



PORT ORANGE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
Wednesday, September 17, 2025 @ 5:30 PM

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Pursuant to Section 3.06 of the Charter of the City of Port Orange, the Mayor has called a **Special Meeting** of the City Council to be held for the following purposes:

OPENING

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call

DISCUSSION / ACTION

4. Discussion on Final City Millage and Final City Budget for FY 2025-2026
5. Resolution No. 25-44 - Adopting the Final Millage Rate for FY 2025-2026
6. Resolution No. 25-45 - Adopting the Final Budget for FY 2025-2026

ADJOURNMENT

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

COUNCIL MEETING DATE 9/17/2025

SUBJECT: (4) Discussion on Final City Millage and Final City Budget for FY 2025-2026

DEPARTMENT: Finance

GOAL: 5 - Fiscal Sustainability

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Discussion item only. No motion needed.

SUMMARY: As required by Florida statute, this item is to discuss the final millage rate and proposed budget, both to be approved by resolution. Under Florida's Truth in Millage ("TRIM") statutes (ss. 200.065, 200.069, Florida Statutes), all property owners were notified of the tentative millage (5.0000 mills) levy by the Notice of Proposed Property Taxes ("TRIM Notice"), sent by mailing from the Volusia County Property Appraiser in August. At a Special Meeting on September 3, 2025, the City Council approved a tentative millage rate of 4.9750 mills.

The current fiscal year's operating millage rate is 4.9750 per \$1,000 assessed taxable value; the current year's gross taxable value for operating purposes is \$5,857,514,423, as certified by the Volusia County Property Appraiser. The Final Millage rate of 4.9750 mills is an increase of 4.10% over the rolled back rate of 4.7790 mills.

The City Manager will start the discussion with comments on the increase in millage over the rolled-back rate necessary to fund the budget, and the specific purposes for which ad valorem tax revenues are being increased. City Council will then have an opportunity to discuss the final millage rate and the proposed budget regarding the reasons for the increase in the final millage above the rolled back rate. Council will then hear comments and questions from the public.

PRESENTER: Linda Truitt

ATTACHMENTS:

1.	Guideline - Public Hearing on Final Millage & Budget FY26	Guideline - Public Hearing on Final Millage & Budget FY26 .pdf
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Amanda Bonin
Linda Truitt

Created/Initiated - 08/29/2025
Approved - 09/02/2025

Matthew Jones
Wayne Clark

Approved - 09/11/2025
Final Approval - 09/11/2025

**Public Hearing for Adoption of Final Millage / Budget
September 17, 2025**

Agenda Item 4.

Announce the following:

"The public hearing is now convened to discuss the FINAL millage rate and budget. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Budget commences on October 1, 2025 and continues through September 30, 2026. The City of Port Orange is the taxing authority and the current year taxable value for operating purposes is \$5,857,514,423. We will begin with council discussion of the Final millage necessary to fund the FY2026 Final budget for the City of Port Orange.

The tentative millage rate and proposed final millage rate is \$4.9750 mills per \$1,000 of valuation which represents a 4.10% increase in ad valorem tax revenues above the rolled-back rate of \$4.7790.

"In addition to the foregoing final millage levy, there is a voter approved millage levy of 0.1623 mills necessary to fund the debt service payments on the 2006 general obligation bonds for public safety capital facilities which were refunded in 2016."

Ask the City Manager to comment on the increase in millage over the rolled-back rate and the specific purposes for the increase.

[CM Delivers Comments]

Ask for Council discussion, regarding the reasons for the increase in the final millage above the rolled back rate.

Announce the following:

"The Council will now hear public comments regarding the proposed Final millage and budget. The general public shall be allowed to address the council, to make comments and to ask questions."

Ask for Council discussion regarding any revisions to the proposed final budget as presented.

[NOTE: If revisions are made, changing the Final millage from that presented in agenda package, then agree to revise the Final millage. (do not vote to adopt and no formal motion - just consensus of Council to direct the manager to recompute the Final millage and mark up the Resolution adopting the Final millage rate, accordingly.)]

If no revisions, then move to Agenda Item 5.

Agenda Item 5.

Read Resolution No. 25-44 for Final City Millage.

Ask for a Motion

Move to approve Resolution No. 25-44 adopting the City of Port Orange FY2026 Final millage rate of 4.9750 mills per \$1,000.00 of valuation. (Public Comment) (Roll call vote)

Announce the following:

"The adopted final millage rate of 4.9750 mills per \$1,000.00 of valuation is a 4.10% increase in ad valorem tax revenues above the rolled-back rate."

"In addition to the foregoing final millage levy, there is a voter approved millage levy of 0.1623 mills necessary to fund the debt service payments on the 2006 general obligation bonds for public safety capital facilities which were refunded in 2016."

Agenda Item 6.

Read Resolution No. 25-45 for Final City Budget.

Ask for a Motion

Motion to Approve Resolution No. 25-45 adopting the City of Port Orange FY2026 Final budget. (Public Comment) (Roll call vote)

Announce the following:

"This budget includes all operating and capital costs for FY 2026. This budget includes the General, Special Revenue, Debt Service, Capital, Enterprise and Internal Service Funds. The adopted City-wide FY 2026 budget for all funds is \$223,696,012.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

COUNCIL MEETING DATE 9/17/2025

SUBJECT: (5) Resolution No. 25-44 - Adopting the Final Millage Rate for FY 2025-2026

DEPARTMENT: Finance

GOAL: 5 - Fiscal Sustainability

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move to approve Resolution No. 25-44.

SUMMARY: Per Florida Statute Section 200.065, the City Council shall adopt a final millage rate prior to the adoption of a final budget and shall otherwise comply with the controlling provisions of the law.

The Volusia County Property Appraiser has certified the gross taxable value of property for operating purposes within the City as \$5,857,514,423 and certified a rolled-back rate of 4.7790 per \$1,000 of taxable value for the City of Port Orange. The City Council deems it necessary to levy and does hereby levy a final tax of 4.9750 mills upon all real and personal property within the City for operational purposes. The operating levy of 4.9750 per \$1,000 represents a 4.10% increase from the rolled-back rate of 4.7790 per \$1,000 of taxable value. The final operating millage for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 would provide a budget of \$27,684,078 at 95% in ad valorem proceeds.

The required millage for the 2006 General Obligation voter-approved debt service, which was refunded in 2016, is 0.1623 mills. The required voter debt service would be budgeted at \$903,238 at 95%.

PRESENTER: Linda Truitt

ATTACHMENTS:

1.	Resolution No. 25-44 Final Millage	Resolution No. 25-44 Final Millage.pdf
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Amanda Bonin
Linda Truitt
Matthew Jones
Wayne Clark

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Approved - 09/11/2025
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RESOLUTION NO. 25-44

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT ORANGE, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA; ADOPTING THE FINAL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATES TO BE LEVIED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 (OCTOBER 1, 2025, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2026); PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS: AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Port Orange, Florida, has determined the amount of revenue required to meet the City's operating and capital objectives for fiscal year 2026; and

WHEREAS, a substantial portion of this operating revenue is derived from ad valorem tax receipts; and

WHEREAS, the voters of the City of Port Orange approved the levy of additional millage necessary to fund debt service payments on bonds issued for public safety capital facilities; and

WHEREAS, a duly noticed public hearing on the tentative millage rate was held by City Council at 5:30 p.m. on September 3, 2025, at which a tentative millage rate was approved by Resolution No. 25-41; and

WHEREAS, a duly noticed public hearing on the final millage rate has been held by City Council at 5:30 p.m. on September 17, 2025, in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 1000 City Center Circle, Port Orange, Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT ORANGE, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The final millage rate for fiscal year 2026 for the City of Port Orange is hereby levied at 4.9750 mills per \$1,000.00 of valuation. This final millage rate is a 4.10% increase above the rolled-back rate of 4.7790 mills per \$1,000.00 of valuation, which is the

percentage increase in property taxes adopted by the City Council for general government operating and capital purposes.

Section 2. The millage rate of 0.1623 mills per \$1,000.00 of valuation is hereby adopted as a voter-approved levy of additional millage necessary to fund debt service payments on the 2006 general obligation bonds for public safety capital facilities which were refunded in 2016.

Section 3. Scrivener's Errors. Typographical errors and other matters of a similar nature that do not affect the intent of this Resolution, as determined by the City Clerk and City Attorney, may be corrected.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

MAYOR SCOTT STILTNER

ATTEST:

Robin L. Fenwick, MMC, City Clerk

Adopted on the _____ day of September 2025

Reviewed and Approved: _____
Matthew J. Jones, City Attorney



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

COUNCIL MEETING DATE 9/17/2025

SUBJECT: (6) Resolution No. 25-45 - Adopting the Final Budget for FY 2025-2026

DEPARTMENT: Finance

GOAL: 5 - Fiscal Sustainability

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move to approve Resolution No. 25-45.

SUMMARY: This is a request for the City Council to approve the final budget for Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026.

Both the Eastport CRA and Town Center CRA approved their respective budgets during separate meetings on August 5, 2025, and submitted them to the City of Port Orange for inclusion in the City's budget.

The City Council of the City of Port Orange has complied with all requirements and procedures of Florida law in processing this resolution. The City Council pursuant to the Charter of the City of Port Orange and Chapter 166, Florida Statutes, does hereby adopt the final General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service, Capital Improvement Funds (CIP), Enterprise Funds and other Internal Service Funds, in the amount of \$223,696,012 and is attached to the Resolution as Exhibit "A".

Florida Statutes, including Section 200.065, provide that the City Council shall adopt a Final Millage Rate prior to the adoption of a Final Budget and shall otherwise comply with the controlling provisions of Florida law.

PRESENTER: Linda Truitt

ATTACHMENTS:

1.	Resolution No. 25-45 Final Budget w exhibit	Resolution No. 25-45 Final Budget w exhibit.pdf
2.	Transmittal letter	Transmittal letter.pdf

Amanda Bonin
Linda Truitt
Matthew Jones

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Approved - 09/02/2025
Approved - 09/11/2025

RESOLUTION NO. 25-45

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT ORANGE, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA; ADOPTING THE FINAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 (OCTOBER 1, 2025 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2026) FOR THE CITY OF PORT ORANGE; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26; PROVIDING FOR APPROPRIATION AND PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Manager of the City of Port Orange recommended a final annual budget for the Fiscal Year 2026, beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026; and has submitted same to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Charter, Section 3.08 of the City of Port Orange Code of Ordinances, states that the City Council shall by resolution adopt the annual budget, budget amendments and authorize appropriations; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes, Sections 166.241 and Section 200.065, commonly known as the Truth in Millage or TRIM Bill, requires that the City Council hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the final millage rate and budget for Fiscal Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, both the Eastport CRA and Town Center CRA approved their respective budgets during separate meetings on August 5, 2025 and submitted to the City of Port Orange for inclusion in the City's budget; and

WHEREAS, a duly noticed public hearing on the tentative budget was conducted by City Council at 5:30 p.m. on September 3, 2025 at which a tentative budget was approved by Resolution No. 25-42; and

WHEREAS, a duly noticed public hearing on the final budget was conducted at 5:30 p.m. on September 17, 2025, in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 1000 City Center Circle, Port Orange, Florida; and

WHEREAS, during the course of said public hearing, all persons desiring to voice objection or make comments upon the final budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26 were given an opportunity to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT ORANGE, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Approval of the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Pursuant to the City of Port Orange Charter and Florida Statutes, Chapters 166 and 200, the City of Port Orange hereby adopts the various final budgets as set forth in **Exhibit “A”** attached hereto and made a part hereof by this reference.

Section 2. Final Budget Public Hearing. The final hearing was held at 5:30 P.M. on September 17, 2025, in City Council Chambers at City Hall, 1000 City Center Circle, Port Orange, Florida, where interested parties had the opportunity to appear and address the City Council on budget-related matters.

Section 3. Supplemental amendments to appropriations may be affected as deemed necessary in strict compliance with the procedures specified in Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 3, Code of Ordinances, City of Port Orange, Florida.

Section 4. Scrivener’s Errors. Typographical errors and other matters of a similar nature that do not affect the intent of this Resolution, as determined by the City Clerk and City Attorney, may be corrected.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

MAYOR SCOTT STILTNER

ATTEST:

Robin L. Fenwick, MMC, City Clerk

Adopted on the _____ day of September 2025

Reviewed and Approved: _____
Matthew J. Jones, City Attorney

Exhibit A

General Fund	\$ 63,318,007
Enterprise Funds	
Water & Sewer	\$ 68,262,902
Water & Sewer Impact Fees	701,000
Solid Waste	10,807,788
Stormwater	15,214,118
2005 Stormwater Bonds	699,239
Wetland Mitigation	109,049
State Revolving Loan Debt Service	784,846
Forestry Management	403,907
Golf Course	3,266,671
Total Enterprise Funds	\$ 100,249,520
Capital Funds	
Capital Project	\$ 6,317,274
General Capital Replacement	18,579,827
Total Capital Funds	\$ 24,897,101
Internal Service Funds	
Information Technology	\$ 4,072,932
Vehicle Maintenance	1,845,298
Risk Management	2,469,223
Lease & Replacement	14,290,844
Total Internal Service Funds	\$ 22,678,297
Special Revenue Funds	
National Opioid Litigation Settlement	\$ 32,540
Eastport CRA	737,112
Town Center CRA	477,372
Recreation Facilities	275,000
Community Development Building	2,930,112
Police Impact Fees	65,000
Fire Impact Fees	276,000
Transportation Impact Fees	268,000
Recreation Impact Fees	233,000
Total Special Revenue Funds	\$ 5,294,136
Debt Service Funds	
2006 GO Bond Debt Service	\$ 903,238
2007 Town Center Bond Debt Service	406,613
2014 Capital Improvement Bond	1,152,150
2025 Parks Bond	4,650,000
Total Debt Service Funds	\$ 7,112,001
Other Required Funds	
Police Benefit Trust	\$ 4,500
Police Forfeiture Trust	95,000
Federal Police Forfeiture	15,000
Police Education Trust	10,000
Recreation Scholarship	22,450
Total Trust & Agency Funds	\$ 146,950
Total All Funds	\$ 223,696,012



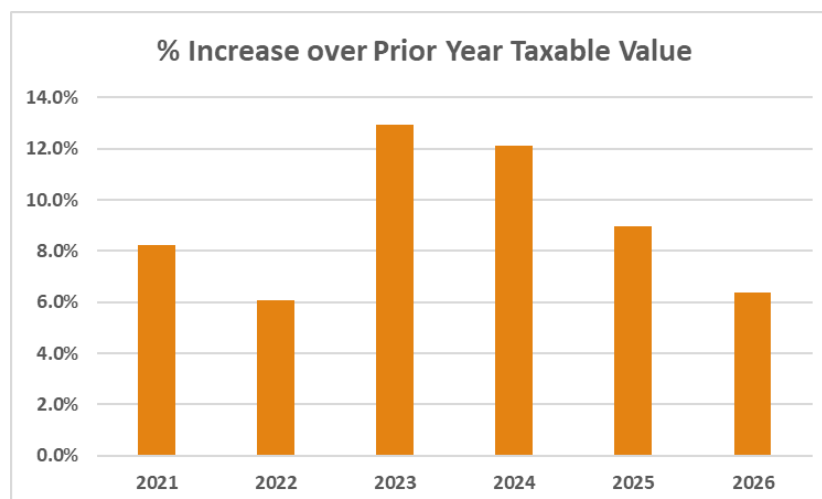
Mayor, Council, and Citizens of Port Orange:

I am pleased to transmit to you the Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 (FY26) Budget for the City of Port Orange, Florida. The FY26 budget addresses infrastructure needs, financial stability, capital replacement plans as well as leveraging Federal and State public assistance, legislative appropriations, and other grant opportunities. This budget serves as a proactive spending plan and investment in our community and our workforce.

The Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budget in accordance with the City Charter, is a balanced, responsible budget. All funds are in a fiscally positive and prudent position. The General Fund Budget for FY26 is \$63,118,007, while the Total Budget (including Water/Wastewater, Solid Waste, Stormwater, and Special Revenue funds) is \$223,696,012. The millage rate is proposed at 4.9750 mill, with no increase from the prior year.

The FY26, the General Fund Budget is a increase of 3.5% over FY 2024-25 Adopted Budget of \$61,190,570. Operating costs include the costs for contractual wage increases, property, casualty and health insurance, maintenance and contractual cost, as well as capital and general fund CIP projects.

Although the majority of the City is built out and experiencing diminishing revenues from growth, the Gross Taxable Value of property for 2026 increased by \$338,308,922 (6%), bringing the total taxable value to \$5,857,514,423. The budget is balanced with a millage rate of 4.9750, which is no increase over the FY25 rate. This rate is 4.1% over the rollback rate of 4.7790, generating \$1,090,669 in additional revenues over the rollback rate. This additional revenue will be primarily used to fund the increased personnel and contracted services increases. The staff proposed millage rate, if approved, remains one of the lowest in the county.



The General Fund requested budget for FY26 includes:

- Providing the same level of city services
- Addition of 5 new Police Offices to staff School Resource positions and improve Public Safety
- Additional Parks and Rec employees will be added as Parks Bond Projects commence
- Meeting contractual wage increases for all collective bargaining units and civil service staff
- Funding for General Fund CIP projects including the City Center Ball Fields restoration
- Projected increases in Health and Workers Compensation Insurance
- Projected increases in Property and Casualty Insurance
- Vendor contract increases
- Replacement of Fire vehicles

Personnel costs are estimated to increase by less than 6% over FY25. Personnel costs are budgeted to include anticipated contractual increases for Police and Fire as well as increases for all NAGE and Civil Service employees. Personnel cost is a primary driver for the General Fund, comprising 65% of the total General Fund expenses.

City Improvements and Accomplishments during FY25 include:

- Completing the Stormwater Master Plan
- Undertaking a Vulnerability Assessment – completion Fall 2025, providing significant grant funding eligibility
- State Appropriations for Infrastructure – Awarded \$3,000,000 for Madeline/Pepperhill Stormwater Pond and Pump Station and \$1,400,000 for the Ponce Inlet Master Lift Station
- Grant Revenues received – Bullet Proof Vest, Daytona Beach Rec & Racing, FDEP, FIND, ECHO, FDOT High Visibility Enforcement, Victims of Crime, FEMA
- Police High Water Vehicle received to aid in high water rescues – paid for with forfeiture funds
- Memorial Park Pier damaged from Hurricane Ian, repaired with FEMA funds
- Jackson/Oak St Stormwater Improvement Project, providing more efficient maintenance – completion Fall 2025
- Tyler Asset Management – Centralized platform for maintaining and managing critical infrastructure and equipment, lowering operating costs and extending life of assets
- Construction of the Public Utilities Operations Facility – completion Summer 2026
- Completion of the City Center Parks Field Crew Office Building – proximity allowing for more efficient service provision
- Lime Softening solutions pilot study underway for Public Utilities, possible annual savings of up to \$800,000
- Hurricane Debris Management site improvements – increased available storage area 100%
- Permanent Sandbag Site – new equipment to increase capacity and service to residents
- Parks land swap with Volusia County Schools
- Life-Pak 35's acquired as well as Grant funded Lucas Devices, outfitted now on all fire vehicles

The City-Wide budget includes Capital Expenditures of \$65,304,827.

Capital Improvement Projects by Fund

• Water & Wastewater	\$34,050,000
• General Fund	\$18,329,827
• Stormwater	\$ 8,025,000
• Parks Bond	\$ 4,650,000
• Other	\$ 250,000

New Capital Projects for FY26 include:

Water Reclamation Filter Upgrades	\$ 15,150,000
FEMA Hurricane Flood Mitigation projects	12,338,307
Water Reclamation Safety and Compliance Modification and Expansion	6,000,000
River Crossing, Force Main and Water Main	4,500,000
City Center Ballfield Rehabilitation	3,000,000
Sugar Forest Area Stormwater Improvements	2,930,000
Riverwalk Day Docks	1,620,520
Ponce Inlet Master Lift Station	1,500,000
Sweetwater Blvd Outfall to B19	750,000
Devon St Stormwater Pond Modification	750,000
Coraci Field Improvements Phase I	600,000
Spruce Creek Road Paving Project	400,000
Memorial Park Sidewalk Replacement	350,000
Golf Course Tee Box Renovation	150,000
City Center Restroom Replacement	136,000

The total budget for FY26 is \$223,696,012, an increase of \$17,976,290 or 8.7% over the prior year. The budget for Enterprise funds increased by 47%, driven by increases in Capital Expenditures.

Enterprise Fund FY26 Budget Impacts include:

- Increases in Water and Wastewater rates 2.75% and 5.75%, respectively. Reclaimed rate increases of 4.25%.
- Non-Ad Valorem Assessment for Stormwater increase from \$145 to \$160 per Single Family Unit.
- Vendor contract increases, including chemicals
- New Utility Systems Operations staff to perform sewer line and hydrant inspections
- An additional Plant Mechanic

All City Departments have scrutinized their controllable operating costs, which have been held and even reduced in many cases, to offset the impact of wage and contract vendor increases on

the budget. We are pleased to present a balanced proposed budget that meets these needs at a rate lower than the maximum millage set by Council.

The FY26 Proposed Budget is balanced with collective efforts from departments in order to provide a sustainable spending plan. I want to thank the Finance Department as well as all department directors for their efforts in preparing a responsible budget for FY26. We sincerely appreciate the leadership and support from the City Council in planning and guiding the financial affairs of the City in a progressive manner.

Respectfully,

Wayne Clark
City Manger