

VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY
Minutes of the Special Council Meeting - First Budget Hearing of September 14, 2009
Deering Estate Visitor's Center
16701 SW 72 Avenue

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Eugene P. Flinn, Jr.
Vice Mayor Brian W. Pariser
Council Member Ed Feller
Council Member Howard Tendrich
Council Member Shelley Stanczyk

Staff present:
Village Manager Ron E. Williams
Village Attorney Eve A. Boutsis
Village Clerk Meighan J. Rader

Mayor Flinn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Flinn led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Flinn asked Council to consider briefly recessing the meeting in order to hear the item concerning the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, as many individuals present are attending for that specific purpose.

Attorney Boutsis provided an explanation of the procedure for tabling the Ordinance concerning the millage rate.

2. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, ADOPTING THE MILLAGE RATE OF THE VILLAGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2009, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2010, PURSUANT TO SECTION 200.065, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilman Feller moved this matter forward. Seconded by Councilman Tendrich.

Councilman Feller moved to table this matter. Seconded by Councilman Tendrich. The item was tabled unanimously (5-0).

Councilman Tendrich moved to temporarily adjourn the meeting for half an hour. Seconded by Vice Mayor Pariser. All voted in favor.

The meeting reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

- B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2010; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilwoman Stanczyk moved this matter forward. Seconded by Councilman Tendrich.

Manager Williams thanked the members of the audience for their interest. He provided a Powerpoint presentation concerning the budget. He explained that the Village finds itself in good financial health, based in the policies of the Council. He noted that the millage rate of 2.447 is being proposed, slightly less than it was last year and some residents benefit from the Save our Homes amendment. He provided highlights of the Budget. Manager Williams noted that the Village had to pay the outstanding mitigation last year; however, due to conservative policies, the Village had the \$5,000,000 to satisfy the funds due. He noted that while 13% of total tax bill is received by Palmetto Bay, 41% is Miami-Dade County, 41% for the School Board, 3% for South Florida Water Management District, and 2% for the Children's Trust. He explained that the current presentation reflected the General Fund, not specialized funding, such as the stormwater utility.

Manager Williams continued by advising that for the approximately 25,000 residents, Palmetto Bay has 79 employees, including part-time employees and the police force, which amounts to a ratio of 1 employee for 316 residents. He noted that maintenance is an important aspect of capital improvements. For example, he stated that once you install a lighting system or even foul ball nets, you must support the critical mission of keeping the parks in good condition. He reported; however, that with regard to the street sign program, the Village dedicated \$2,500,000 of CITT funds to this program; however, the project came in at \$1,000,000, without spending residents' tax dollars.

Mayor Flinn remarked that he was impressed that Manager Williams and the employees accomplish so much with so few employees. He stated that he was proud of the level of service and the incredible team that gets the job done. He remarked that the Village had invested over \$17,500,000 in our park system and he is proud of the results. He stated that this planning was done carefully, for example, Palmetto Bay Park was planned to cost six million dollars more than what was spent. He concluded that Palmetto Bay also has a very low debt service and the auditors give us clean reports each and every time.

Mayor Flinn opened the public hearing. The following individuals addressed the Council: Eric Tullberg, 7884 SW 179 Terrace; Jerry Templer, 8120 SW 182 Street; Gunther Karger, 14950 SW 86 Avenue; Jim Araiza, 15755 SW 86 Avenue;

Jacqueline Prussing, 9341 SW 178 Street; Dan Iglesias, former police officer; Patrick Fiore, 13805 SW 77 Court; and Joseph Miorelli, 8481 SW 142 Street.

Discussion ensued concerning the importance of a Human Resource function. Mayor Flinn, Councilman Feller, and Councilman Tendrich noted that this department is necessary to prevent any future difficulties, as a great deal of paperwork is required in today's government sector.

Councilman Feller congratulated the Manager, staff and the Council for the last seven years of being fiscally conservative. He stated that increasing our reserves is crucial.

Discussion ensued regarding the need to be conservative, but also forward thinking, such as the future Village Hall in the FT&I District.

Mayor Flinn remarked that he would be in favor of funding an alternative study for the proposed FPL lines.

Attorney Boutsis noted that the due date for the report would be October 15th. Mayor Flinn stated that he does not have sufficient information at this time, but would like Council to consider it.

Councilman Tendrich stated that constructing parking at the parks should be placed on hold for a year. Councilman Feller concurred, stating that the Village should place those funds in reserves.

Manager Williams noted that the parking in question is the area between Coral Reef Park and the School and it is necessary. Councilmen Tendrich and Feller concurred.

Discussion ensued regarding insuring that the Village stays fiscally conservative.

Councilwoman Stanczyk moved to table consideration of the budget and return to the millage rate. Seconded by Councilman Feller.

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Mayor Flinn opened the public hearing on the millage rate. No one wished to be heard. The public hearing was closed.

Mayor Flinn called the question. All voted in favor of the millage rate on first reading (5-0).

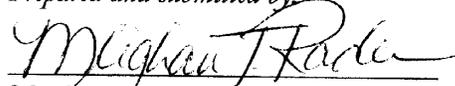
Councilwoman Stanczyk moved to return to consideration of the Ordinance to adopt the budget. Seconded by Councilman Tendrich. The motion carried (5-0.)

Mayor Flinn called the question. The ordinance passed on first reading (5-0.)

3. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was officially adjourned at 9:30 pm.

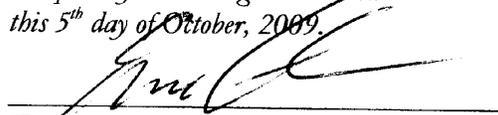
Prepared and submitted by:



Meighan J. Rader, CMC

Village Clerk

*Adopted by the Village Council on
this 5th day of October, 2009.*



Eugene P. Flinn, Jr., Mayor

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