

City of DeBary
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
Wednesday
August 26, 2009
6:00 PM
City Council Chambers
16 Colomba Road
DeBary, Florida 32713

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Mayor Garcia called the workshop to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call

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

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

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

Mr. Seelbinder presented copies of the financial statements through July 2009. He pointed out the general revenue funds on the summary page, and said that the special revenue funds set up by resolution were also included. He added that the special revenue items listed would go before Council the following week.

He spoke about the Waste Pro contract and said the City has three more years on the contract for weekly residential garbage pickup, including recycling. He explained the price increase the previous year and noted that pricing could be increased per the refuse index.

Mr. Seelbinder briefly explained the 28 street lighting districts, stating that they were established in different areas whereby residents pay an assessment that is distributed evenly among the parcels served.

He stated that the stormwater assessment is \$84 per year on public streets and \$42 on private streets.

Mr. Seelbinder stated that franchise fees are collected monthly from Progress Energy and quarterly from Florida Power and Light, and they are based on a percentage of the resident's electric bill.

Mr. Seelbinder stated he was directed to cut the budget four hundred thousand dollars in order to increase reserves; that there was approximately \$600,000 less in revenue; that there have been more budget reductions from the State of Florida; and that the total budget in the general fund was \$12,428,101 before adjustments.

Mr. Seelbinder discussed several errors and necessary adjustments in the total budget and went over the items in the handout he distributed to Council.

Council Member Conoley said he would like to have the new fire station insurance broken out from the rest of the budget as a line item under the fire department.

There was discussion regarding the \$18,000 air compressor that is used to fill breathers for the fire department. Mayor Garcia stated that when he spoke with the County Manager Dineen, he agreed to provide a smooth transition from County fire services.

Mayor Garcia voiced concern regarding the workman's comp increase in the budget. Council Member Lenzen noted that it increased by 68%. Mr. Seelbinder explained that it was due to errors in the original budget.

Mr. Seelbinder stated that there is \$95,000 budgeted for the city manager position; that Kenneth Weaver accepted the contract with a salary of \$90,000 and a possible \$10,000 bonus; and that the contract provides for a car allowance, relocation fees, etc., that are not currently included in the budget.

There was discussion and clarification regarding the budget for city manager, and it was stressed that the Council would decide what bonuses are given.

Vice Mayor Erickson asked about property tax revenue. Mr. Seelbinder noted that revenue is down because taxes have not been paid due to foreclosures, but that the money can be recovered at a later date.

Council Member Lenzen asked that the \$10,000 for the city manager bonus be excluded from the budget. There was a consensus to leave the bonus out of the budget.

There was discussion regarding the status of the Echo grant for the parking lot at Rob Sullivan Community Park.

Council Member Lenzen noted there was only one month to spend \$200,000 left in the Public Works budget. Mr. Seelbinder said that the actual amount spent was more than the amount shown on the report.

Council Member Conoley said that he had previously considered eliminating the position of assistant city manager, but he had decided to support the position and confirmed that the salary remain in the budget.

Mr. Seelbinder said if the Council removed one police officer position in the law enforcement contract, it would reduce the budget by \$124,000.

Warren Graham, 308 Song Bird Road, commented on the budget shortages, electricity usage, and rate increases.

The pumping costs were discussed and it was noted that over \$30,000 was spent per month. Mayor Garcia said he planned to follow up with FEMA regarding the City's reimbursement request.

John Likakis, 38 Seminole Drive, asked the Council to take measures to control background noise and conversations during meetings. He also commented on the lack of opportunities for growth offered to Mr. Gonzalez by the previous city manager.

IV. Adjournment:

The workshop was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

**APPROVED
CITY OF DeBARY
CITY COUNCIL**

Bob Garcia, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stacy Tebo, City Clerk