

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING/WORKSHOP MINUTES
LAKESIDE COMMUNITY CENTER
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JULY 28, 2015

THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING/WORKSHOP of the City of Port Orange was called to order by Mayor Allen Green at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Silent Invocation

Roll Call:	Present:	Councilman Donald Burnette Councilman Scott Stiltner Vice Mayor Drew Bastian Mayor Allen Green
	Also Present:	David Harden, Interim City Manager Alan Rosen, Interim Assistant City Manager Margaret T. Roberts, City Attorney Theresa Gutierrez, Deputy City Clerk
	Absent:	Councilman Bob Ford

SPECIAL MEETING

4. Proposed Millage Rate

David Harden, Interim City Manager, presented the proposed budget for the general fund for the upcoming fiscal year.

Vice Mayor Bastian thanked Mr. Harden for the presentation.

Councilman Stiltner believes the overall maintenance of the City needs to be looked at better. He believes there are some one time expenditures that need to be made out of reserved funds.

Councilman Burnette said the proposed budget has captured what Council was looking for. He is very pleased with it. He showed concern on the million dollars on appropriating equity.

Mayor Green mentioned the items that were not funded for the proposed budget. Mayor Green would like to see additional help in the City Attorney's Office, Finance Department, and adding another Civil Engineer. He believes the budget overall

addressed the issues but believes the three (3) mentioned above need to be addressed and/or approved.

Councilman Stiltner asked about the reoccurring cost with the time and attendance software. Donna Steinbach, Administration Services Director, said there will be a reoccurring software charge for maintenance.

Mike Scadara, citizen, commended the City Manager for his hard work. He would like to see the employees in a compatible market place. He would like to see the rate be set as high as it can go so the City has the opportunity over the next several weeks to determine if the budget Mr. Harden proposed will be enough to make the employees competitive in the market place. He does not believe it does.

Ted Nofall, citizen, asked about the dollar values on the access pension contributions included in the budget. Mr. Harden said about \$280,000 for police. Ms. Riehm said general fund increased from 13% to about 15%. Mr. Nofall would like to see the dollar amount.

Councilman Burnette would like to work with a larger number. He said wage growths are not growing. If they propose any kind of increase he believes they have to be modest. Councilman Burnette also agreed with Mayor Green on hiring another City Attorney in the Legal Department.

Margaret Roberts, City Attorney, explained to Council that there will be savings when adding an attorney. The Legal Department is currently outsourcing with four (4) attorneys to complete the work of the City. The cost externally is more than double than what it would be to hire an inside attorney.

Councilman Stiltner would like to see the time management system be discussed more in depth.

Vice Mayor Bastian said a lot of the employees are homeowners in the City and their wages are not going up. He would like to be competitive in their own market. Vice Mayor Bastian would also like to see the body cams provided to the Police Department. He believes it's a valuable tool that would be for their safety and benefit.

Mayor Green is satisfied to stay at the current rate and work it down. He is not willing to go up at this time.

Motion to establish the proposed millage rate at 4.5589 mils was made by Vice Mayor Bastian, and Seconded by Councilman Burnette.

Councilman Stiltner believes this will give an opportunity to start somewhere where they can work down from.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote after no public comments.

Motion to establish the 2016 general obligation millage rate at 0.4350 mills was made by Councilman Burnette, and Seconded by Vice Mayor Bastian. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote after no public comments.

Motion to set the public hearing for the tentative millage rate and the tentative budget for Wednesday, September 9, 2015 and the final millage rate and the final budget on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 both at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at Port Orange City Hall was made by Councilman Burnette, and Seconded by Vice Mayor Bastian. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote after no public comments.

The Special City Council meeting of the City of Port Orange was adjourned by Mayor Allen Green at 7:21 p.m. and the Council Workshop convened.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

5. Utilities System Financial Analysis

Andrew Burnham, Senior Vice President of Burton & Associates, introduced himself to the Council. Mr. Burnham presented the Water & Sewer System Financial Condition Assessment.

Councilman Stiltner thanked Mr. Burnham for his presentation.

Councilman Burnette asked if Mr. Neff received what he needed out of the study. Mr. Neff said yes. Moving forward, one of the budget issues is to set up some master plans. This will be a tool they can use to evaluate financially how the City may want to handle certain projects. They are working with Finance so they can examine certain issues and understand the data better. Councilman Burnette thanked Mr. Burnham for his presentation.

Vice Mayor Bastian and Mayor Green also thanked Mr. Burnham for his presentation.

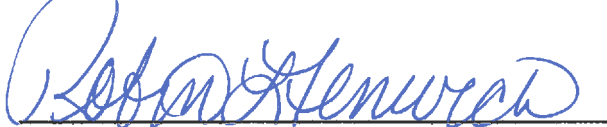
Mr. Nofall asked if there is a report to go along with the PowerPoint. Mr. Burnham said there will be a detailed report coming forward soon. Mr. Nofall also asked about the millions that were spent on meter replacements. He would like to see data on the issue.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:00 P.M.



Mayor Allen Green

Attest:



Robin Fenwick, City Clerk

