



MINUTES
FY 25-26 SECOND BUDGET HEARING COMMISSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 – 6:00 PM

Call to Order: The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Groth at 6:01 pm

Roll Call: Mayor Groth -Present
Vice Mayor Samaria- Present
Commissioner Amsler- Present
Commissioner Gonzalez- Present
Commissioner Huntington Present

Also present were Village Manager Childress, Village Attorney Weissman, Finance Director Paul Winklejohn, and Village Clerk Latimore.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Mayor and Commission.

Public Comment: Mayor Groth opened the meeting for Public Comment:

Barbara Kuhl: Made comments on the need to assist the North Miami Foundation. Due to funding cuts and staff shortages, the foundation was struggling to provide services to its community. Mrs. Kuhl asked whether the \$1,000.00 budgeted for the donation to the organization could be submitted right away.

Janey Anderson: Stated that she saw an increase in notice to the community meeting from staff. It was her observation that, despite the extra notice, only three people attended the meeting. She also spoke in favor of the Full-time position for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Bob Anderson: Made comments in favor of the passing of the budget and the Full-Time position.

The Public Comment section of the meeting was closed.

Commission Reply to Public Comments

Vice Mayor Samaria stated that he did not attend the community meeting due to a scheduling conflict. Commissioner Amsler inquired whether the Community meeting was recorded. (The meeting was not recorded). Commissioner Gonzalez asked the Village Manager to make contact with the North Miami Foundation.

Resolutions: There were no resolutions before the Commission.

Ordinances

Ordinance No. 2025-01: Adopting Millage Rate for FY 2025-26 2nd and Final Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING A FINAL MILLAGE RATE AND LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF 9.3 MILLS FOR EACH \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUATION UPON REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE VILLAGE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, WHICH IS 10.7% HIGHER THAN THE ROLLED-BACK RATE OF 8.4009 MILLS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Ordinance was read into the record by Attorney Weissman.
There was a MOTION to approve the Ordinance for discussion, by Commissioner Huntington, seconded by the Vice Mayor.

Mayor Groth opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2025-01

Seeing no one come before the Commission for Public Comment. Mayor Groth closed the Public Hearing.

There was a question from Commissioner Amsler to the Finance Director. Was the Rollback Rate modified?

There was a MOTION to table Ordinance 2025-01 until after the vote on Ordinance 2025-02 by Commissioner Huntington, seconded by Vice Mayor Samaria. Motion carried 5-0

Ordinance No. 2025-02 Adopting Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26 2nd and Final Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 FOR THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Ordinance was read into the record by Attorney Weissman. There was a MOTION to approve the Ordinance for discussion by Commissioner Huntington, seconded by Vice Mayor Samaria. Motion carried 5-0

Mayor Groth opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2025-02.

Seeing no one come before the Commission for Public Comment, Mayor Groth closed Public Comment.

Village Manager Childress read Budget Highlights into the record.

The Commission held a final discussion on the departmental budgets. There were further discussions on the various Capital Improvement projects and the plan for tree planting.

The Commission discussed increasing the attorney's budget line item from 1000,000 to \$137,500, with the understanding that a final decision on moving forward at this rate will be made at the October meeting. The Village Manager will continue to seek rates from other Law firms and report back to the Commission.

There was A Motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-02 as amended by Commissioner Gonzalez and seconded by Vice Mayor Samaria. The Motion carried 5-0

Mayor Groth -YES

Vice Mayor Samaria YES

Commissioner Amsler YES

Commissioner Gonzalez -YES

Commissioner Huntington YES

There was a motion by Commissioner Huntington to Reopen Ordinance 2025-01, seconded by Vice Mayor Samaria, to adopt a Millage Rate for FY 2025-26. The motion carried 5-0

After a brief and final discussion on Ordinance 2025-01. There was a Motion by Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Huntington, to adopt Ordinance 2025-01. The Motion carried 5-0

Mayor Groth – YES

Vice Mayor Samaria- YES

Commissioner Amsler -YES
Commissioner Gonzalez -YES
Commissioner Huntington YES

There were no questions for the Commission Budget.

Administration-FY26.pdf

Police-FY26.pdf

Code-FY26.pdf

Public Works-FY26.pdf

Parks & Recreation-FY26.pdf

2026 Budget Summary-9.3.pdf

2026 Revenues-9.3.pdf

ARP Fund-FY26.pdf

Building Fund-FY26.pdf

Capital Projects Fund-FY26.pdf

CITT Fund-FY26.pdf

Police Forfeiture Fund-FY26.pdf

Police Fund-FY26.pdf

Road Fund-FY26.pdf

Sanitation Fund-FY26.pdf

Memo -Second Reading of Budget -2025_.docx

There being no further business before the Commission. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm

Submitted by:

Commission approved December 2, 2025



Pamela L. Latimore, MMC
Village Clerk