FINAL MILLAGE AND BUDGET HEARING

Monday, September 23, 2024 at 6:15 pm

MEETING LOCATION

12444 NW Virginia G Weaver Street, Bristol, FL 32321

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**

   James P. Kersey, Mayor
   Chris Vowell, Chairman
   Tommy Rankin, Vice-chair
   Jennifer Hudgins, Councilmember
   Vacant Seat, Councilmember
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   Robin M. Hatcher, City Clerk
   Joshua Pasqualone, Attorney
   Dale Hobby, Fire Chief
   Richard Mims, Public Works Supervisor
   Page Wahlquist, Water/Wastewater Operator

3. **Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Open Final Millage & Budget Hearing FY 2024/2025**
5. **Discuss proposed final millage rate for FY 2024/2025**
   a. **Announce:**

- Per Florida Statutes Chapter 200.081, a municipality may levy ad valorem taxes against real property and tangible personal property up to, but not exceeding 10 mills. The City of Bristol proposes to set its FY 2024/2025 final municipal millage rate for general operating purposes at 8.6317 mills per $1000.
- The City of Bristol has received and anticipates receiving proceeds from a 1/2 Cent Discretionary Surtax for Emergency Fire Rescue Services and Facilities as follows:

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Fire Services Surtax anticipated in FY 24/25: $64,000
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- Pursuant to F.S. 212.054(4)(e), the City of Bristol must reduce its ad valorem tax levy by the amount of revenue collected/estimated to be collected by the fire surtax. The City of Bristol, therefore, reduces its proposed ad valorem assessment for FY 24/25 by 2.075 mils, resulting in a $64,012 reduction in ad valorem proceeds in FY 24/25.
- The proposed final millage rate, adjusted, to reflect a reduction in the ad valorem tax levy equal to the estimated amount of revenue collected/anticipated to be collected by the ½ Cent Discretionary Surtax for Emergency Fire Rescue Services, is 6.5567 mils per $1000 for FY 2024/2025.
- The current year aggregate rolled-back rate is $6.5567 per $1000.
- The proposed rate as a percent change of rolled-back rate is 0.00%.

b. Public comments/discussion:

6. **Per Florida Statutes related to Fire Services Tax, Read aloud, by title and adopt Resolution No. 2024-13: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BRISTOL, LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA ADOPTING A FINAL MILLAGE RATE, LESS A STATUTORILY REQUIRED REDUCTION FOR ESTIMATED FIRE SERVICES SURTAX PROCEEDS, FOR THE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF BRISTOL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
7. **Per TRIM Requirements, read aloud, by title, and adopt Final Millage Resolution No. 2024-14: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BRISTOL, LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA ADOPTING A FINAL MILLAGE RATE FOR THE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF BRISTOL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
8. **Discuss proposed Final Budget FY 2024/2025**
   a. **Announce:**
   The proposed Operating Budget for FY 2024/2025 is $16,858,155 The proposed operating budget expenditures of the City of Bristol are 5.4% more than last year's operating budget.

   b. **Public comments/discussion:**
9. **Read aloud, by title, and adopt Final Budget Resolution No. 2024-15: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BRISTOL, LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BRISTOL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
10. **Close Final Millage & Budget Hearing**
11. **Adjourn**

GRANTS WORKSHOP, SEPT 23, 2024 at 6:20 PM (or as soon thereafter as possible) TO BE FACILITATED BY:

Justin Ford, PE, Dewberry Engineers, Inc.

Julie Dennis & Dornecia Allen, Grant Administrators, OVID Solutions

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RESOLUTION #2024-13
OF
THE CITY OF BRISTOL, FLORIDA

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BRISTOL, LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA ADOPTING A FINAL MILLAGE RATE, LESS A STATUTORILY REQUIRED REDUCTION FOR ESTIMATED FIRE SERVICES SURTAX PROCEEDS, FOR THE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF BRISTOL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Bristol, Florida is a duly recognized government; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bristol, Florida held a public hearing as required by Florida Statutes 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bristol, Florida met on Monday, the 23rd day of September, 2024 at 6:15 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the current year gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within the City of Bristol, Liberty County, Florida has been certified by the County Property Appraiser to the City of Bristol as $31,813,055; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bristol, Florida has established its final millage rate at 8.6317 mills for general operating purposes, less the statutorily required reduction of 2.0750 mills for Fire Services Surtax estimated to be collected in FY 2024/2025 resulting in a total reduction of $64,012 in assessed ad valorem taxes, and resulting in an adjusted final ad valorem tax levy for the City of Bristol of $6.5567 per $1000 for fiscal year 2024/2025;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the adjusted final millage rate for the levying of ad valorem taxes for FY 2024/2025 is set at $6.5567 per $1000.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution #2024-13 was adopted in open session on this 23rd day of September, 2024.

City of Bristol, Florida

By: _____
Christian Vowell, Chairman

ATTEST:_____
Robin M. Hatcher
City Clerk

RESOLUTION #2024-14
OF
THE CITY OF BRISTOL, FLORIDA

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BRISTOL, LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA ADOPTING A FINAL MILLAGE RATE FOR THE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF BRISTOL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Bristol, Florida is a duly recognized government; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bristol, Florida held a public hearing as required by Florida Statutes 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bristol, Florida met on Monday, the 23rd day of September, 2024 at 6:15 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the current year gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within the City of Bristol, Liberty County, Florida has been certified by the County Property Appraiser to the City of Bristol as $31,813,055; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bristol, Florida has established its final millage rate for the levying of ad valorem taxes at 6.5567 mills for fiscal year 2024-2025; and

WHEREAS, the current year proposed rate as a percent change of rolled-back rate is 0.00% and the current year aggregate rolled-back rate is $6.5567 per $1000; and

WHEREAS, 200.065 Florida Statutes, requires the adoption of a Resolution or Ordinance stating the final millage rate for the levying of ad valorem taxes for the City of Bristol.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the final millage rate for the levying of ad valorem taxes for FY 2024-2025 is set at $6.5567 per $1000.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution #2024-14 was adopted in open session on this 23rd day of September, 2024.

City of Bristol, Florida

By: _____
Christian Vowell, Chairman

ATTEST:_____
Robin M. Hatcher
City Clerk

RESOLUTION #2024-15
OF
THE CITY OF BRISTOL, FLORIDA

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BRISTOL, LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BRISTOL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Bristol, Florida is a duly recognized government; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bristol, Florida held a public hearing as required by Florida Statutes 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bristol, Florida met on the 23rd day of September , 2024 at 6:15 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bristol, Florida has established its final budget at $16,858,155 with a final millage rate for the levying of ad valorem taxes set at $6.5567 per $1000 for FY 2024-2025; and

WHEREAS, this year's total operating expenditures are 5.4% more than last year's total operating expenditures;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the final millage rate and final budget for FY 2024-2025 is set.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution was adopted on this 23rd day of September, 2024.

City of Bristol, Florida

By: _____
Christian Vowell, Chairman

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Robin M. Hatcher
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