

Public Hearing and Special Town Commission Meeting of the Town of Ocean Ridge held on Tuesday, September 17, 2002 at 5:01 PM in the Town Hall Meeting Chambers.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kaleel and roll call was answered by the following:

Commissioner Aaskov
Commissioner Bingham
Mayor Kaleel
Commissioner Schulte
Commissioner Willens

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearing

- A. Fiscal Year 2002 – 2003 Budget
 - 1. Consideration of adopted Tentative Budget and Proposed Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2002-2003

Mayor Kaleel announced that the millage rate of \$4.0000 will exceed the rolled back rate of \$3.5806 by 11.71%.

Town Clerk Hancsak advised that the Sept. 10, 2002 change regarding contractual services for building/zoning review and permitting is incorporated in the revised documents and the appropriated balance was increased by \$36,400 to cover the expenditure. The total expenditures in the General Fund total \$3,282,458.

Speaking from the public, Jerry MaGruder, 9 Ridge Blvd., stated that she reviewed the budget and agreed with Mayor Kaleel’s prior comment that the budget was very tight and there really wasn’t any fat. She did question the \$25,000 budgeted for special counsel. Town Manager Dailey commented that this budget reflects a separation between a retainer for general counsel and special counsel. Mrs. Magruder asked if there were other monies budgeted for pending litigation to which she was advised that the special counsel funds would be utilized, or, if necessary, funding could be authorized from the contingency account. She was also advised that insurance may cover expenses depending on the litigation.

Comm Aaskov questioned whether the staff plans on proceeding quickly with the contract for the building/zoning review and inspections. Town Manager Dailey advised that she intended to swiftly proceed with the preparation of the contract, however, a fee schedule would need to be analyzed and developed. She stated that the fees must only cover expenses and not become a revenue source. Mayor Kaleel suggested utilizing the county’s fee schedule in addition to the zoning fee review that is already in place. Comm Bingham clarified that the staff would return to the Commission with a proposed contract for their approval.

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2. Adopt Final Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2002-2003

Comm Willens moved that a final millage rate of \$4.0000 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation be adopted for the 2002-2003 general operating revenues, and that a millage of \$.3206 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation be adopted for the 2002-2003 bond debt service for the General Obligation Water Improvement Bonds of 1991, seconded by Comm Schulte.

There was no comment from the public or the Town Commission.

Motion carried – yea 5.

3. Resolution No. 2002-18; Making a Tax Levy Based on the 2002 Assessment Roll

Town Clerk Hancsak read Resolution No. 2002-18 by title and summarized same.

Comm Schulte moved to approve Resolution No. 2002-18 making a tax levy based on the 2002 Assessment roll be adopted, seconded by Comm Willens.

Motion carried – yea 5.

4. Adopt a Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2002-2003

Comm Willens moved that the Ocean Ridge Budget for fiscal year 2002-2003 be finalized at \$3,282,458 for operating expenses and \$153,725 for the General Obligation Water Improvement Bonds of 1991 in the Debt Service Fund, seconded by Comm Schulte.

Motion carried – Yea 5.

5. Ordinance No. 539; Adopting an Annual Budget for the Year Beginning October 1, 2002 and Ending September 30, 2003; Providing for Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

Town Clerk Hancsak read Ordinance No. 539 by title and summarized its contents.

Comm Schulte moved that Ordinance No. 539 appropriating funds for the Fiscal Year 2002-2003 be adopted, seconded by Comm Willens.

There was no comment from the public or the Town Commission.

Motion carried – yea 5.

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- 6. Resolution No. 2002-19; Updating Funds for the Capital Projects Fund for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2002 and Ending September 30, 2003.

Town Clerk Hancsak read Resolution No. 2002-19 by title and summarized its contents.

Comm Willens moved that Resolution No. 2002-19 reappropriating funds for the Capital Projects Fund for Fiscal Year 2002-2003 be adopted, seconded by Comm Aaskov.

There was no comment from the public.

Motion carried – yea 5.

Action Items

- A. Confirmation of Two New Public Safety Officers to Begin Employment After Oct. 1, 2002 Contingent on Satisfactory Pre-Employment Background Investigation

Town Manager Dailey stated that the staff was seeking confirmation to hire two new Public Safety Officers commencing employment on/after Oct. 1, 2002 contingent on satisfactory background checks.

Comm Willens questioned the starting salaries for the new employees to which he was advised that Warren Burnett’s starting salary would be \$35,548 and Robert McAllister’s starting salary would be \$37,326 because he is dual certified.

Comm Aaskov moved to confirm the hiring of the two new employees pending satisfactory background checks, seconded by Comm Bingham.

Motion carried – Yea (5).

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Mayor Kaleel

Commissioner Aaskov

Commissioner Bingham

Commissioner Bridges

Commissioner Willens

Attested By:

Town Clerk