

Public Hearing/Special Town Commission Meeting of the Town of Ocean Ridge held on Friday, September 30, 2011 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 Brookes
Commissioner Allison
Mayor Kaleel
Commissioner Pugh
Commissioner Hennigan

PUBLIC HEARING

A. Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget

Mayor Kaleel stated that this was the final hearing for the 2011/2012 Budget and opened it to Commission and public comment.

Town Clerk Hancsak advised that the final health insurance quote had not been received for the Sept. 26, 2011 but staff has since been advised that the premium had actually decreased by \$5,400. She advised that the budget was revised accordingly with three different scenarios. The Budget with the Investigator Position - \$5,105,681 (utilizing \$101,976 from reserves), without the Investigator Position - \$5,031,681 (utilizing \$27,976 from reserves) and with a part-time Investigator Position - \$5,068,900 (utilizing \$65,195 from reserves). She concluded by stating that she had prepared the motions and resolutions with the three scenarios.

Mayor Kaleel asked Chief Yannuzzi if he had any additional comments regarding the Investigator Position. Chief Yannuzzi advised that he had forwarded an email to the Commission stating that he felt there was poor communication on several levels and he felt the shame of it was the reduced service to the citizens. He advised that he was aware of the public pressure everyone was under regarding "adding headcount" and he regrettably accepted the majority's decision not to fund the position. Mayor Kaleel commented that the position was actually an unfilled position that was traditionally filled but the Commission was choosing not to fill it this year, as was done last year. Chief Yannuzzi stated he also realized that the Investigator Position was real when he walked past the empty office titled Investigator.

Comm Hennigan moved to remove the \$74,000 funded for the Investigator Position, seconded by Comm Brookes.

Motion carried – Yea (5).

1. Consideration of adopted tentative budget and proposed millage rate for fiscal year 2011-2012 Budget

Mayor Kaleel announced – THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE'S ROLLED BACK RATE IS \$5.2348 AND THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE WILL BE \$5.2500 WHICH IS .29% MORE THAN THE ROLLED BACK RATE.

Comm Hennigan questioned the total reduction in ad valorem taxes if the rolled back rate of \$5.2348 was adopted. Town Clerk Hancsak advised that it would take \$10,032 more

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of the reserves to balance the budget. Mayor Kaleel commented that no one has voiced concern over adopting the current millage rate and felt the \$5.2500 should be adopted. The other Commissioners concurred citing that the reserves may actually increase at year end.

2. Adopt Resolution No. 2011-16; Final Millage Rate and Making a Tax Levy Based on the 2011 Assessment Roll for fiscal year 2011-2012

Comm Allison moved that Resolution No. 2011-16 making a tax levy based on the 2011 Assessment Roll with a final millage rate of \$5.2500 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation be adopted for the 2011-2012 general operating revenues. Comm. Pugh seconded.

Terry Brown, resident, commented that he would like to see the employee's salaries offset by the \$60,000 Town reduction in FRS contributions. He also felt that additional consideration should be given to increase the part-time maintenance position to full-time citing that the current employee is very knowledgeable in plumbing and electrical matters. He concluded by stating that he felt the Town should forego the Investigator Position.

Nancy Hogan, 37 Hibiscus Way, commented that her property value has decreased \$301,000 while her overall taxes have increased 20%. She felt the Town has not managed their cash flow, spending needed to be stopped, and the Commission should adopt the rolled back rate. She added that she hoped the Town negotiates hard with Boynton Beach regarding the Fire/EMS services.

Tina Gray, 39 Harbour Drive No., stated she just wanted to thank Comm Pugh for his recent assistance to her.

Kristine Dehaseth, 29 Sabal Island Drive, thanked the Commission for considering and accepting her email regarding the proposed position. Town Clerk Hancsak requested that the email be forwarded to her so it can be placed in the file.

Commission Allison thanked the citizens for their participation in the budget process. She also mentioned reviewing the overtime and relooking at it in the future.

Comm Hennigan thanked Kristine Dehaseth for her assistance in relaying the concerns on the possible closing of Fire Station #1. She also advised Chief Yannuzzi that she had trust in his judgment. Chief Yannuzzi stated that he felt it was his duty to be adamant on certain issues he believed in.

Motion carried – Yea (5)

3. Adopt Resolution No. 2011-17; Adopting an Annual Final Budget and Appropriating Funds Beginning Oct. 1, 2011 and Ending Sept. 30, 2012

Comm Hennigan moved to adopt Resolution No. 2011-17 appropriating funds for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 for the Ocean Ridge Budget to be finalized at \$5,031,681 for operating expenses. Seconded by Comm Pugh.

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Motion carried - Yea (5).

4. Adopt Resolution No. 2011-18; Updating Funds for the Capital Projects Fund Fiscal Year 2011-2012

Comm Pugh moved that Resolution 2011-18 re-appropriating funds for the Capital Projects Fund for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 be adopted. Seconded by Comm Allison.

Motion carried - Yea (5).

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM

Attest By:

Town Clerk

Mayor Kaleel

Commissioner Brookes

Commissioner Hennigan

Commissioner Allison

Commissioner Pugh