional comments.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:13 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lita O'Neill, Village Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND PARK, POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND PARK FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, The Village of Highland Park, Polk County, Florida, on September 26<sup>h</sup>, 2023, held a public hearing to discuss the Tentative Millage Rate as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

**WHEREAS**, a millage rate of 9.9759 dollars per thousand, which is a 12.96% change from the rolled-back rate, generates the minimum funds necessary from ad valorem taxes to meet the Village's needs for essential services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Village of Highland Park of Polk County, Florida, that:

1. The FY 2023-2024 final operating millage rate is 9.9759 mills which is 12.96% greater the rolled-back rate of 8.8316
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** at a public hearing on the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of September, 2023.

Time adopted: 6:10 PM


VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND PARK

By:



Brandon McWhorter, Mayor-Commissioner

Attest:



Mary Bradley, Village Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-06

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND PARK, POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, The Village of Highland Park, Polk County, Florida, on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, held a public hearing to discuss the Tentative Millage Rate as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Highland Park, Polk County, Florida, set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and by reference incorporated herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Village of Highland Park, Polk County, Florida, that:

1. The FY 2023-2024 tentative budget be adopted.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** at a public hearing on the 26th Day of September, 2023.

**Time adopted:** 6:12 PM

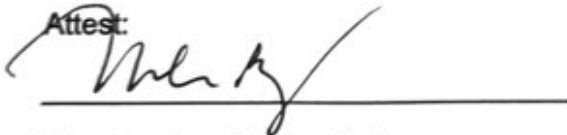
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Brandon McWhorter, Mayor-Commissioner

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Mary Bradley, Village Clerk