

AGENDA
BRADENTON CITY COUNCIL BUDGET HEARING
5:01 p.m. Wednesday, September 23, 2026
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 101 OLD MAIN STREET

1. BUDGET MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. BUDGET DISCUSSION

4. STATUTORY ANNOUNCEMENT OF TRIM REQUIREMENTS

- Name of taxing authority: City of Bradenton
- Rolled-back rate: 5.6967
- Percent increase over rolled-back rate: .24%
- Millage rate to be levied: 5.7101

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a) [Finance](#): RESOLUTION 26-72 - SECOND PUBLIC HEARING

A RESOLUTION LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2026 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2027, AND PROVIDING FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS ARISING FROM SAID LEVY; ALSO THE DISBURSEMENTS OF CERTAIN OTHER FUNDS.

[Resolution 26-72](#)

b) [Finance](#): RESOLUTION 26-73 - SECOND PUBLIC HEARING

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET; AND SETTING REVENUES AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-27; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Resolution 26-73](#)

6. CLOSING REMARKS

7. ADJOURN

RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR AGENDA AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES BEFORE CITY COUNCIL

Please place all cell phones on silent!

PRIOR TO COUNCIL MEETING: Appointments on the agenda, all items from Department Directors and other interested parties must be submitted before 12:00 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding the Council meeting. Anyone wishing to be placed on the agenda must contact Tamara Melton, City Clerk, at City Hall by phone 941-932-9463 or email: tamara.melton@bradentonfl.gov and give their name, business name (if applicable), whether they are resident taxpayers of the City and their business before Council. Appearances before Council will be authorized by the Mayor or Councilperson in charge of the meeting. NOTE: The Mayor may ask a city department to look into an issue prior to the meeting to see if the issue can be resolved. If the Mayor or Councilperson in charge of the meeting feels the request is justified, they will instruct the City Clerk as to its placement on the agenda.

Non-Discrimination Statement: The City of Bradenton prohibits discrimination in all of its services, programs or activities on the basis of race, color, age, disability, sex, national origin, religion, genetic information or marital status. Persons with a disability needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in, or who require assistance or an alternative means for communication of program information such as Braille, large print, etc., should contact as soon as possible, but at least 48 hours in advance:

City of Bradenton
ADA/Title VI Coordinator
101 Old Main Street
Bradenton, FL 34205
ADACoordinator@cityofbradenton.com
941-932-9400
TTY: 7-1-1 or 1-800-955-8771

La ciudad de Bradenton proveera servicio de interprete a las personas quienes su primer language no es el ingles. Si necesita estos servicios, usted o su representante puede comunicar al ADA/Title VI Coordinator, 101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, FL 34205. Tambien puede llamar al (941) 932-9470 o enviar correo electronico a ADACoordinator@cityofbradenton.com

AT COUNCIL MEETING:

Citizen comment will be accepted during the Citizen Comment portion of the meeting on any non-agenda item, agenda item, future agenda item or topic of relevance to the City. Citizen comment related to any public hearing item shall be provided during the duly noticed public hearing in order to maintain an accurate record of the proceedings. All citizen comments related to quasi-judicial items are required to be under oath and such comments will be invited to be presented during the duly noticed public hearing for such items.

If an individual (or agent) wishes to address the City Council, they should complete a comment card available at the back of the Chamber and submit such card to the City Clerk.

At the appropriate time during the meeting, the Mayor will call speakers to come forward. After being recognized by the Mayor, the individual should come to the podium and, for the public record, state their name and address, and then provide any relevant comments or testimony related to the item they wish to address. In the case of an agent, they shall identify themselves and the party they represent. The speaker should then proceed to state their position or present their information.

An individual appearance for citizen comment will be limited to three (3) minutes unless additional time is permitted by the Mayor or consensus of the Council. Additional time will be allowed (up to 10 minutes at the discretion of the Mayor or consensus of the Council) for public hearing items if the speaker is officially representing a group of five or more people, provided that written authorization is provided that the person is authorized to speak on behalf of the group.

Note: If handouts are being distributed, please provide a minimum of ten (10) copies to the City Clerk. If you wish to display a drawing or rendering, contact Tamara Melton, as indicated above, prior to the meeting. Any submissions commented on, photographs, letters, renderings, etc. will be kept by the City Clerk for the official record.

PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 286.0105: If an individual decides to appeal any decision made by the board, council, agency, or commission at this meeting, such individual will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose 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.

PLEDGE OF PUBLIC CONDUCT We, the Mayor, City Council and Employees of the City of Bradenton, agree to: *Establish a process to promote positive interaction among ourselves and the citizens of Bradenton in a positive and non-threatening environment. *Encourage visible, involved and active participation among all. *Promote improved communication through active listening, providing feedback and honest expression of ideas. *Utilize consensus for decision making. *We realize that though we may disagree, we will be respectful of each other. *We will direct all comments to the issues and will avoid personal attacks.

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CITY COUNCIL BUDGET HEARING AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: September 23, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Tamara Melton, Finance

ITEM TYPE: Resolution

AGENDA SECTION: **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION 26-72 - SECOND PUBLIC HEARING

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SUGGESTED ACTION: Approval

Is this item Quasi-Judicial?

No

Does this item require a public hearing?

Yes

EXPLANATION:

Resolution 26-72 adopts the millage rate for FY 2026-27.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

ATTORNEY REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION:

Attorney Rudacille reviewed the resolution.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Motion to approve Resolution 26-72.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Resolution 26-72](#)

RESOLUTION NUMBER 26-72

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

That the rate of taxation for the City of Bradenton, Florida, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027, shall be and the same is hereby fixed at 5.7101 mills for ordinary purposes, and the same shall be collected, credited to the General Fund for operating expenses of said City of Bradenton, and for any other municipal purpose which the City Council may deem necessary and shall be paid out and disbursed by the City Council for said purposes. This millage rate exceeds the rolled-back millage rate of 5.6967 by .24%.

Section 2.

The total levy for the City of Bradenton for all purposes as herein provided shall be 5.7101 mills and is hereby levied on each and every assessment of real and/or personal property contained in the 2026 Tax Assessment Roll, liable to be assessed.

Section 3.

That all monies from fines, forfeitures, building and electrical permits, business taxes, beer and liquor licenses, State of Florida revenue sharing, etc., shall be credited to the General Fund, and shall be paid out and disbursed by the City Council as they may determine.

Section 4.

That all monies derived from utility tax shall be credited to the General Fund in accordance with standards established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and accepted by the City of Bradenton.

Section 5.

That all monies collected from the Water and Sewer Operations shall be credited to the Water and Sewer Revenue Fund and shall be paid out and disbursed by the City Council for the operation, maintenance, and debt service of the Utility System and for such other purposes as the City of Bradenton may determine.

Section 6.

This resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED BY A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, AT A PUBLIC HEARING THIS 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026 AT 5:01 P.M.

Gene Brown, Mayor
President, City Council

ATTEST:

Tamara Melton, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Scott Rudacille, City Attorney

Copies to be forwarded to the Manatee County Property Appraiser, the Manatee County Tax Collector, and the Department of Revenue within three (3) days of adoption.

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SUBMITTED BY: Tamara Melton, Finance

ITEM TYPE: Resolution

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SUBJECT: RESOLUTION 26-73 - SECOND PUBLIC HEARING

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SETTING REVENUES AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS
FOR CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR 2026-27; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approval

Is this item Quasi-Judicial?

No

Does this item require a public hearing?

Yes

EXPLANATION:

Resolution 26-73 adopts the City's budget for FY 2026-27.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

ATTORNEY REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION:

Attorney Rudacille reviewed the resolution.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Motion to approve Resolution 26-73.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Resolution 26-73](#)

RESOLUTION NUMBER 26-73

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET; AND SETTING REVENUES AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-27; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the budget-setting revenues and appropriations for fiscal year 2026-27 as follows:

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Fund Number</u>	<u>Revenues & Appropriations</u>
General Fund	001	87,400,969
Road Impact Fees	111	249,543
Parks & Rec Impact Fee – West	112	6,341
Parks & Rec Impact Fee – East	113	51,618
Public Safety Police Impact Fee	114	27,509
Public Safety Fire Impact Fee	116	42,867
Community Development	125	428,066
Central CRA	131	5,959,913
Downtown CRA	132	16,178,610
Tamiami Trail CRA	133	3,849,419
Building	145	2,416,940
Local Provider Participation	165	75,160,243
Local Housing Assistance	180	458,341
Special Obligation Debt Series-2012	208	2,792,518
Cap Impr Rev Bonds 2024 Constr	209	1,634,750
Special Obligation Debt Series-2016	216	1,009,500
Capital Improvement Fund	301	18,114,416
Half Cent Infrastructure Fund	302	15,780,483
American Rescue Plan Act	303	98,871
Spring Training Fac-Capital Reserves	306	198,045
BPDHQ Series 2024 Construction	308	7,500,000

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Fund Number</u>	<u>Revenues & Appropriations</u>
Water – Sewer	402	38,572,633
Water Impact Fees	406	220,475
Sewer Impact Fees	407	9,991,200
Infrastructure	408	8,096,015
SRF Wastewater Loan	416	2,181,826
SRF Stormwater Loan	417	241,903
Stormwater Runoff Fund	430	3,285,087
Solid Waste Operations	460	12,843,564
Parking Operating Fund	482	1,447,013
Golf Course Operations	490	2,974,159
Self-Insurance – Medical	570	13,590,050
Self-Insurance – Worker’s Comp	580	1,809,096
Self-Insurance – Property	590	2,980,620
TOTAL BUDGET		337,592,603

2. This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law for the fiscal period commencing October 1, 2026.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, WITH A QUORUM PRESENT AND VOTING AT A PUBLIC HEARING THIS 23rd day of September 2026 at 5:01 p.m.

ATTEST:

Gene Brown, Mayor
President, City Council

Tamara Melton, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Scott Rudacille, City Attorney