



HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

1ST BUDGET HEARING AGENDA

AMENDED

Wednesday, September 06, 2023 at 5:30 PM

Town Hall - 307 E Kennedy Blvd

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (Three minutes strictly enforced)

V. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Approval of Resolution 2023-15 Adopting the Tentative Levying of Ad Valorem Taxes for Orange County for Fiscal Year for Beginning October 1, 2023 and Ending September 30, 2024 (Finance)

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR ORANGE COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR FOR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, PROVIDING FOR, AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

2. Approval of First Reading Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 (Ordinance #2023-7) Town Budget (Finance)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE, ORANGE COUNTY FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

VI. COUNCIL DECISIONS

3. Approval of the CRA Budget Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 (Finance)

VII. COMMENTS

4. Staff Comments

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA
TOWN COUNCIL 1ST BUDGET HEARING
SEPTEMBER 06, 2023, AT 05:30 PM
Cover Sheet

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ITEM TITLE: Approval of Resolution 2023-15 Adopting the Tentative Levying of Ad Valorem Taxes for Orange County for Fiscal Year for Beginning October 1, 2023 and Ending September 30, 2024 (**Finance**)

TOWN COUNCIL ACTION:

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND PRESENTATIONS		Department: ADMINISTRATIVE (Finance)
PUBLIC HEARING 1ST / 2ND READING		Exhibits: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Resolution 2023-15
CONSENT AGENDA	YES	
COUNCIL DECISION		
ADMINISTRATIVE		

REQUEST: Approval of Resolution #2023-15, adopting the Proposed Tentative Tax Levy on all Real property within the boundaries of the Town of Eatonville.

SUMMARY: Resolution #2023-15 is being presented to Town Council for approval to adopt the Proposed Tentative Tax Millage Rate for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024. The proposed Tentative Tax Levy is 7.2938 mills which is more than the rolled back rate of 6.5373 mills by 11.57%.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of Resolution #2023-, adopting the proposed Tentative Millage Rate of 7.2938 mills which is more than the rolled back rate of 6.5373 mills by 11.57%.

FISCAL & EFFICIENCY DATA: N/A

RESOLUTION #2023-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR ORANGE COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR FOR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, PROVIDING FOR, AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Eatonville, of Orange County, Florida on September 6., 2023, adopted Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 Tentative Millage Rates following a public hearing as required by Florida Statue 200.065;

WHEREAS, the Town of Eatonville, of Orange County, Florida, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within Orange County has been certified by the Orange County Property Appraiser to the Town of Eatonville, as \$ **312,462,023**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:

SECTION ONE: the proposed Tentative Tax Levy for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024 operating millage rate is **7.2938** mills, which is more than the rolled-back rate of **6.5373** mills by **11.57%**

SECTION TWO: The voted debt service millage is **-0-**.

SECTION THREE CONFLICTS: All Resolution or parts of Resolutions in conflict with any other Resolution or ant of the provisions of the Resolution is hereby repealed.

SECTION FOUR SEVERABILITY: If any section or portion of a section of this Resolution is found to be invalid, unlawful or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity force or effect of any other section or part of this Resolution.

SECTION FIVE: EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of September 2023, A.D.

Angie Gardner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Veronica King, Town Clerk



HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 6, 2023 AT 5:30 PM

Cover Sheet

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ITEM TITLE: Approval of First Reading Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 (Ordinance #2023-7)
Town Budget (**Finance**)

TOWN COUNCIL ACTION:

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND PRESENTATIONS		Department: FINANCE DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC HEARING 1ST / READING	YES	Exhibits: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ordinance #2023-7
CONSENT AGENDA		
COUNCIL DECISION		
ADMINISTRATIVE		

REQUEST: Staff requests approval of the first reading from Town Council on Ordinance #2022-7 adopting the fiscal year 2023-2024 Town Budget.

SUMMARY: Ordinance #2022- 7 is being presented by staff to Town Council to approve the first reading for fiscal year 2023-2024 Town Budget.

The Town of Eatonville of Orange County, Florida set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Budget in the amount of \$ **7,734,657.**

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommend the Town Council approve the first reading of Ordinance # 2023-7 adopting the 2023-2024 Town Budget beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2023.

FISCAL & EFFICIENCY DATA: N/A

ORDINANCE #2023-7

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE, ORANGE COUNTY FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Eatonville of Orange County, Florida on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 held a Public Hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Eatonville of Orange County, Florida set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$ 7,734,659 ; and

WHEREAS, the Town Charter requires a Budget to be adopted by the third Monday of September each year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE, ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA THAT:

SECTION ONE: The Fiscal Year **2023-2024**, beginning October 1,2023, and Ending September 30, 2024, proposed Budget affixed as part of this official document as presented by the Mayor pursuant to the Town Charter.

SECTION TWO: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

SECTION THREE: BUDGET AMENDMENT: Town Council approving an official Resolution of the Town detailing the proposed amendment(s) to the Budget may amend the Budget after its adoption. Funds may be transferred from within the Departments budget as deemed necessary without Town Council approval by action of this Ordinance.

SECTION FOUR: CONFLICTS: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict therewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION FIVE: SEVERABILITY: Should any section or part of this Ordinance be declared invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction such adjudication shall not apply to or effect any other provision(s) of this Ordinance, except to the extent that the entire section or part of a section may be inseparable in meaning and intent from the Section to which such holdings shall apply.

SECTION SIX: EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and adoption.

DULY ADOPTED at a Public Hearing this _____TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2023.

Time Adopted _____ PM.

FIRST READING HELD this 6th day of SEPTEMBER 2023, A.D.

	AYE	NAYE	ABSENT
Mayor Angie Gardner:	_____	_____	_____
Vice Mayor Rodney Daniels:	_____	_____	_____
Councilman Marlin Daniels	_____	_____	_____
Councilwoman Wanda Randolph	_____	_____	_____
Councilman Theo Washington:	_____	_____	_____

SECOND READING HELD this _____ day of September, 2023, A.D.

	AYE	NAYE	ABSENT
Mayor Angie Gardner:	_____	_____	_____
Vice Mayor Rodney Daniels:	_____	_____	_____
Councilman Marlin Daniels:	_____	_____	_____
Councilwoman Wanda Randolph	_____	_____	_____
Councilman Theo Washington:	_____	_____	_____

DULY ADOPTED at a Public Hearing this _____ day of _____, 2023

Angie Gardner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Veronica King
Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Legality
Cliff Shepard, Town Attorney

To the Citizens of the Town of Eatonville:

Serving you as Mayor is one of the greatest honors I have received. As we enter the 2023 – 2024 fiscal year, this budget will outline a spending pattern that will reflect the connectivity between the town’s current challenges to that of a better future. It is also worth noting that this budget will include the most aggressive grant acquisition plan in the history of the Town.

A year and a half ago I asked you for the opportunity to “do better” because I knew that it could be done. I spoke to you about the importance of the right development at the right time, strategic planning, impact fees and stronger fiscal responsibility. Youth activities, sports, and a sub-station for Jerry Frances Park were stated as priorities. With the average age of municipal infrastructure being 50-100 years, shoring up our water and sewage systems has always been met with an urgency. Getting all of this done, without a higher tax rate to the citizens was key. This budget includes a multi-year capital improvement and grant plan that will help these initiatives be accomplished.

I am satisfied to say that in this year and a half as your mayor, with the focus staying on a better place to live, work, and play in this town, we are on our way to the stability and sustainability that is needed to protect this town’s future. Your needs and desire are at the heart of every decision I make and support.

To the Town’s Council, I appreciate your support of those elements that help move the town forward. This budget proposal being presented today, reflects the beginning of this Town’s journey to improved living for our residents. It outlines increased funding to help deliver enhanced services for the safety and protection of the Town. It provides a map for capital improvement projects that offer a plan to meet the maintenance and repair needs of the Town’s infrastructure and water facilities. Through this budget/CIP/Grants plan, the residents can be better assured that stormwater, wastewater, trash pick-up and other health and safety functions are expanded and strengthened. It underscores the salient position that our youth hold in the future of this town, by bringing back youth sports and the explorer program.

With key personnel in place, the Town can begin to breathe again, knowing that challenges will be addressed in a professional and efficient manner. With I.T. updates in progress, departments will be better able to manage their day-to-day operations and attend to the needs of residents within a more reasonable time. Services to the citizens have been improved through upgraded utility billing, online permitting systems, an upgraded website, and stronger systems of standard operating procedures. After school programs now include 21st Century learning that includes S.T.E.A.M. activities that will support the education of our school-aged children.

With recent grant funds received, law enforcement obtained two new vehicles that have been fully equipped. The \$2 million in grant funds received will help the town purchase land to expand the town’s offering of affordable housing. Recently, we have received notification that an additional \$1 million dollars is being approved for community policing. Once awarded and approved by the council, these dollars will help construct a sub-station in Catalina Park that will include bathrooms and meeting space. It will allow the town to purchase an ADA compliant van to help expand the programs being offered. Finally, this grant will allow funding for youth basketball, baseball, and

explorer program. Overall, it involves the community in the policing programming for the town. Other grants allow for the renovation of the KOHA nightclub into a café-museum space that will combine historical education with entertainment in the town. By utilizing the opportunity to boost our town’s development through grant opportunities such as these, value is added to the daily lives of citizens, without additional costs to the residents.

Our Town remains one of the best places to live, not just because of the historical presence it offers, but because of the people that live here.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as mayor in this great town called Eatonville, FL.

Respectfully,

Mayor Gardner

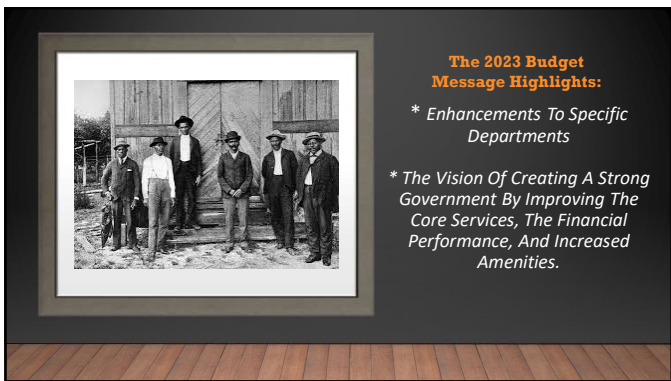




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TOWN INITIATIVES:

Improving right development at the right time, strategic planning, impact fees and stronger fiscal responsibility.

- TOWN'S LEVEL OF SERVICE
- AGING INFRASTRUCTURE
- GRANTS & 5 YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
- YOUTH ENGAGEMENT
- BALANCE BUDGET & AUDIT



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COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

PAY & TRAINING

- Explorer Program (Let's save our youth! Be more than just talk)
- Supporting Records Clerk
- New police radios
- Enhancing Code Enforcement Ordinances



PROGRAMMING

- Inclusion of Increase pay provisions
- Increased funding for training



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PARKS AND RECREATION: SENIORS AND YOUTH



Repairing park equipment and conditions



Create consistent senior programming

- Expanding Senior programming to enhance movement and fun
- Summer programming to include STEM education
- Supporting current neighborhood Senior Groups
- Grant applications to help fund activities

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PARKS AND RECREATION: FAMILIES AND YOUNG – MIDDLE ADULTS

PRIOR YEARS

- Fewer opportunities for community gatherings and activities



MOVING FORWARD:

- Supporting events that attract families
- Supporting events that attract adults
- Encourage community meet and greet events

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STRENGTHENING FINANCIAL POSITION

PRIOR YEARS' CHALLENGES

- Problems found at the end of the audited fiscal year



CURRENT YEAR'S EXPECTATIONS


- Internal auditor to begin identifying weaknesses and challenges now to help guide needed policy upgrades
- Ordinance for "Pass Through Fees" so that everyone pays their fair share
- Impact fee implementation

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INFRASTRUCTURE

PRIOR YEARS

- Lost opportunity in grants
- Lost opportunity in collecting development fees
- Inadequate maintenance and prevention plans



CURRENT YEAR'S EXPECTATIONS


- Funds for equipment that allows the town to respond immediately to emergencies
- Vereen Lift Station Grant
- Focus on maintenance and prevention
- Improvement of potable water system (\$5.9m grant)
- Master Plans – Water, Sewer, Town

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UPCOMING PROJECTS

<p>AFFORDABLE HOUSING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linkage fees paid by developers and market rate housing builders • Town Center Affordable and Senior Housing (2,000,000.00) 	<p>CIVIC AND DEVELOPMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizens Serve System implementation • Denton Johnson Civic Center (USDA Grant), \$2.9m • Circuit Performing Arts & Entertainment Grant (\$1m)
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MANY OF THE ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED IN THIS BUDGET IS UNDERWAY. RECOVERY WILL NOT HAPPEN OVERNIGHT, BUT REST ASSURED WE WILL BECOME STRONGER AND BETTER.

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