



MINUTES

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 5:45 p.m.

The City of Madeira Beach Board of Commissioners held a special meeting at 5:45 p.m. on September 9, 2026 in the Patricia Shontz Commission Chambers at City Hall, located at 300 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Anne-Marie Brooks, Mayor
Eddie McGeehen, Vice Mayor/Commissioner District 3
David Tagliarini, Commissioner District 1
Charles “Chuck” Dillon, Commissioner District 2
Housh Ghovae, Commissioner District 4

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Mike Helfrich, City Manager
Clara VanBlargan, City Clerk
Thomas Trask, City Attorney
Andrew Laflin, Finance Director Consultant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brooks called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Clara VanBlargan called the roll. All were present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Ordinance 2026-14, Adopting the Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2027, Beginning October 1, 2026 and Ending September 30, 2027 – 1st Reading & Public Hearing

The City Attorney read Ordinance 2026 -14 in its entirety.

ORDINANCE 2026-14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MADEIRA BEACH, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027, PROVIDING AND ANNOUNCING THE NAME OF THE TAXING AUTHORITY, THE ROLLED BACK MILLAGE RATE, THE PERCENTAGE INCREASE ABOVE THE ROLLED BACK MILLAGE RATE, AND THE MILLAGE RATE TO BE LEVIED AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes s. 200.065 requires the adoption of the millage rate by separate vote and prior to the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes s. 200.065 requires that prior to adoption of the millage-levy ordinance, the following be publicly announced: the name of the taxing authority, the rolled-back millage rate, the percentage decrease below the rolled-back millage rate, and the millage rate to be levied; and

WHEREAS, in no event may the millage rate adopted exceed the millage rate tentatively adopted.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF MADEIRA BEACH, FLORIDA, THAT:

SECTION 1. The name of the taxing authority is the City of Madeira Beach.

SECTION 2. The rolled back millage rate for fiscal year 2027 is 2.7349 per \$1,000.

SECTION 3. The fiscal year 2027 proposed millage rate is 0.55% higher than the rolled back rate.

SECTION 4. The millage rate to be levied for fiscal year 2027 shall be 2.7500 per \$1,000.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Mayor Brooks opened the floor to public comment. There were no public comments.

Commissioner Dillon motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-14, Adopting the Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2027, Beginning October 1, 2026 and Ending September 30, 2027, after first reading and public hearing. Commissioner Ghovaee seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Dillon	"YES"
Commissioner Ghovaee	"YES"
Vice Mayor McGeehen	"YES"
Commissioner Tagliarini	"YES"

Mayor Brooks

"YES"

The motion carried 5-0.

B. Ordinance 2026-15, Adopting the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2027, Beginning October 1, 2026 and Ending September 30, 2027 – 1st Reading & Public Hearing

The City Attorney read Ordinance 2026-15 in its entirety.

ORDINANCE 2026-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MADEIRA BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2026 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2027, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes s. 166.241 requires the adoption of a budget each fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the amount available from taxation and other sources, including balances brought forward from prior years, must equal the total appropriations for expenditures and reserves; and

WHEREAS, at a minimum, the adopted budget must show for each fund, as required by law and sound financial practices, budgeted revenues and expenditures by organizational unit which are at least at the level of detail required for the annual financial report required under s. 218.32(1); and

WHEREAS, the adopted budget must regulate expenditures of the municipality, and an officer of a municipal government may not expend or contract for expenditures in any fiscal year except as pursuant to the adopted budget; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madeira Beach Tentative Fiscal Year 2027 Budget is balanced; is presented at the level of detail required to file the annual financial report; and shall regulate expenditures of the City for the period beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF MADEIRA BEACH, FLORIDA, THAT:

SECTION 1. The tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027 attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby adopted.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Mayor Brooks opened the floor to public comment. There were no public comments.

Commissioner Ghovae motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-15, Adopting the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2027, Beginning October 1, 2026 and Ending September 30, 2027, after first reading and public hearing. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor McGeehen.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Ghovae	"YES"
Vice Mayor McGeehen	"YES"
Commissioner Tagliarini	"YES"
Commissioner Dillon	"YES"
Mayor Brooks	"YES"

The motion carried 5-0.

5. RESPOND TO PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

There were no public comments or questions to address.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brooks adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

Anne-Marie Brooks, Mayor

ATTEST:

Clara VanBlargan, MMC, MSM, FCMC, FCRM, City Clerk