

Public Hearing and Special Commission Meeting held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, September 16, 1997, 5:01 P.M..

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stamos. After the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was answered by the following:

Commissioner Aaskov	Commissioner Kaleel
Commissioner O'Hare	Mayor Stamos

It was noted for the record that Comm Bridges would be late due to a minor accident.

Mayor Stamos advised that he had spoken with the Town Attorney and received clarification that informational items could be added to special meetings, but new business that may require a future vote could not be introduced.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Fiscal Year 1997-1998 Budget

1. Consideration of Adopted Tentative Budget and Proposed Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 1997-1998

Mayor Stamos announces that the millage rate will equal the rolled back rate of 3.6901.

There were no public comments regarding the 1997/98 budget.

2. Adopt Final Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 1997-1998

Comm Kaleel moved that a final millage rate of \$3.6901 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation be adopted for the 1997-1998 general operating revenues, and that a millage of \$.4531 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation be adopted for the 1997-1998 bond debt service for the General Obligation Water Improvement Bonds of 1991, seconded by Comm Aaskov.

Motion Carried - Yea 4.

Atty Nicoletti arrived at the meeting at 5:05 P.M. after assisting with the accident.

3. Resolution No. 97-33; Making a Tax Levy based on the 1997 Assessment Roll

Town Clerk Hancsak read Resolution No. 97-33 in its entirety.

Comm Aaskov moved that Resolution No. 97-33 making a tax levy based on the 1997 Assessment roll be adopted, seconded by Comm O'Hare.

Motion Carried - Yea 4.

4. Adopt a Final Budget for Fiscal Year 1997-1998

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Comm Aaskov moved that the Ocean Ridge budget for fiscal year 1997-1998 be finalized at \$2,325,791 for operating expenses and \$138,905 for the General Obligation Water Improvement Bonds of 1991 in the Debt Service fund, seconded by Comm Kaleel.

Motion Carried - Yea 4.

5. Resolution No. 97-34; Appropriating Funds for the Fiscal Year 1997-1998

Town Clerk Hancsak read Resolution No. 97-34 in its entirety.

Comm Kaleel moved that Resolution No. 97-34 appropriating funds for the Fiscal Year 1997-1998 be adopted, seconded by Comm Aaskov.

Mayor Stamos questioned why the contingency is not included in the resolution. Town Clerk Hancsak explained that any funds approved from the contingency account are transferred into the appropriate fund by the auditor. Atty Nicoletti advised that he felt the contingency should be added to the resolution and inserted directly following Insect Control. The Commission concurred.

Roll Call was made on Comm Kaleel's motion.

Motion Carried - Yea 4.

6. Resolution No. 97-35; Updating Funds for the Capital Projects Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 1997 and ending September 30, 1997.

Atty Nicoletti suggested that the Resolution be amended to be comprised of two sections. He then read Resolution No. 97-35 in its entirety with the suggested amendments.

Comm Kaleel moved that Resolution No. 97-35 reappropriating funds or the Capital Projects Fund for the Fiscal year 1997-1998 be adopted, seconded by Comm Aaskov.

Motion Carried - Yea 4.

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V. Ordinance No. 501; Extending the Term of the Temporary Moratorium on the Construction of Telecommunications Towers and Antennae Previously Adopted by the Town Commission on February 3, 1997, as Ordinance No. 491, and as Further Extended Under Ordinance No. 497 Dated July 7, 1997 (1st Reading)

Town Clerk Hancsak read Ordinance No. 501 by title only.

Comm Aaskov moved to approve Ordinance No. 501 on first reading, seconded by Comm O'Hare.

Atty Nicoletti explained that he had received additional information from the County with their recommendations regarding this issue. He advised that at the next Commission meeting he would either have the second reading of this ordinance or a new telecommunications ordinance for first reading.

Comm O'Hare questioned what the minimum requirement is that the Town must offer to the telecommunications companies. Atty Nicoletti advised that the industry realizes that as cellular usage increases, the responsibility of the municipalities must also increase.

Comm O'Hare questioned if the Town could draft an ordinance that would allow towers to be placed only on Town property. Atty Nicoletti advised that an ordinance could not specify only public property although the ordinance he is currently preparing stated a clear preference for the use of public property. He added that he believed the chances that one would be requested to be placed in a single family district would be slim.

Comm Bridges arrived at the meeting at 5:20 P.M..

Mayor Stamos questioned if the ordinance being prepared would include guidelines for aesthetics and guide wire antennas. Atty Nicoletti advised that the ordinance would encourage the use of the Town Hall tower which currently would allow for two more antennas. He advised that if any antenna were placed in Ocean Ridge, half of the circular signal would be lost over the Ocean due to the poor placement.

Comm O'Hare suggested building a larger tower in Town to allow for more than two antennas to be placed there and allowing for the Town to collect more rent. Atty Nicoletti added that the Town would want to encourage more than one user on the tower, but not so many that it looks bad.

Roll Call was made on Comm Aaskov's motion.

Motion Carried - Yea 5.

VI. Public Comment

Comm O'Hare mentioned that Florida League of Cities is receiving better returns on their investments than the Town is and questioned if the Commission would be interested in pooling the Town's funds with Florida League of Cities'. Mayor Stamos stated that the Commission could discuss that at the next meeting. Comm Kaleel inquired when the Town's current Certificates of Deposit are up for renewal. Town Clerk Hancsak explained that the renewals are staggered. She added that she could contact Florida League of Cities to have someone give a presentation on this subject at the next meeting.

Comm O'Hare mentioned the number of overgrown lots in Town. He questioned if the Town could have a contractor on call to mow the lots when necessary and charge the residents their price plus administration costs to keep the Town's maintenance men from having to do the work. Town Clerk Hancsak explained that the ordinance previously passed by the Town Commission allowed for fines for repeated violations of overgrown lots. She added that the Town would receive the revenue if the lots are mowed by the Town's maintenance staff.

Director Hillery questioned if he would be able to use the Hearing Officer in regards to lot violations. Atty Nicoletti advised that either the Hearing Officer, fine schedule, or County Court could be used. Director Hillery questioned if the Town Manager's notice of violation could include the resident being advised that they will be made to attend the next Special Master meeting if the violation is not corrected. Atty Nicoletti advised that he believed that could be done.

Mayor Stamos commented that he believed the Town staff should decide which way is best for the Town.

Mayor Stamos mentioned that a woman fell off her bike in front of Ocean Harbour Estates. He thanked the Town for getting the leaning stakes removed from the area as the woman might have been seriously hurt had they not been removed. He also commended Officer Darville for a job well done in treating the victim at the scene. Town Manager Lanker stated that he had met with the developers who assured him the remaining stakes would be removed by the next night.

Comm O'Hare advised that in his Florida League of Cities Membership Directory, Director Hillery is listed as the Fire Chief. He questioned the accuracy of that description. Director Hillery stated

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that he is a Director of Public Safety. Comm O'Hare questioned if there would be any liability involved in this discrepancy. Atty Nicoletti advised that there would not be.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Mayor Stamos

Commissioner Aaskov

Commissioner Bridges

Attest By:

Town Clerk

Commissioner Kaleel

Commissioner O'Hare