

**Town of Bayside
Public Hearing Minutes
September 3, 2026**

Mayor Scott called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. She announced this Public Hearing is on the proposed 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget. This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$11,414, or 4.33 percent, and of that amount, \$3,639 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

Mayor Sharon Scott, Mayor Pro Tem David Vega and Councilmembers Place II Barbara Gray, Place III Sandra Haley, Place IV Daniel Molina, and Place V Steven Nix were present.

Mr. Ken Dahl commented that it was good to not see mugshots in the newspaper or that we didn't get a dirty letter that we can't raise our taxes. He did not see any mistakes in the budget this year. He gave his opinion on the General Fund still being in the black, the money paid to JM Davison, and the FEMA money on the bulkhead. He and Mr. Van Williams questioned if the Town has received any restitution money from the theft. Mr. Dahl also commented on the HOME grant total, elections, the garbage rate increase, and maintenance supplies as well as the truck and tractor expenses being increased. There was a short discussion on the park expense and there not being anything left in that line item this year. Mr. Dahl commented on the bank balance being in the budget and questioned what they plan to do to balance the water and sewer funds. He also commented on it being good that we moved a lot of the CPA money to the General Fund. There was a discussion on the water fund. Mr. Dahl gave his opinion on refunding economic development and what they have done for the Town. There was a discussion that they have not contacted the Town, they have been asked in the past to make a presentation and have not, who the representative for the Town is, and that person needing to be replaced. Mr. Dahl gave an overview of what the Town has paid GrantWorks since September 2021. There was a discussion on whether or not the Economic Development Foundation gets compensated for the projects they oversee and whether or not they had anything to do with the boat ramp. There was a discussion that GrantWorks only charges administration fees for grants up to what the State allows. They do not charge us to apply for the grants. Discussion continued on a lack of communication and why they have not come to us. Mr. Dahl commented he will call them for you and that Lauren Dunlap should come the meeting to give an update. Mr. Williams added. Other towns are reaping the benefits from businesses sales tax. There was a short discussion on the \$6 million water infrastructure grant the Town has applied for, water across the highway, a Dollar General, and resealing roads. Mr. Dahl told the Council to please consider refunding economic development. We need them to come down. He will ask them to come down here and give a behind the scenes of what's been going on for the past four years. Councilmember Haley input. They need to bring it to the table. They are in the driver's seat. Mayor Scott input. They came down here and asked what we wanted. They were supposed to come back and never did. Mr. Dahl responded. He will

have her come in October. Mr. Dahl and Mr. Williams commented on the Council needing to balance the budgets.

Mayor Scott asked for any other questions. There were none. She announced at the meeting on Tuesday night we will vote on the proposed budget.

The hearing ended at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Connie Cramer".

Connie Cramer
City Secretary