TOWN OF WINDERMERE

Town Council Final Budget Hearing Minutes **September 16, 2026**

Present were Mayor Andy Williams, Council Members CT Allen, Tony Davit, Mandy David, Brandi Haines, and Tom Stroup. Town Manager Robert Smith, ATM/PWD Tonya Elliott-Moore and Town Clerk Dorothy Burkhalter were also present.

Mayor Williams led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then called the Final Budget/Public hearing to order at 6:00pm and noted that a quorum was present.

1. OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Williams opened the floor to the public. Ms. Kristen Henry of 619 Magnolia Street introduced herself. She then commented on Amendment 3, the budget if it should pass, Food Trucks, Holiday events, and preservation of community events. Mayor Williams thanked Ms. Henry for her comments and concerns. He also commented that the Town is being very vigilant with Amendment 3, budget items, and concerns. Mayor Williams stated that there are more meetings coming up regarding Amendment 3. They are September 23rd, and October 1st with Manager Smith and a Town Hall (with the County) on September 30th. Some discussion followed.

2. SPECIAL PRESENTATION/PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS

a. Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget Approval

Mayor Williams continued the Final Budget Public Hearing.

i. Announce that the FY 2026-2027 operating millage is 3.7425 mills which is higher than the rolled-back rate of 3.5893 mills by 4.27%

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ii. Motion & Vote: Resolution #2026-07 Adopting Millage Rate of 3.7425

Member Davit made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-07 adopting the millage rate of 3.7425. Member David seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Allen – aye, Davit – aye, David -aye, Haines – aye, and Stroup – aye. Motion carried 5-0 at 6:10pm.

iii. Motion & Vote: Resolution #2026-08 Adopting a total budget of $12,464,394.17

Member David made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-08 adopting the total operating budget of $12,464,394.17. Member Davit seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Stroup – aye, Haines – aye, David -aye, Davit -aye, and Allen – aye. Motion carried 5-0 at 6:11pm.

General discussion followed. Mayor Williams adjourned the Final Budget meeting at 6:17pm.

Dorothy Burkhalter, MMC, FCRM
Town Clerk

Loren "Andy" Williams, Mayor