



Lake Park Town Commission, Florida

Final Public Budget Hearing

Commission Chamber, Town Hall, 535 Park Avenue, Lake Park, FL 33403

September 16, 2026 6:30 P.M.

Roger Michaud	—	Mayor
Michael Hensley	—	Vice Mayor
John Linden	—	Commissioner
Michael O'Rourke	—	Commissioner
Judith Thomas	—	Commissioner
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CIVILITY AND DECORUM

The Town of Lake Park is committed to civility and decorum to be applied and observed by its elected officials, advisory board members, employees and members of the public who attend Town meetings. The following rules are hereby established to govern the decorum to be observed by all persons attending public meetings of the Commission and its advisory boards:

- Those persons addressing the Commission or its advisory boards who wish to speak shall first be recognized by the presiding officer. No person shall interrupt a speaker once the speaker has been recognized by the presiding officer. Those persons addressing the Commission or its advisory boards shall be respectful and shall obey all directions from the presiding officer.
- Public comment shall be addressed to the Commission or its advisory board and not to the audience or to any individual member on the dais.
- Displays of disorderly conduct or personal derogatory or slanderous attacks of anyone in the assembly is discouraged. Any individual who does so may be removed from the meeting.
- Unauthorized remarks from the audience, stomping of feet, clapping, whistles, yells or any other type of demonstrations are discouraged.
- A member of the public who engages in debate with an individual member of the Commission or an advisory board is discouraged. Those individuals who do so may be removed from the meeting.
- All cell phones and/or other electronic devices shall be turned off or silenced prior to the start of the public meeting. An individual who fails to do so may be removed from the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

This time is provided for addressing items that do not appear on the Agenda. Please complete a comment card and provide it to the Town Clerk so speakers may be announced. Please remember comments are limited to a TOTAL of three minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA:

All matters listed under this item are considered routine and action will be taken by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Commissioner or person so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. Any person wishing to speak on an agenda item is asked to complete a public comment card located on either side of the Chambers and given to the Town Clerk. Cards must be submitted before the item is discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution 90-09-26 - Establish FY 2026-2027 Millage Rates - Operating (SECOND AND FINAL READING)
2. Resolution 91-09-26 - Adopting a Final Budget for the Fiscal Year 2026/2027

TOWN ATTORNEY, TOWN MANAGER, COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

ADJOURNMENT:

FUTURE MEETING DATE: Next Scheduled Regular Commission Meeting will be held on October 7, 2026.



Town of Lake Park Town Commission

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date: September 16, 2026

Originating Department: Finance Department

Agenda Title: Resolution 90-09-26 - Establish FY 2026-2027 Millage Rates - Operating (SECOND AND FINAL READING)

Approved by Town Manager: _____ **Date:** _____

Cost of Item: \$42,707,330 **Funding Source:** Various

Account Number: Various across all Town Funds **Finance Signature:** Barbara A. Gould

Advertised: _____

Date: _____ **Newspaper:** Via TRIM Notices Mailed by PBC Property Appraiser's Office

Attachments: Resolution xx-09-26

Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Proposed Budget [Budget FY 2026-2027](#) (Click Link)

Please initial one:

_____Yes I have notified everyone

BAG _____ Not applicable in this case

Summary Explanation/Background:

The Town Commission is requested to establish the final operating millage (property tax) rate for the Town of Lake Park for the upcoming Fiscal Year (FY 2027) beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027. Additionally, the Commission is requested to consider certifying the Town's taxable values to the PBC Property Appraiser as well as other related financial information:

- The gross taxable value for all properties within the Town for FY 2027 is \$1,789,835,263 - an increase of \$419,384,844 over FY 2026
- The rolled-back rate is calculated at \$4.1621 per 1,000 of taxable value
- The Town's proposed FY 2027 operating millage for the General Fund is \$5.0000 per \$1,000 of taxable value or an increase of 20.13% over the rolled-back rate (At 100% collection, the operating millage is expected to generate \$8,959,176 in ad-valorem tax revenue; however, the Town budgets at

a 95% collection ratio; thus, the proposed budgeted revenue is expected to be \$8,501,717)

- The gross taxable increment value for Lake Park Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) for FY 2027 is \$393,349,307. This is the 30th year that the Lake Park CRA will receive TIF funding from both the Town of Lake Park and Palm Beach County at the Town's approved millage rate - proposed \$5.0 per \$1,000 of taxable value (At 100% collection, the total increment/revenue expected to be generated is \$2,431,725; however, the Town budgets at a 95% collection ratio; thus, the proposed budgeted increment/revenue is expected to be \$2,310,139)
- The proposed operating millage rate of \$5.0000 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation provides for a total millage rate of \$20.1179

As a result, the proposed Resolution establishes the final millage rates for Fiscal Year 2027.

Florida Statutes Chapter 200 Determination of Millage sets forth taxing authorities voting requirements for adopting a millage rate.

- A unanimous vote is required to levy any millage up to the constitutional or statutory maximum millage. A unanimous vote is required for the Town to levy a millage rate of 5.0000.
- Taxing authorities may levy a millage up to 110% of rollback (4.5783) with a two-thirds vote and
- A majority vote levy for millage will be equal to the rollback rate (4.1621).

Note: Following final approval, staff will submit the required Form DR-420 - Certification of Taxable Value and to the PBC Property Appraiser, PBC Tax Collector and the State of Florida.

Recommended Motion:

I move to approve Resolution 90-09-26 establishing the FY 2026-2027 Millage Rates – Operating; and authorize the Mayor to execute the Resolution.

RESOLUTION 90-09-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A FINAL MILLAGE RATE FOR THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2026 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2027; STATING THE ROLLED-BACK RATE FOR THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK; STATING THE PERCENT BY WHICH THE TOWN MILLAGE RATE EXCEEDS, IF ANY, THE ROLLED-BACK MILLAGE RATE; AND LEVYING FOR AD VALOREM TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE REAL AND TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VIII, §2 of the Florida Constitution the Town of Lake Park has the governmental, corporate and proprietary powers to conduct municipal government; and

WHEREAS, these powers include the power to adopt millage rates to be levied by the Town of Lake Park on all taxable real and tangible personal property within the Town each fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission has on this date held a properly advertised public hearing pursuant to the requirements of Section 200.065, *F.S.*, to adopt a tentative millage rate for the Town's 2026/2027 Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission has discussed "the percentage increase in millage over the rolled-back rate necessary to fund the budget, if any, and the specific purposes for which ad valorem tax revenues are being increased"; and

WHEREAS, the public has been allowed to speak and ask questions regarding the proposed millage rate prior to adoption and the Town Commission has explained the reasons for the increase, if any, over the rolled-back rate.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The whereas clauses are true and correct and incorporated herein.

Section 2. In order to fund the budget of the Town of Lake Park, a proposed millage rate is hereby adopted and levied by the Town Commission of the Town of Lake Park, pursuant to the Laws and Constitution of the State of Florida, as follows:

The proposed millage rate computed to fund the Town's budget is hereby approved and adopted in the sum of 5.0000 mills. For each \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation, said millage rate will raise a tax of \$5.00.

Section 3. The rolled-back millage rate computed by the Town of Lake Park pursuant to the instructions furnished by the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser for the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 is 4.1621 mills. The percentage, if any, by which the above specified millage rate to be levied by the Town of Lake Park exceeds the rolled-back rate, is as follows:

A. The proposed millage rate is 20.13 percent above the rolled-back millage of 4.1621 mills.

Section 4. Pursuant to the millage rate aforesaid, the following amount of ad valorem taxes shall be raised and collected by the Town of Lake Park for municipal purposes and expenses for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027, to-wit:

Under the proposed millage rate: \$8,501,717

Section 5. Pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Florida and the Charter of the Town of Lake Park, there is hereby levied a general municipal millage rate as above stated, respectively, upon the dollar amount of the assessed valuation of all taxable real and tangible personal property in the Town of Lake Park as returned by the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser in the Town's behalf and fixed by the Town Commission as shown by the 2026 Tax Roll for the Town of Lake Park, allowing the homestead and all other lawful exemptions as shown therein.

Section 6. The millage hereby levied, as above stated, respectively, is hereby approved and certified by the Town Commission of the Town of Lake Park, pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida.

Section 7. The ad valorem taxes hereby levied are for the purpose of raising funds, revenues and moneys to be used, set aside and expended for the functions and purposes of the municipal government of the Town of Lake Park pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Florida and the Town Charter.

Section 8. The ad valorem taxes, which are hereby levied, are in excess of and above all other revenues to be received by the Town of Lake Park and are to be collected during the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027. All such ad valorem taxes so specified and levied are ordered to be extended upon the tax rolls, books and records of Palm Beach County in the proper millage in proportion to the valuation of such property as returned by the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser and fixed by the Town Commission of the Town of Lake Park.

Section 9. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.



Town of Lake Park Town Commission

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date: September 16, 2026

Originating Department: Finance Department

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Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Final Budget [Budget FY 2026-2027](#) (Click Link)

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Summary Explanation/Background:

In accordance with Florida Statute the Town must approve a Resolution to adopt a “final budget” for the next fiscal year. This is required for Statutory Truth in Millage (TRIM) compliance. Any changes proposed by the Town Commission at the Second Budget Hearing are to be incorporated into this budget.

Fla. Stat. 200.065(2)(c) requires that: “Within 95 days of the certification of value pursuant to subsection (1), but not earlier than 15 days from tentative budget hearing, the governing body of each taxing authority shall hold a public hearing on the final budget and final millage rate. Prior to the conclusion of the hearing, the governing body of the taxing authority shall amend the final budget as it sees fit, adopt the amended final budget, re-compute its proposed millage rate, and publicly announce the percent, if any, by which the recomputed proposed millage rate exceeds the rolled-back rate computed pursuant to subsection (1).

That percent shall be characterized as the percentage increase in property taxes tentatively adopted by the governing body.”

Recommended Motion:

I move to approve Resolution 91-09-26 adopting the final budget for the Fiscal Year 2026/2027.

RESOLUTION 91-09-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, MAKING SEPARATE AND SEVERAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR ITS NECESSARY OPERATING EXPENSES, THE EXPENSES OF THE VARIOUS FUNDS AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE TOWN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2026, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2027, AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VIII, §2 of the Florida Constitution the Town of Lake Park has the governmental, corporate and proprietary powers to conduct municipal government; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 166.241, Florida Statutes, each municipality in the state of Florida is required to establish a fiscal year beginning October 1 of each year and ending September 30 of the following year and shall adopt a budget each fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. As hereinafter stated in this resolution, the term "fiscal year" shall mean that period of time beginning October 1, 2026, and including September 30, 2027.

Section 2. The revenues hereinafter incorporated by reference shall be, and the same hereby are, appropriated to provide the monies to be used to pay the necessary operating and other expenses of the respective funds and departments of the Town of Lake Park for the above described fiscal year.

Section 3. Sums hereinafter incorporated by reference listed as operating and other expenses of the respective funds and departments of the Town shall be, and the same hereby are, appropriated and shall be paid out of the revenues herein appropriated for said fiscal year.

Section 4. The revenues and the expenses for which appropriations are hereby made, all set forth above, shall be as follows:

- A. As set out in the amended proposed Town of Lake Park General Fund Budget as on file in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Lake Park.
- B. As set out in the amended proposed Town of Lake Park Insurance Fund Budget as on file in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Lake Park.
- C. As set out in the amended proposed Town of Lake Park Permitting Fund Budget as on file in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Lake Park.
- D. As set out in the amended proposed Town of Lake Park Special Projects Fund Budget as on file in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Lake Park.
- E. As set out in the amended proposed Town of Lake Park Streets and Roads Fund Budget as on file in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Lake Park.
- F. As set out in the amended proposed Town of Lake Park Marina Fund Budget as on file in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Lake Park.
- G. As set out in the amended proposed Town of Lake Park Stormwater Fund Budget as on file in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Lake Park.

- H. As set out in the amended proposed Town of Lake Park Sanitation Fund Budget as on file in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Lake Park.
- I. As set out in the amended proposed Town of Lake Park Public Improvement Fund Budget as on file in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Lake Park.
- J. As set out in the amended proposed Town of Lake Park Permitting Fund Budget as on file in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Lake Park
- K. As set out in the amended proposed Town of Lake Park Community Redevelopment Agency Budget as on file in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Lake Park.

Section 5. The sums hereinbefore incorporated by reference based upon departmental estimates prepared by the Town Manager and the Finance Director shall be, and the same hereby are, fixed and adopted as the budget for the operation of the Town of Lake Park Government and its other enterprises for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026.

Section 6. The Annual Budget establishes limitations on expenditures by fund and by department within funds, and the total appropriation of each fund may not be increased or decreased without specific authorization by a duly enacted resolution effecting such amendment or transfer. However, specific activity and department amounts may be exceeded upon authorization of the Town Manager so long as excesses exist in other activities within said fund budget. Notwithstanding the forgoing, the Town Commission shall approve by resolution the transfer of all appropriations in excess of \$10,000 and all transfers from the Town's Unassigned Fund Balance Account or the Town's Contingency Account;

Section 7. The Town of Lake Park adopts the provisions of Florida Statutes 200 which provides for the expenditures of monies for the fiscal year based upon the proposed budget approved by the Town Commission of the Town of Lake Park.

Section 8. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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