

# Memorandum

**TO:** Town Commission  
**FROM:** Tom Harmer, Town Manager  
**REPORT DATE:** June 20, 2022  
**MEETING DATE:** July 1, 2022  
**SUBJECT:** FY23 Preliminary Budget – Set Maximum Millage

## Recommended Action

Set the Maximum Millage Rates for General Fund Operating Millage, General Obligation Facilities (Fire Stations) Debt, and Beach Gulfside and Bayside Districts

## Background

The Town Commission is required to set a maximum millage rate at the July 1, 2022 Regular Meeting for Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) that will appear on the Truth in Millage (TRIM) notices. Each County Property Appraiser has until July 1 to certify taxable values to the Taxing Authorities. Therefore, Finance will not receive the information early enough to provide completed materials before production of the agenda materials. As soon as the Finance Department receives them, staff will complete the calculations and forward documents as soon as they are completed.

Prior to setting the maximum millage rate for FY23, Town staff will provide an update on final values from the Property Appraisers and the calculated rolled-back rate. The rolled-back rate is the millage that would generate the same amount of tax revenue, exclusive of new construction, as the previous year.

We provided an update on the General Fund and all other Funds Budget development during the June 20, 2022 Special Workshop Meeting for the FY23 Budget.

The maximum millage rate is the highest millage rate that the Town Commission may levy in September. The final millage rates could be lower, but not higher, than the maximum millage rate set at this meeting, including debt millages. I am recommending that the General Fund Budget maximum millage be set at **1.9900** which is a 5.9% reduction from the millage rate of 2.1144 that the Town has assessed since FY17. This rate may be further reduced at the September hearing, but not increased.

The Debt Service millage rates for Facilities (Fire Stations) and Beach Nourishment are pending Certified Values. Due to the timing of our meeting, our presentation will provide maximum millage calculations on debt for both the Beach debt and Fire Stations debt. The Town must report the maximum millage rates to each Property Appraiser by August 4, 2022.

## Staff Recommendation

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**End of Agenda Item**