

City of DeBary
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Thursday
June 11, 2009
6:00 PM

City Council Chambers
16 Colomba Road
DeBary, Florida 32713

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Vice Mayor Erickson called the workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Vice Mayor Norman Erickson, Council Member Van Conoley, Council Member Jack Lenzen and Council Member Leonard Marks

Members Absent: Mayor Bob Garcia

Others Present: Acting City Manager Anthony Gonzalez, City Clerk Stacy Tebo, Finance Administrator Jimmie Seelbinder, and Captain Alan Osowski.

III. Business – Discussion of Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget

Mr. Seelbinder updated the Council on the City's reserves of \$2,654,838.00 and noted that the number changes daily. He informed the Council that the FEMA auditor discovered the City was owed \$9,400 for the 2004 hurricanes, and the City would receive the money shortly. Mr. Seelbinder explained that the City is waiting on the \$2.1 million reimbursement from FEMA for Tropical Storm Fay. He clarified the overtime hours in the parks department that occurred due to the May Storm Event.

Mr. Seelbinder said that he received a letter from Volusia County regarding the interlocal agreement for municipal services. He referenced the spreadsheet he prepared for Council that goes back to 2002.

Mr. Seelbinder stated that there is currently \$358,000 for resurfacing streets sitting in the franchise fee fund; that \$126,500 was allocated for the mast arm; and that due to Tropical Storm Fay, the projects were not completed.

Mr. Seelbinder stated that he is requesting direction about the preliminary budget issues from the Council; that there is a foreseeable reduction in revenue of \$614,000 that is due to the decrease of property values if the millage rate remains the same; and that he would provide the proposed budget to Council by July 15th.

Mr. Seelbinder stated that in 2008, the City had \$408,177 in building permit revenue, expenses of \$326,542, and a net difference of \$81,635. He explained the 80/20 split in the PDCS contract and briefly spoke about the possibility of bringing the building department in-house.

Mr. Seelbinder discussed the GAI contract for growth management services and noted that the City spends \$56,000 yearly to staff a planner two half days per week. There was Council discussion regarding the cost of GAI versus in-house employees. It was agreed that the idea be researched further.

Mr. Seelbinder explained the pass through ordinance as it relates to the fees paid to GAI, PEC and the city attorney. It was noted that the City pays \$160 per hour for the city attorney, but there is a different charge of \$225 for pass through work.

Council Member Lenzen said he would like to see a comparison with similar size cities and see what they are getting in services and what they are paying.

Mr. Seelbinder stated that \$198,000 has been spent on attorney fees in the current year, including the pass-through fees. There was discussion of contracted attorney fees and the possibility of hiring an in-house attorney.

The Council agreed they would like a review of the last five years expenses for all contracted staff. Council Member Lenzen stated that he would prefer to address possible changes with contracted services once the new city manager is hired.

Capt. Osowski discussed the three-year law enforcement contract and noted that the contract is renewed annually and is reviewed by both the county attorney and the city attorney. He gave a brief recap of service levels, staffing and future needs. He briefly noted the retirement of K-9 Brit, and the possibility of replacing the dog.

The Council agreed that they would like to maintain the current level of service for public safety.

Jimmie Seelbinder outlined how the reserves are maintained and how FEMA reimbursement affects it. There was discussion on rebuilding the reserves.

There was Council consensus that they would like to maintain the current millage rate.

IV. Adjournment:

The workshop was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

**APPROVED
CITY OF DeBARY
CITY COUNCIL**

Bob Garcia, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stacy Tebo, City Clerk