

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: August 16, 2011

☒ Consent ☐ Regular
☐ Public Hearing

Department:

Submitted By: ADMINISTRATION

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to receive and file: Resolution No. 187-11 of the City Commission of the City of West Palm Beach, Florida, urging Palm Beach County not to increase its millage rate for fiscal year 2011/2012.

Summary: N/A

Background and Justification: N/A

Attachments: Resolution No. 187-11 from City of West Palm Beach

Recommended By: _____

Agenda Coordinator

8/3/11

Date

Approved By: _____

Assistant County Administrator

Date



"The Capital City of the Palm Beaches"

July 27, 2011

Board of Commissioners of Palm Beach County
PO Box 1989
West Palm Beach, FL 33402-1989

Dear County Commissioners,

On Monday July 25, 2011, the West Palm Beach City Commission adopted Resolution No. 187-11 urging Palm Beach County not to increase its millage rate for Fiscal Year 2011/2012. The City Commission appeals to the Board of Commissioners of Palm Beach County to take every reasonable action necessary to hold the County millage rate flat. A copy of the resolution is attached.

Palm Beach County has been hit hard over the past five years by the economic downturn. Unemployment remains high at around 10%. Property values continue to decline while foreclosure actions were initiated on another 1,061 properties within the County during the month of June. Our residences and business need all of the financial relief that we in government can provide. The City of West Palm Beach has taken extraordinary measures to reduce spending levels while minimizing the impact to our constituents. Over the last three years the City's millage rate has remained level providing our taxpayers with a reduced City tax liability as property values have declined.

The City Commission, and I as Mayor, implore the Board of Commissioners of Palm Beach County to follow the City's lead. On behalf of the residents and the business community in the City of West Palm Beach, please take every reasonable action necessary to hold the County millage rate at the current level.

Sincerely,


Jeri Muoio
Mayor

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Mayor

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RESOLUTION NO. 187-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING PALM BEACH COUNTY NOT TO INCREASE ITS MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011/2012; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, in light of recent economic times, most local municipalities and government agencies in Palm Beach County are making dramatic budget cuts and working hard not to put any greater financial burden on their citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Palm Beach passed Resolution No. 168-11, to certify the City's proposed millage rate for its property tax for fiscal year 2011/2012 at a rate that does not represent a tax increase;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, that:

SECTION 1: The City Commission of the City of West Palm Beach calls on the Board of Commissioners of Palm Beach County to take every reasonable action not to increase the County millage rate for the real property taxes of the citizens of Palm Beach County.

SECTION 2: This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 25th DAY OF July, 2011.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH
BY THE CITY COMMISSION

ATTEST:

Geraldine Thomas
PRESIDING OFFICER

[Signature]
CITY CLERK

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
Approved as to form and legality
By: [Signature]