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MAYOR OMARR C. NICKERSON  
VICE MAYOR LUIS PIRELA  
COUNCILPERSON ANDERS URBOM  
COUNCILPERSON ANNA WARD  
COUNCILPERSON DARIAN MARTIN

Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, July 25, 2023  
Agenda  
7:00 PM

Statement of Decorum

Any person making a racial or slanderous remark or who becomes boisterous while addressing the Village Council, Staff, etc. shall be barred from the audience by the presiding officer. No profanity, shouting, heckling, verbal outbursts or disruptive behavior in support of or opposition to a speaker or his/her remarks is permitted. No signs or placards shall be allowed in the Village Hall. A person exiting the Village Hall shall do so quietly.

“Pursuant to Florida Statutes, Chapter 286.0105: If a person decided to appeal any decision made by the Board, Agency or Committee with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.”

- A. **CALL TO ORDER** ..... Omarr C. Nickerson, Presiding
- B. **SILENT MEDITATION & PLEDGE** ..... Salute American Flag in Unison
- C. **ROLL CALL**..... Yenise Jacobi, Village Clerk
- D. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- E. **GOOD AND WELFARE**  
(Note: This section of the agenda is reserved in the spirit of a representative democracy “of, by, and for the people” and is specifically provided as a mechanism for the input and solutions on matters of concern of Villagers. We request that comments be limited to **3 MINUTES PER PERSON**, and that speakers and the audience maintain proper decorum at-large. The speaker should keep to only issues on the agenda.
- F. **CONSENT AGENDA** - *Items are routine, self-explanatory matters and are not expected to require discussion or review. Items will be enacted by one motion. If discussion is desired by any member of the Council, that item must be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.*
  - F1. Approval of the Minutes June 27,2023, Regular Council Meeting.

## **G. RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:**

### **G1. RESOLUTION VOEP 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget Proposed Millage Rate**

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF EL PORTAL, OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DETERMINING THE VILLAGE'S PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 200.065, FLORIDA STATUTES, AND SETTING THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS TO ADOPT THE TENTATIVE AND FINAL MILLAGE AND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024; DIRECTING THE VILLAGE CLERK AND THE VILLAGEMANAGER TO FILE THIS RESOLUTION WITH THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO CHANGE THE BUDGET HEARING DATES IF NECESSARY; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

## **MAYOR, MANAGER, COMMITTEE & ATTORNEY REPORTS:**

### **H1. Village Manager Report –Christia E. Alou**

### **H2. Village Mayor Report – Omarr C. Nickerson**

- FEMA - Weekly Discussions & Updates with Manager Alou and Mr. Yoaly Rodriguez - Program Delivery Manager of the Recovery Division of FEMA (*continuous updates of funds that have been received*)
- Volunteering Miami Coordination Meeting (Miami-Dade County)
- Legislative Update & Local Advocacy "Town Hall" Meeting - Sunny Isles Beach - Speaker & Panelist
- The Political & Cultural Adult Table - National Political & Cultural Discussion Panel on History and Current Events - Speaker & Panelist
- Aventura - Business Organization, Chamber of Commerce, Aventura Marketing Council - Board of Directors Meeting
- Miami-Dade County League of Cities - Executive Board & Board of Directors - Installation Gala
- Barrington Brothers - Launch at Little River - Site Compliance Meeting
- Village Plaza (Sanctuary Project) (NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. & NE 87<sup>th</sup> St.) - Site Compliance Meeting
- Greater Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce - Executive Board Meeting
- Miami-Dade County League of Cities - Best Practices Conference - Organizational Preparation Meeting
- Rose-Colored Shades (Non-Profit) - October Breast Cancer 5K Walk Event - Resident Organizational Meeting
- Sand Bag Distribution Available - Hurricane Preparedness - Emergency Management Team (MCM)
- Chairman's Roundtable Discussion (Aventura Marketing Council - Board Meeting)
- Miami Shores Council Meeting - School & Educational Traffic Calming Roundabout - Interlocal Agreement
- Skatebird Miami (El Portal) Skate Park - Operation, Compliance, Permits, and Penalties Meeting

### H3. Village Attorney Reports – Skip Miller/Joseph Geller

#### I. GOOD AND WELFARE

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#### J. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor & Councilpersons

In accordance with the American With Disabilities Act of 1990, all persons with disabilities and who need special accommodations to participate in this meeting due to that disability should contact the Village Clerk’s Office at (305) 795-7880 no later than two (2) business days prior to such proceeding.



RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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**WHEREAS**, Chapter 200, Florida Statutes provides a procedure for the adoption of ad valorem tax and millage rates associated therewith; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 200.065, Florida Statutes provides for the adoption of a proposed millage rate, together with the establishment of a rolled-back millage rate computed pursuant to Section 200.065(1), Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 1, 2023, the Honorable Pedro J. Garcia, Miami-Dade County, Property Appraiser (the “Property Appraiser”) served upon the Village of El Portal (the “Village”) a “Certification of Taxable Value” certifying to the Village its 2023 taxable value; and

**WHEREAS**, The Village Manager and Staff have prepared a tentative budget and have computed a proposed millage rate necessary to fund the tentative budget other than the portion of the budget to be funded from sources other than ad valorem taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the provisions of Section 200.065, Florida Statutes require the Village, within thirty-five (35) days of service of the Certification of Taxable Value, to advise the Property Appraiser of the Village’s proposed millage rate, the Village’s rolled-back rate, and the date, time, and place at which public hearings will be held to adopt the tentative and final millage and budgets.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF EL PORTAL, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** **Recitals.** The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 2.** **Declaration of Proposed Millage Rate.** The proposed millage rate for the Village for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 is declared to be 8.30 mills, which is \$8.30 per \$1,000.00 of assessed property within the Village, based on a total taxable assessed valuation of \$267,164,694.

**Section 3.** **Declaration of Rolled-Back Rate.** The current year rolled-back rate, as computed pursuant to section 200.065, Florida Statutes, is 7.0257 mills, which is \$7.0257 per \$1,000.00 of assessed property within the Village, based on a total taxable assessed valuation of \$267,164,694. The proposed millage rate is 18.14% more than the rolled-back rate.

**Section 4.** **Schedule of Millage and Budget Hearings.** The proposed date, time, and place of the first and second public hearings are hereby set by the Village Council as follows:

DATE	TIME	PLACE
1 <sup>st</sup> Budget Hearing September 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 <i>(Tuesday)</i> <i>(To consider the proposed            millage rate and tentative            budget)</i>	6:30 PM	Village Hall Village of El Portal 500 Northeast 87th Street El Portal, Florida 33138
2 <sup>nd</sup> Budget Hearing September 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 <i>(Tuesday)</i> <i>(To adopt a millage rate and            final budget)</i>	6:30 PM	Village Hall Village of El Portal 500 Northeast 87th Street El Portal, Florida 33138

**Section 5. Transmittal.** The Village Clerk and Village Manager are directed to take all necessary steps to submit the Village’s 2023 Certification of Taxable Valuable (DR-420) Form and provide a Certified Copy of this Resolution to the Honorable Pedro Garcia, Property Appraiser of Miami-Dade County, on or before August 4, 2023.

**Section 6. Authorization.** In the event that the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners or the Miami-Dade County School Board schedule or reschedule a Budget Hearing on a date scheduled for a Village of El Portal Budget Hearing, the Village Manager is authorized to change the date of either or both Village budget hearings.

**Section 7.** The Manager is also authorized to notify the Property Appraiser of additional Non-Ad Valorem assessments to be included with the notice to the public, specifically waste collection fees in the amount of \$446.82 per residence per year.

**Section 8. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Village Council of the Village of El Portal Florida, this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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 Omarr C. Nickerson, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yenise Jacobi, CMC, Village Clerk

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:  
 Greenspoon Marder, LLP  
 Village Attorneys

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Joseph S. Geller, Esq.

Vote:

Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward:    \_\_\_ (Yes) \_\_\_ (No)  
Councilperson Martin:            \_\_\_ (Yes) \_\_\_ (No)  
Councilperson Urbom:            \_\_\_ (Yes) \_\_\_ (No)  
Vice Mayor Pirela:                \_\_\_ (Yes) \_\_\_ (No)  
Mayor Nickerson:                  \_\_\_ (Yes) \_\_\_ (No)

I, Yenise Jacobi, CMC, Village Clerk of the Village of El Portal, Miami-Dade County, Florida, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Resolution No.: 2023-\_\_\_ adopted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, as shown in the Official Records of the Village of El Portal, Miami-Dade County, Florida. Given under my hand and seal, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Yenise Jacobi, CMC Village Clerk