

SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

**SPECIAL
CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

AT 6:00 PM

**LOCATION:
IRB CIVIC AUDITORIUM
1507 BAY PALM BLVD
INDIAN ROCKS BEACH, FL. 33785**



AGENDA

CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Civic Auditorium/Commission Chambers

1507 Bay Palm Blvd., Indian Rocks Beach, FL. 33785

Wednesday, September 23, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

ROLL CALL

- **Commissioner Kellee Watt**
- **Commissioner John Bigelow**
- **Commissioner Hilary King**
- **Vice-Mayor Commissioner Janet Wilson**
- **Mayor-Commissioner Lan Vaughan**

1.

- 1.1 ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06— *PUBLIC HEARING / SECOND READING.***
Adopting the final levying of ad valorem taxes for the City of Indian Rocks Beach, Pinellas County, Florida, Fiscal Year 2026/2027; providing for notification of requisite government authorities; and providing for an effective date.
- 1.2 ORDINANCE NO. 2026-07 — *PUBLIC HEARING / SECOND READING.***
Adopting a budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027; making appropriations and operating expenditures for Fiscal Year 2026/2027; providing for notification of requisite government authorities; and providing for an effective date.
- 1.3 City Manager Annual Performance Evaluation.**

ADJOURNMENT

APPEALS: Any person who decides to appeal any decision made, with respect to any matter considered at such hearing, will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purposes, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which

the appeal is to be based, per s. 286.0105, F.S. Verbatim transcripts are not furnished by the City of Indian Rocks Beach, and should one be desired, arrangements should be made in advance by the interested party (i.e., Court Reporter).

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and s. 286.26, F.S., any person with a disability requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in this meeting should contact City Hall at 727.595.2517 or City Clerk Lorin Kornijtschuk at lkornijtschuk@irbcity.com no later than two (2) days before proceeding for assistance.

POSTED: September 18, 2026

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.1

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06

PUBLIC HEARING / SECOND READING.

Adopting the final levying of ad valorem taxes for the City of Indian Rocks Beach, Pinellas County, Florida, Fiscal Year 2026/2027; providing for notification of requisite government authorities; and providing for an effective date.

**INDIAN ROCKS BEACH CITY COMMISSION
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

MEETING OF: September 23, 2026 **AGENDA ITEM:** 1.1
ORIGINATED BY: Robin Gomez, Administrative Director
AUTHORIZED BY: Ryan Henderson, City Manager
SUBJECT: **ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06;** Second Reading, Establishing the millage rate at 1.7300 for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

BACKGROUND:

At the July 14, 2026 Commission meeting, the City Commission established the proposed millage rate for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 at 1.7300 mills, no change to the previous fiscal year millage rate; and the same millage rate for the fourth (4th) consecutive year.

ANALYSIS:

At a 1.7300 millage rate, the total estimated tax collection is \$3,775,361 based on a 97% collection rate. For Fiscal Year 2026-2027 a millage rate of 1.7300 is 2.74% higher than the roll back rate of 1.6838. The proposed mill rate of 1.7300 remains one of the lowest in Pinellas County. Currently, mill rates in Pinellas County range from 0.5345 to 6.5000.

MOTION:

APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06 on Second (2nd) and final reading, establishing the millage rate for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 at 1.7300 mills.

**CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027; AND PROVIDING FOR NOTIFICATION OF REQUISITE GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Indian Rocks Beach City Charter, Section 8.2. Ad Valorem Taxes, authorizes the City Commission to levy ad valorem taxes as necessary for the conduct of municipal government, and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Indian Rocks Beach, on July 14, 2026, adopted a Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Millage Rate of 1.7300 following the first public hearing, as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Indian Rocks Beach, Florida, held a first (1st) public hearing on September 9, 2026, and held a second (2nd) and final public hearing on September 23, 2026, to adopt a Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Final Millage Rate, as required by Florida Statutes 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within the City of Indian Rocks Beach, Pinellas County, Florida, has been certified by the Pinellas County Property Appraiser to the City Commission of the City of Indian Rocks Beach, Florida, as \$2,249,783,015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Fiscal Year 2026-2027 operating millage rate for Citywide expenses is 1.7300 mills which is more than the roll back rate of 1.6838 by 2.74%.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Section 3. The City is hereby directed to notify all pertinent governmental agencies of the provisions hereof, as required by law.

ADOPTED ON FIRST READING at a meeting of the City Commission of the City of Indian Rocks Beach, Florida, held on the 9th day of September, 2026.

ATTEST:

Lorin A. Kornijtschuk, City Clerk

Lan Vaughan, Mayor/Commissioner

PUBLISHED the 20th day of September , 2026, in the Tampa Bay Times.

ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING at a meeting of the City Commission of the City of Indian Rocks Beach, Florida, held on the 23rd of September, 2026.

ATTEST:

Lorin A. Kornijtschuk, City Clerk

Lan Vaughan, Mayor/Commissioner

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

Matthew E. Maggard, City Attorney

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.2

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-07

PUBLIC HEARING / SECOND READING.

Adopting a budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027; making appropriations and operating expenditures for Fiscal Year 2026/2027; providing for notification of requisite government authorities; and providing for an effective date.

**INDIAN ROCKS BEACH CITY COMMISSION
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

MEETING OF: September 23, 2026 **AGENDA ITEM:** 1.2

ORIGINATED BY: Robin Gomez, Administrative Director

AUTHORIZED BY: Ryan Henderson, City Manager

SUBJECT: **ORDINANCE NO. 2026-07;** Second (2nd) Reading, Appropriating funds for operating expenses and adopting a budget for the City of Indian Rocks Beach, Florida, for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

BACKGROUND

City staff presented and reviewed the City Manager's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 at a Budget Workshop on July 14, 2026, and at the August 19, 2026, Commission meeting. Additionally, City staff presented, reviewed, and obtained significant feedback at four meetings with the Finance & Budget Review Committee. All the collaboration and work have generated a proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget incorporating the City's five strategic priorities to continue funding and providing exemplary City services to all residents, businesses, and visitors.

ANALYSIS

Per Florida Statutes and City Codes, the final budget is balanced (revenues exceed expenses) in all funds and presents a comprehensive plan for providing services during the coming fiscal year. With the approval of the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, the City will establish a spending plan for the fiscal year and provide approval for the City Manager to implement the plan. Attached to this agenda memorandum is the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget totaling \$10,730,701 in gross revenue and \$10,022,416 in gross expenses.

MOTION

Approve **ORDINANCE NO. 2026-07**, at Second (2nd) and final reading, appropriating funds for operating expenses and adopting a budget for the City of Indian Rocks Beach, Florida, for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

**CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-07**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS AND OPERATING EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027; AND PROVIDING FOR NOTIFICATION OF REQUISITE GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Indian Rocks Beach, Pinellas County, Florida, held public hearings on September 9th and September 23rd concerning the FY 2026-2027 Budget as required by Florida Statutes, and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Indian Rocks Beach, Pinellas County, Florida, set forth revenue estimates and expenditure appropriations in the FY 2026-2027 Final Budget in the Total Appropriation amount of \$10,022,416 and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Indian Rocks Beach, Pinellas County, Florida, desires to adopt said FY 2026-2027 Final Budget and establish operating expenditure appropriations for each of the funds included in this Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 be and is hereby incorporated as a part of this ordinance and is hereby approved and adopted as the budget of the City of Indian Rocks Beach for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2027.

Section 2. All budget expenditure appropriations are by Fund and are based on the total expenditures and/or expenses of said Fund, even though the budget has been prepared based on online items and departmental categories and with summarizations.

Section 3. For the payment of expenses and obligations of the City of Indian Rocks Beach, Florida, for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, there is hereby appropriated from the money in the treasury of the City and any accruing

revenue of the City available for said purposes, for the Funds hereinafter set forth, the sums of money shown in the following schedule:

General Fund	\$	5,699,237
Solid Waste Enterprise Fund		2,114,636
Parking Fund		1,523,543
Local Option Sales Tax Fund		625,000
Local Option Gas Tax Fund		60,000
Recreational Impact Fund		0
Multimodal Impact Fund		0
Development Impact Fund		0
Total Appropriations	\$	10,022,416

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Section 5. The City Manager shall automatically adjust the total amount of the FY 2026-2027 budget by the amount of encumbrances outstanding at September 30, 2026.

Section 6. The City is hereby directed to notify all pertinent governmental agencies of the provisions hereof, as required by law.

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Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

Matthew E. Maggard, City Attorney

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.3

City Manager Annual Performance Evaluation.

**INDIAN ROCKS BEACH CITY COMMISSION
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

MEETING OF: September 23, 2026 **AGENDA ITEM:** 1.3

ORIGINATED BY: Ryan Henderson, City Manager

AUTHORIZED BY: Ryan Henderson, City Manager

SUBJECT: City Manager Annual Performance Evaluation

BACKGROUND:

As part of the City Manager's Annual Performance Evaluation, all members of the City Commission have been provided with evaluation forms to complete. The completed forms will be maintained on file by the Human Resources Director and are intended to be reviewed with me to ensure alignment regarding goals and expectations.

In addition to the performance evaluation forms, and for purposes of this agenda memorandum, I would like to highlight four key accomplishments and areas of organizational progress over the past year.

ANALYSIS:

Neighbor Relations

A top priority since arriving in 2025 has been strengthening the relationship between our community and the organization. One of the greatest joys of public service in local government for me has always been the community-building aspect of creating opportunities that bring people together and strengthen connections to the organization.

It has always been my philosophy that the community should feel involved and heard when it comes to their local government. Over the past year, the organization has made it a priority to connect with and engage our community in meaningful ways. Working together with staff, City Hall has developed stronger relationships with our neighbors by embracing an open-door policy and creating more opportunities to meet, listen, and connect with our neighbors.

It is my hope that this passion for community building continues to propel the organization forward into the next fiscal year, with new opportunities to engage and activate our community through initiatives and other avenues for participation.

Parking Program

A key initiative over the past twelve months has been the implementation of a paid pilot parking program at the beach access points. Upon my arrival, the possibility of paid parking was already the

subject of considerable discussion within the community. Moving forward with the pilot program has, to date, generated approximately \$900,000 in revenue for the City without adding a cost to the residents of Indian Rocks Beach.

The establishment of a dedicated parking fund provides the City with a new funding source to support key infrastructure initiatives. This program creates an opportunity to reinvest a portion of the revenue generated at our beach access points back into the community, helping maintain and enhance Indian Rocks Beach as a desirable, livable community.

Strategic Planning

The City of Indian Rocks Beach completed its first Strategic Plan this past year with the support of SGR. The plan establishes clear policy goals and provides a pathway for management to carry out the priorities established by the City Commission.

Since adopting the plan in April, the City has taken several important steps toward advancing these priorities, including reviewing and assessing the City's response to the 2024 hurricanes, retaining a leading public relations firm to support legislative efforts, beginning the process of reviewing land development standards and regulations, and establishing boards that will help foster a sense of community.

In the coming year, the Strategic Plan will continue to serve as a guide for staff priorities, helping ensure that the goals established by the City Commission are translated into actionable initiatives and meaningful progress for the community.

Short-Term Rental Ordinance Enforcement

A major priority over the past year has been strengthening enforcement of the City's short-term rental ordinance. Increased enforcement has resulted in greater compliance and has given the City of Indian Rocks Beach a better understanding of the number of short-term rentals operating within the community.

As a result of these efforts, the City has seen an increase in compliant vacation rental registrations, collecting \$415,657 in registration revenue through September 9. In addition, the City has collected \$256,575 in Special Magistrate fines from short-term rentals found to be operating out of compliance with the City's ordinance.

These efforts have established a stronger foundation for both enforcement and compliance, and the City will continue building on this progress in the coming fiscal year with the introduction of new software and additional outreach.

CONCLUSION:

It has been a true pleasure over the past year to serve as the Indian Rocks Beach City Manager. I want to give special recognition to the ***community builders*** that I get to work alongside each day. This organization is made up of individuals who take immense pride in their work with special

dedication to their community. The achievements and progress over the past year would not be possible without the great work of the city staff for whom I'm greatly thankful for.

FISCAL IMPACT:

As part of the annual evaluation, consideration is being requested for a salary adjustment of 5%, commensurate with the percentage salary adjustment budgeted for all employees in the organization for FY 2026–27.

ADJOURNMENT