

VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
FINAL BUDGET HEARING

Wednesday, September 17, 2008 - 7:00 P.M.  
Deering Estate Visitor's Center, 16701 S.W. 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue

- I. **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Flinn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following members of the Village Council were present:

Mayor Eugene P. Flinn, Jr.  
Vice Mayor Linda Robinson  
Councilman Ed Feller  
Councilman Paul Neidhart  
Councilwoman Shelley Stanczyk

The following staff members were present:  
Village Manager Ron E. Williams  
Village Attorney Eve A. Boutsis  
Village Clerk Meighan Rader

Mayor Flinn introduced and welcomed the young men of Den 2 Bandits, Pack 215: Justin Ortiz, Max Fuster, Christopher Lopez, Eddy Leonard, Sean Bunce, Andres Perez, Aaron Swerdloff, Andres Labourdette, and Sean Lehockey. The Scouts led the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Flinn congratulated each of them for their commitment to excellence and each was given a Village pin.

School Board Member-Elect Larry Feldman was recognized. He thanked the public for electing him, adding that his first day on the job would be November 18<sup>th</sup>.

II. **ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND 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, 2008, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009, 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 the Ordinance concerning the millage rate. Seconded by Councilman Neidhart.

Manager Williams provided the final budget presentation. He noted that with the proposed millage rate of 2.447 mills, 1.817 mills was available for the operation of the village, the remaining .63 mills are reserved for the mitigation fee. He provided clarification of the items modified, including

reduction of \$71,000 from Clerk for election; General government reduced by \$22,000, as a rent adjustment; added \$63,000 to the police; \$65,000 for the foreclosure clean-ups; and, \$20,000 from Perrine Wayside Park gate card key to purchase special events/movie night equipment.

Councilman Feller opined that the \$65,000 for clean-up of abandoned homes will most likely be more than that amount. He stated that in the coming year, he would like an accounting and for the amount spent to be recovered from the budget and returned to reserves.

Mayor Flinn asked if \$65,000 is sufficient at this time.

Manager Williams stated that it should be, as the Council previously committed \$30,000 to begin the process prior to October 1, 2008.

Following discussion, it was decided that the budgeted amount of \$65,000 would remain as is and the matter would be discussed in further detail at the October Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mayor Flinn suggested that \$200,000 be provided - \$50,000 to possible utilize a federal lobbyist, and \$150,000 for restoration of the two positions in the police budget.

Manager Williams noted that \$150,000 should be sufficient as the Village would not be able to fill the positions immediately.

Mayor Flinn stated that he is in favor of consistency and all fees (with the exception of Thalatta Park and the Library Park) should remain, if the league user fee would be reduced from \$20 back to its original \$15 amount.

Following discussion, Councilman Feller asked the impact if all remaining park fees are reduced. Finance Director Desmond Chin replied that the reduction would be approximately \$70,000. Councilman Feller stated that while he felt that it was not equitable for sports teams to have not paid a fee for years, and felt that the \$15 was a fair fee, he was not in favor of increasing a new fee so shortly after it was set.

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

Councilman Feller moved to table the Ordinance concerning the millage rate. Seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson. All voted in favor. The Motion carried (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, 2008, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Vice Mayor Robinson moved the Ordinance concerning the millage rate. Seconded by Councilwoman Stanczyk.

Mayor Flinn opened the public hearing. The following individuals spoke: Warren Lovely, 15323 SW 74 Place; Brian Pariser 15300 SW 78 Court; Major Jim O'Donnell, Miami-Dade County Police Department; and, Bob Orban, 6140 Paradise Point Drive.

Mayor Flinn closed public hearing.

Mayor Flinn asked the Council to support the \$200,000 allocation he suggested. He stated that the Village would not move on the federal lobbyist matter until after the federal election. He remarked that \$5,000 from the special events was also to be included in purchasing the movie equipment.

Manager Williams stated that he would insure the additional \$5,000 is included.

Following brief discussion, Councilman Feller suggested the user fees for leagues remain at \$15 per participant. Councilwoman Stanczyk asked the amount of this revision.

Manager Williams noted that the amount would be approximately \$7,800 for all league users.

Councilwoman Stanczyk asked if the field preparation and maintenance had increased from last year to this year.

Manager Williams noted that there has not been a dramatic increase in material cost.

Mayor Flinn asked staff to investigate whether one of the organizations is having to pay two fees for use at each park.

Councilman Feller asked Manager Williams to provide a listing of the organizations and the fees that each pay for the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Councilman Feller moved to eliminate the increase of fees for \$20 for all league sports team and return the amount to \$15. Seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson. All voted in favor.

Councilman Feller moved to include a \$200,000 allocation suggested by Mayor Flinn (\$50,000 for the federal lobbyist and \$150,000 for police). Seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson. All voted in favor.

Councilwoman Stanczyk moved to allocate \$25,000 for the purchase of movie equipment. Seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson.

Councilman Neidhart stated that he evaluated the Clerk and would like to discuss her salary. He remarked that the Clerk is paid under the county-average for Clerks and her duties exceed those of most Clerks. He moved to provide 2% merit and 3% COLA to the Clerk.

Councilman Feller noted that during these rough economic times, he would only be in favor of providing COLA.

Mayor Flinn asked the amount of COLA.

Councilman Feller stated that the amounts vary 3% to 5% depending upon the reports you access.

Following discussion, Councilman Neidhart moved to approve 3.1% COLA increase for the Manager and the Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Feller. All voted in favor.

Councilman Neidhart moved to approve 2% merit increase for the Clerk and the Manager. Councilwoman Stanczyk seconded.

Following discussion, the Council stated that the salaries of the Clerk and Manager could be re-evaluated during a mid-year adjustment. Mayor Flinn thanked each department head and the Manager for their diligence and hard work. The Council concurred.

The Council voted on the previous motion. The motion failed – 2 to 3 (Councilpersons Stanczyk and Neidhart voted to approve).

Councilman Neidhart moved to table the item. Seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson. All voted in favor. The Motion carried.

Councilman Feller moved to bring forth Item A (Millage). Seconded by Councilman Neidhart. All voted in favor. The Motion carried.

Clerk Rader read the millage rate by caption.

Mayor Flinn called the question. A roll call vote was taken, as follows: Mayor Flinn: yes; Vice Mayor Robinson: yes; Councilman Feller: yes; Councilman Neidhart: yes; and Councilwoman Stanczyk: yes. The Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

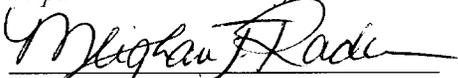
Councilwoman Stanczyk moved to bring forth Item B (Budget). Seconded by Councilman Feller. All voted in favor. The Motion carried.

Discussion ensued regarding the Public Information Officer position. It was suggested that this individual may be performing economic development functions in the future. The Council decided to discuss the matter further at a Committee of the Whole meeting.

Councilman Feller moved to approve the Budget, as amended, on first reading. Seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson. A roll call vote was taken, as follows: Mayor Flinn: yes; Vice Mayor Robinson: yes; Councilman Feller: yes; Councilman Neidhart: yes; and Councilwoman Stanczyk: yes. The Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

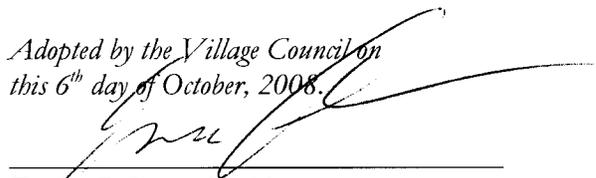
**V. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

*Prepared and submitted by:*



*Meaghan J. Rader  
Village Clerk*

*Adopted by the Village Council on  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008.*



*Eugene P. Flinn, Jr., Mayor*

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