

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

Monday, September 8, 2008 - 7:00 P.M.
Deering Estate Visitor's Center, 16701 S.W. 72nd 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 led the pledge of allegiance.

II. VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Williams provided a report concerning the budget. He advised that the budget was drafted based upon Council's priorities, staff's challenges and the intended mission. He provided a PowerPoint presentation that included millage, revenue, and expenditure information. He reviewed the modifications to each Department's budget.

- III. VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** None at this time.

IV. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING AND EMERGENCY ORDINANCES

- 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.

Mayor Flinn explained the procedure as to how the Council must table this ordinance until the budget is discussed. Attorney Boutsis concurred.

Councilman Feller moved the Ordinance concerning the millage rate. Seconded by Councilman Neidhart.

Councilman Feller asked if individuals will be permitted to opine regarding millage and the budget at this time. Mayor Flinn stated that it would be permitted.

Mayor Flinn opened the public hearing. The following individuals expressed their opinion: Warren Lovely, 15323 SW 74 Place; Gunter Karger, 14950 SW 86 Avenue; and, Patrick Fiore, 13805 SW 77 court.

Mayor Flinn closed the public hearing.

Councilwoman Stanczyk moved to table the Ordinance concerning the millage rate. Seconded by Councilman Feller. 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: Gary Sissler, 7961 SW 148 Street, Marge Stahlmann, 8821 SW 155 Terrace, Wolfgang Stahlmann, 8821 SW 155 Terrace; Richard Miller, 8425 SW 141 Drive; Norman Kassoff, 15405 SW 77 Court; Eric Tullberg, 7884 SW 179 Terrace; and Brian Pariser, 15300 SW 78 Court.

Mayor Flinn closed the public hearing.

Councilman Feller provided an explanation concerning the difficulties with canal management and how the Village addressed same. He noted that the Village minimized boat traffic by stopping launching of motorized boats at Coral Reef Park.

Manager Williams noted that he is scheduled to meet with Mr. Sissler and the Stahlmann's tomorrow and will address their questions in detail and review at the next hearing. He noted that staff has budgeted the \$1.7 million in special reserve funds for the mitigation amount.

Mayor Flinn remarked that the account is an escrow account and the Village remains hopeful that it will not be spent. Mayor Flinn suggested that \$63,000 of the funds in the Election line item be transferred to fund police positions. He noted that as there are only two individuals in the current race, there will not be a

run-off election, as thus, the cost is reduced significantly. He also suggested that \$20,000 from the key-gate system for Perrine Wayside Park be included in the special events/movie line item to combine with the existing \$5,000 in that account in order to purchase the movie night equipment. Mayor Flinn opined that the Village should be aggressive to recoup park expenses, although the parks should not be profit generating.

Councilman Feller remarked that the \$2.5 million that the Village has in reserve should be placed in the best interest bearing accounts available. Manager Williams concurred.

Mayor Flinn asked the Manager to do everything possible to recover park expenses from the business uses at the parks. Manager Williams stated that the Village is being aggressive and will continue to do so.

Councilman Feller asked if Manager Williams considered recouping the cost of the lights at Palmetto Bay Park for people who are using the park.

Manager Williams stated that there shall be a separate night-time event rate.

Mayor Flinn asked if a construction bid has been issued for Thalatta Park

Manager Williams advised that the bid will be prepared in late spring or early summer of next year. He further explained that while an analysis of the potential revenue stream has been performed, he did not want to be presumptive and ask the council to budget for that revenue until the facility is closer to completion.

Mayor Flinn suggested that revenues from Thalatta Park should be used to fund police efforts.

Councilman Neidhart concurred with the purchase of the movie equipment. He also wondered if the tournaments at Palmetto Bay Park produce sufficient income.

Director of Parks and Recreation Ana Garcia noted that there had been nine tournaments within a 10 month period.

Manager Williams advised that many sports are seasonal; however, skateboarders do not have a season. He remarked that it remains the Village's objective to make the facility the capital of girls' softball.

Councilwoman Stanczyk remarked that it is important to continue to improve Palmetto Bay Park, as many improvements have been made at Coral Reef Park.

Vice Mayor Robinson thanked Manager Williams and Finance Director Chin. Mayor Flinn concurred.

Councilwoman Stanczyk moved to redirect \$63,000 from Clerk's Department to Police. Seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson. All voted in favor.

Mayor Flinn moved to redirect \$20,000 and \$5,000 from capital expenditure in parks (gate key and movie night equipment rental) to purchase movie equipment. Seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson. All voted in favor.

Councilman Feller moved to table the item. Seconded by Councilman Neidhart. 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.

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 Vice Mayor Robinson. All voted in favor. The Motion carried.

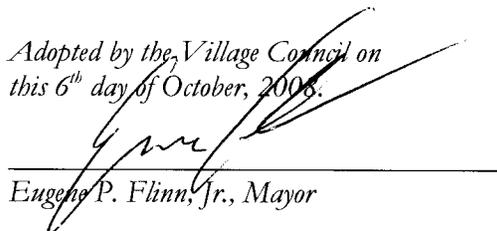
Councilman Feller moved to approve the Budget, as amended, on first reading. Seconded by Councilwoman Stanczyk. A roll call vote was taken, as follows: Mayor Flinn: yes; Vice Mayor Robinson: yes; Councilman Feller: yes; Councilman Neidhart: yes; and Councilwoman Stanczyk: yes. The Motion carried unanimously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

V. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Prepared and submitted by:


Meighan J. Rader
Village Clerk

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


Eugene P. Flinn, Jr., Mayor

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