



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

5:30 PM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

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 at 1000 City Center Circle, Port Orange, FL for the following purposes:

OPENING

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

DISCUSSION / ACTION

4. Discussion on Tentative City Millage and Tentative City Budget for FY 2027
5. Resolution No. 26-46 - Adopting the Tentative Millage Rate for FY 2026-2027
6. Resolution No. 26-47 - Adopting the Tentative Budget for FY 2026-2027

ADJOURNMENT

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

COUNCIL MEETING DATE 9/16/2026

SUBJECT: (4) Discussion on Tentative City Millage and Tentative City Budget for FY 2027

DEPARTMENT: Finance

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Discussion item only. No motion needed.

SUMMARY: As required by Florida statute, this item is to discuss the tentative millage rate and proposed budget. Under the Florida's Truth in Millage ("TRIM") statutes (ss. 200.065, 200.069, Florida Statutes), all property owners are notified of the tentative millage levies by Notice of Proposed Property Taxes ("TRIM Notice"), sent by mailing from the Volusia County Property Appraiser in August. The City Council may subsequently reduce the tentative millage rate. However, City Council cannot increase the tentative millage rate beyond what was included in the TRIM Notice without another public notification to all City property owners. The property appraiser used the maximum millage rate of 5.1500 voted on at the July 21, 2026 Council meeting.

The current budgeted operating millage rate is 5.1500 per \$1,000 assessed taxable value; the current year gross taxable value for operating purposes is \$6,067,715,038 as certified by the Volusia County Property Appraiser. The Tentative Millage rate of 5.1500 mills is an increase of 6.03% over the rolled back rate of 4.8573 mills.

The City Manager will start the discussion with comments on the increase in millage over 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 tentative millage rate and the proposed budget regarding the reasons for the increase in the tentative millage above the rolled back rate. Council will then hear public comments and questions on the resolutions to be considered.

PRESENTER: Sue Wang

ATTACHMENTS:

1.	9.16 - Guideline - Public Hearing on Tent Millage and Budget FY27 mj9.11.26	9.16 - Guideline - Public Hearing on Tent Millage and Budget FY27 mj9.11.26.docx
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Sue Wang
Matthew Jones
Wayne Clark

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Approved - 09/04/2026
Final Approval - 09/10/2026

**Public Hearing for Adoption of Tentative Millage / Budget
September 16, 2026**

Agenda Item 4.

Announce the following:

"The public hearing is now convened to discuss the millage rate and budget. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Budget commences on October 1, 2026, and continues through September 30, 2027. We will begin with the City Council discussion of the Tentative millage necessary to fund the FY2027 Tentative budget for the City of Port Orange. The City is the taxing authority and the current year taxable value for operating purposes is Six Billion Sixty-Seven Million Seven Hundred Fifteen Thousand Thirty-Eight Dollars (\$6,067,715,038).

The tentative millage rate is \$5.1500 mills per \$1,000 of valuation which represents a 6.03% increase in ad valorem tax revenues above the rolled-back rate of \$4.8573.

"In addition to the foregoing tentative millage levy, there is a voter approved millage levy of 0.1102 mills necessary to fund the debt service payments on the 2006 general obligation bonds for public safety capital facilities which were refunded in 2016. There is also a voter approved millage levy of 0.4916 mills necessary to fund the debt service payments on the 2025 general obligation bonds for parks."

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 tentative millage above the rolled back rate.

Announce the following:

"The Council will now hear public comments regarding the proposed Tentative millage. 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 tentative budget as presented.

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

If no revisions, then move to Agenda Item 5.

Agenda Item 5.

Read Resolution No. 26-46 for Tentative City Millage.

Ask for a Motion.

Move to approve Resolution No. 26-46 adopting the City of Port Orange FY2027 Tentative millage rate of 5.1500 mills per \$1,000.00 of valuation. (Public Comment) (Roll call vote)

Announce the following:

"The adopted tentative millage rate of 5.1500 mills per \$1,000.00 of valuation is a 6.03% increase in ad valorem tax revenues above the rolled-back rate."

Agenda Item 6.

Read Resolution No. 26-47 for Tentative City Budget.

Ask for a Motion.

Motion to Approve Resolution No. 26-47 adopting the City of Port Orange FY2027 Tentative budget. (Public Comment) (Roll call vote)

Announce the following:

"This budget includes all operating and capital costs for FY 2027. This budget includes the General, Special Revenue, Debt Service, Capital, Enterprise and Internal Service Funds. The proposed City-wide FY 2027 budget for all funds is \$215,582,170.

Adjourn the meeting.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

COUNCIL MEETING DATE 9/16/2026

SUBJECT: (5) Resolution No. 26-46 - Adopting the Tentative Millage Rate for FY 2026-2027

DEPARTMENT: Finance

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move to approve Resolution No. 26-46 adopting the City of Port Orange FY2027 Tentative millage rate of 5.1500 mills per \$1,000.00 of valuation.

SUMMARY: Per Florida Statute Section 200.065, the City Council shall adopt a tentative millage rate prior to the adoption of a tentative 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 \$6,067,715,038 and certified a rolled-back rate of \$4.8573 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 tentative tax of \$5.1500 mills upon all real and personal property within the City for operational purposes. The operating levy of \$5.1500 per \$1,000 represents a 6.03% increase from the rolled-back rate of \$4.8573 per \$1,000 of taxable value. The tentative operating millage for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 will generate \$29,069,314 in ad valorem revenue, when budgeted at 95%.

The required millage for the 2007 General Obligation voter-approved debt service, which was refunded in 2016, is \$0.1102 mills. The required voter debt service is budgeted at \$635,211 at 95%.

The required millage for the 2025 General Obligation Parks Bond is \$0.4916 mills. The required voter debt service is budgeted at \$2,833,498 at 95%.

PRESENTER: Sue Wang

ATTACHMENTS:

1.	9.16 Reso. No. 26-46 Tentative Millage FY27	9.16 Reso. No. 26-46 Tentative Millage FY27.docx
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Approved - 09/02/2026

Matthew Jones
Wayne Clark

Approved - 09/10/2026
Final Approval - 09/10/2026

RESOLUTION NO. 26-46

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT ORANGE, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA; ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATES TO BE LEVIED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 (OCTOBER 1, 2026 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2027); 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 2027; 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 parks facilities; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the tentative millage rate has been conducted by City Council at 5:30 p.m. on September 16, 2026, and a final hearing will be conducted at 5:30 p.m. on September 28, 2026, 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 tentative millage rate for fiscal year 2027 for the City of Port Orange is hereby levied at 5.1500 mills per \$1,000.00 of valuation. This tentative millage rate is a 6.03% increase above the rolled-back rate, 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 \$0.1102 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. The millage rate of \$0.4916 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 2025 general obligation bonds for parks.

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, 2026

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



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

COUNCIL MEETING DATE 9/16/2026

SUBJECT: (6) Resolution No. 26-47 - Adopting the Tentative Budget for FY 2026-2027

DEPARTMENT: Finance

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 26-47 adopting the City of Port Orange FY2027 Tentative budget.

SUMMARY: This is a request for the City Council to approve the tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027.

Both the Eastport CRA and Town Center CRA approved their respective budgets during separate meetings on August 4, 2026, 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 tentative General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service, Capital Improvement Funds (CIP), Enterprise Funds and other Internal Service Funds, in the amount of \$215,582,170 (Exhibit "A").

PRESENTER: Sue Wang

ATTACHMENTS:

1.	9.16 - Reso. No. 26-47 Tentative Budget FY27 mj9.11.26	9.16 - Reso. No. 26-47 Tentative Budget FY27 mj9.11.26.docx
2.	Exhibit A - FY 27 Budget	Exhibit A - FY 27 Budget.pdf

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Wayne Clark

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Approved - 09/10/2026
Final Approval - 09/10/2026

RESOLUTION NO. 26-47

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT ORANGE, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA; ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 (OCTOBER 1, 2026 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2027) FOR THE CITY OF PORT ORANGE; 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 tentative annual budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027; 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, Section 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 tentative millage rate and budget for Fiscal Year 2027; and

WHEREAS, both the Eastport CRA and Town Center CRA approved their respective budgets during separate meetings on August 4, 2026 and submitted to the City of Port Orange for inclusion in the City's budget; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the tentative budget has been conducted by the City Council at 5:30 P.M. on September 16, 2026 and a final hearing will be conducted at 5:30 P.M. on September 28, 2026, in City Council Chambers at City Hall, 1000 City Center Circle, Port Orange, Florida.

WHEREAS, during the course of said public hearing, all persons desiring to voice objection or make comments upon the tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2027 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 Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2027. Pursuant to the City of Port Orange Charter and Florida Statutes, Chapters 166 and 200, the City of Port Orange hereby adopts the various tentative budgets as set forth in **Exhibit "A"** attached and made a part herein by this reference.

Section 2. Final Budget Public Hearing. The final hearing will be conducted at 5:30 p.m. on September 28, 2026, in City Council Chambers at City Hall, 1000 City Center Circle, Port Orange, Florida, where interested parties may 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.

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MAYOR SCOTT STILTNER

ATTEST:

Robin L Fenwick, MMC, City Clerk

Passed and adopted on the _____ day of September, 2026

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

Exhibit A

<u>General Fund</u>	\$	67,757,353
<u>Enterprise Funds</u>		
Forestry Management	\$	674,751
Golf Course		2,884,527
Solid Waste		11,720,820
Stormwater Utility		7,640,674
Stormwater Utility Cap Proj		16,190,679
Water & Sewer Impact Fee		942,994
Water & Sewer R&R Fund		11,352,043
Water & Sewer System		33,096,624
Wetland Mitigation Credit		196,067
	\$	84,699,179
<u>Capital Funds</u>		
Capital Projects Fund	\$	5,819,893
General Capital Replacement		5,820,066
Transportation Cap Projects		48,559
Parks Bond Capital Projects		22,315,883
	\$	34,004,401
<u>Internal Service Funds</u>		
Information Technology	\$	4,313,037
Fleet Lease & Replacement		5,585,164
Risk Management		3,451,837
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	\$	15,444,088
<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>		
Community Development Building	\$	4,175,500
Eastport CRA		837,098
Fire Impact		20,082
Natl Opioid Litigation Settle		50,000
Police Impact Fees		22,553
Recreation Facilities		312,000
Recreation Impact		2,110,425
Town Center CRA		565,712
Transportation Impact		157,815
	\$	8,251,185
<u>Debt Service Fund</u>		
2007 Town Center Bond Debt Svc	\$	405,894
2014 CapImprovBond - Ref 2025		1,093,750
2016 refunding of 2006 GO Bond		901,150
2025 GO Bond Debt		2,835,499
	\$	5,236,293
<u>Other Required Funds</u>		
Federal Police Forfeiture	\$	15,000
Loan Pool		506
Police Benefit Trust Fund		4,500
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