

VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY
Minutes of the Final Budget Hearing of September 23, 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 asked Finance Director Desmond Chin to lead the pledge of allegiance.

2. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

- 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 item forward. Seconded by Councilman Tendrich. Attorney Boutsis explained that State law requires that the millage rate be considered first; however, it is impractical to set the millage without considering the budget.

Councilman Feller moved to table the matter. Seconded by Councilman Tendrich. Attorney Boutsis explained that the Council would consider the budget, table the matter; return to millage rate, adopt the millage rate, then adopt the Budget. All voted in favor to table the millage rate (5-0.)

- 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 provided staff report. He noted that staff is following Council's direction to keep the government "right-sized." He reported that staff had reduced the overall budget by \$244,000, by removing and/or deferring projects that could impact reserves and reducing the budget in other areas. Manager Williams advised that staff addressed concerns regarding staffing and removed a full-time position from the budget. He also reported that the budget was further reduced by off-setting a project with a grant from the Safe Neighborhood Funds.

Mayor Flinn opened the public hearing. No one wished to speak. Mayor Flinn closed the public hearing.

Vice Mayor Pariser expressed that he would be in favor of reducing the pre-child league fee and reducing the millage rate. He noted that the Village no longer has to pay the \$1.7 million in mitigation, but did lose \$500,000 in revenue sharing and experienced a \$700,000 reduction in ad valorem tax funds. He asked how the remaining \$500,000 would be used.

Mayor Flinn noted that a portion of the funds will be placed in reserves. He remarked that while other cities had to use funding from their reserves for this year's budget, Palmetto Bay is not; however, Palmetto Bay paid mitigation for many years and was not able to fund its reserves as much as he would have liked due to this payment.

Vice Mayor Pariser reiterated that he would like to reduce league fees and reduce the millage to offer some tax relief.

Following brief discussion, Manager Williams noted that the Village has to provide funding to support operation of the expansion of facilities throughout the Village and some of the funding needs to be used for debt service for the future village hall.

Councilman Feller remarked that he did not believe the charge per child impacts the budget significantly; however, he concurs with the Mayor. He opined that the fact that few citizens have come to speak at these budget hearings reflects that the public is happy with the Village's services – the Village is not raising taxes and people are getting a lot for their tax dollars.

Finance Director Desmond Chin noted that a reduction of \$100,000 in the budget would amount to approximately \$9 per household.

Councilwoman Stanczyk remarked that an arduous process was undertaken to come up with an agreement acceptable to all parties for use of the parks. She stated that she is hesitant to revisit this.

Councilman Feller added that he believes it is necessary to build up as much of a reserve as possible. Councilwoman Stanczyk concurred, using the years of recovery that followed Hurricane Andrew as an example.

Councilman Tendrich stated that the Village has been fiscally conservative and will continue to be.

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

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Councilman Feller moved to set the millage rate at 2.447. Seconded by Councilwoman Stanczyk. The motion carried (4-1, Vice Mayor Pariser being the sole opposition.)

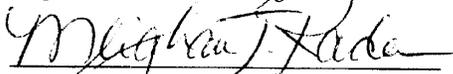
Councilman Feller moved to return to consideration of the Ordinance to adopt the budget. Seconded by Councilwoman Stanczyk. The motion carried (5-0.)

Councilman Feller moved to approve the budget. Seconded by Councilwoman Stanczyk. The motion carried (4-1, Vice Mayor Pariser being the sole opposition.)

3. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was officially adjourned at 7:40 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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