



Village of El Portal
Second Budget Hearing
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Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: The Village of El Portal second budget hearing for 2021-2022, this is fiscal year 2022 budget year, is called to order on Thursday, September 23rd, 2021 at 6:00 PM. [bangs gavel] We're going to do a moment of silent meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

[pause 00:00:23]

All: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Mayor Nickerson: Thank you very much. Madam Clerk, may I please have roll call?

Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi: Roll call. Mayor Nickerson?

Mayor Nickerson: Here.

Clerk Jacobi: Councilperson Pirela will not be in today. Councilperson Urbom is not here. Councilperson Martin?

Councilperson Darlan Martin: Present.

Clerk Jacobi: Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward?

Councilperson Dr. Anna E Lightfoot-Ward: Present.

Clerk Jacobi: Also present for the record, Yenise Jacobi, Village Clerk, Christa Alou, Village Manager, and Chris Wallace, CFO.

Mayor Nickerson: Thank you very much, Madam Clerk, I do appreciate that. Right now, you guys, I'm doing approval of the agenda. We have these two resolutions. We did the same thing in the first budget hearing. If you have any additions or deletions, may I have a motion to approve the agenda?

Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward: So moved.

Mayor Nickerson: Motion moved by Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward. May I have a second?

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Councilperson Martin: Second.

Mayor Nickerson: Second by Councilperson Martin. All in favor, say "Aye".

All Council members: Aye.

Mayor Nickerson: All opposed, say "Nay". We are now moving on to Good and Welfare, you guys. Good and Welfare, if there's anybody in the audience that has anything to say, you have three minutes to come up and say it, name added for the record please. Seeing none, moving on. Agenda items resolution number 2021-21, adoption of *ad valorem* tax rate. 2021, 2022. It's for the 2022 fiscal year. Madam Clerk, since our attorney's not here, can you please read the resolution to the record and then we'll also focus on the mills and the rolled-back.

Clerk Jacobi: In resolution of the Mayor and the Village Council of the Village of El Portal Florida, Miami-Dade County, Florida, a document finally being of the *ad valorem* taxes of 8.30 mills, which is more than the rollback rate of 7.6428 mills by 8.6% for the village of El Portal of Miami-Dade County for the fiscal year of '21-'22 providing for incorporation of recitals, providing for an effective date. Also reading into the record the part of the trim, the fiscal years of 2021 adopted operating millage rate is 8.3 mills, which is more than the rolled-back rate of 7.6428 mills by 8.6%.

Mayor Nickerson: Thank you very much, Madam Clerk, I appreciate that. Do we have any questions or comments from the Council?

Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward: I'm sorry, before you get started, Mayor Nickerson and members of the Council. We have a technical matter related to the adoption of the mill based on the number of Council members here tonight. I'm going to let Mr. Wallace discuss with you the requirements.

CFO Chris Wallace: Chris Wallace, finance director, current chief financial officer for the Village. Florida's trim law requires different things. At this point, you only have a simple majority, three of five. With three of five, based on the way the trim law works, we can only adopt a millage rate of 7.9814. Were one of the other Council members here, we could adopt the 8.3, no problem. Without a fourth, we're constrained to the 7.9.

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Now, I believe since you have a quorum otherwise, that one of the Council members could call in and vote, that's generally going to be allowed. We can ask Jill about that. The trim law doesn't prohibit it, so they can participate, I believe, remotely if you have a quorum, but we really need to have a fourth vote for it, otherwise, we're going to be limited to 7.9814 mills, which means we're going to have to cut money from the budget to do that. I don't really have any good news for you other than that, was expecting at least four here tonight.

Clerk Jacobi: Mayor, sorry to interrupt, if you can give him from 10 minutes, Councilor Urbom is on the way.

Mayor Nickerson: No problem, thanks. Do I have a motion to recess?

Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward: So moved

Mayor Nickerson: Motion moved by Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward, do I have a second for motion to recess?

Councilperson Martin: Second.

Mayor Nickerson: Seconded by Councilperson Martin. The second budget hearing is recessed at 6:16 [bangs gavel]

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Clerk Jacobi: Also present for the record, Vice Mayor Urbom.

Mayor Nickerson: The Village of El Portal second budget hearing for fiscal year 2022 for September 23, 2021 is recanted at 6:19 PM. [bangs gavel] Had my computer down, so it was hard to see the time. All right, so we had the resolution number 2021-21 we had read it upon the record. We were at the point to where I was turning it over to the Council for any questions or comments about this particular resolution. We do have Vice Mayor Urbom with us now. Are there any questions or comments from the Council? Hearing none. Do I have a motion to adopt resolution number 2021? Yes?

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CFO Wallace: If you finished, just for the record, even though we know there's no one here, can you open the public hearing? It's supposed to be a public hearing item.

Mayor Nickerson: No problem, thank you very much. For resolution number 2021-21 I'm going to close the meeting at 6:20, open up to the public [bangs gavel] Seeing nobody in the public, I'm going to close the public hearing at 6:20, back to the Council [bangs gavel] do I have a motion to adopt resolution number 2021-21?

Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward: So moved.

Mayor Nickerson: Moved by Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward. Do I have a second?

Councilperson Martin: Second.

Mayor Nickerson: Second by Councilperson Martin. Madam Clerk, may I please have roll call?

Clerk Jacobi: Roll call. Councilperson Martin?

Councilperson Martin: Here.

Clerk Jacobi: Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward?

Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward: Here.

Clerk Jacobi: Vice Mayor Urbom?

Vice Mayor Urbom: Yes.

Clerk Jacobi: Mayor Nickerson?

Mayor Nickerson: Yes.

Clerk Jacobi: Councilperson Pirela is absent today. Motion passes, four to none.

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Mayor Nickerson: Thank you very much, thank you Madam Clerk, I appreciate that. Next resolution, resolution number 2021, 22. Madam Clerk, [unintelligible 00:06:28]

Clerk Jacobi: A resolution of the Mayor and the Village Council of the Village of El Portal of Miami-Dade County, Florida. A document approving the annual operating budget of 3,990,565 for the fiscal year of 2021-22. Providing for incorporation of recitals, providing for an effective date.

Mayor Nickerson: Thank you very much, appreciate that Madam Clerk. Turn over to the Council, are there any questions or comments about this resolution or about the budget? Hearing none, going to public hearing. 6:21 PM for public hearing [unintelligible 00:07:06] Council. [bangs gavel] Okay, nobody public hearing. 6:21 PM closing the public hearing, back to the Council. [bangs gavel] Any last questions or comments from the Council? Hearing none. Do I have a motion to approve resolution number 2021-22?

Councilperson Martin: So moved.

Mayor Nickerson: Motion made by Councilperson Martin. Do I have a second for resolution 2021-22?

Vice Mayor Urbom: I'll second.

Mayor Nickerson: Second by Vice Mayor Urbom. Madam Clerk, may I please have a roll call?

Clerk Jacobi: Roll call. Councilperson Martin?

Councilperson Martin: Here.

Clerk Jacobi: Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward?

Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward: Here.

Clerk Jacobi: Vice Mayor Urbom?

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Vice Mayor Urbom: Yes.

Clerk Jacobi: Mayor Nickerson?

Mayor Nickerson: Yes.

Clerk Jacobi: Motion passes, four to none. Councilperson Pirela is not here today.

Mayor Nickerson: Thank you very much. Moving on to Good and Welfare, you guys. Seeing no record of Good and Welfare [unintelligible 00:07:51] Before I move to adjournment, I just want to say thank you everybody for this-

[laughter]

-particular budget season. It was hard, it was so smooth, the smoothest budget season I've been through since I've been on the Council. Budget workshop was perfect, it went perfectly. I just appreciate everything you guys are, as far as the Councilperson and all the intelligence and intellectualism you guys bring to this Council. I really appreciate all the hard work you guys have been-- I'm really honored to be here on this Council with you guys. That being said, do I have a motion to adjourn?

Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward: So moved.

Mayor Nickerson: Motion made by Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward. Do I have a second?

Councilperson Martin: Second.

Mayor Nickerson: Second by Councilperson Martin. All in favor, say "Aye".

All Councilpersons: Aye.

Mayor Nickerson: All opposed, say "Nay". The Village of El Portal second budget hearing for fiscal year 2022 is adjourned for Thursday, September 23, 2021 is adjourned at 6:23 PM. [bangs gavel] Thank you very much everybody.

Speaker 1: Thank you.

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Speaker 2: Bye.

Speaker 3: Thanks.

Speaker 4: Bye guys.

Speaker 5: Thank you.

Speaker 6: Sorry.

[00:08:58] [END OF AUDIO]

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