



BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES

JULY 29, 2010

ORCHID ISLAND GOLF AND BEACH CLUB, ORCHID, FLORIDA

AGENDA ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

MAYOR DUNLOP CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 11:07 AM

PRESENT:

MAYOR RICHARD DUNLOP
VICE-MAYOR SUE JOYCE, VIA TELEPHONE
COUNCILMEMBER BILL TROXELL
COUNCILMEMBER BUD OATWAY
COUNCILMEMBER PAUL JOHNSON, VIA
TELEPHONE

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

DEB C. BRANWELL, TOWN MANAGER
TERRI WALLACE, TOWN CLERK

AGENDA ITEM #2 – AGENDA MODIFICATIONS, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

THERE WERE NONE.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – TOWN COUNCIL MATTERS

A. PRESENTATION OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR FY 10 – 11

MAYOR DUNLOP OPENED THE MEETING BY STATING THAT THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF THE TOWN OF ORCHID IS DOWN ELEVEN POINT TWO (11.2%) PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR. HE THEN CONTINUED ON TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED REVENUES AND POINTED OUT THAT WITH SOME INTERLOCAL GOVERNMENT FEES PROJECTED TO INCREASE SLIGHTLY AND THE OPERATIONAL EXPENSES ON THE DECREASE, NO BUILDING DEPARTMENT FEES SHOULD BE RAISED TO INCREASE REVENUES. COUNCILMEMBER OATWAY INQUIRED AS TO THE LIMITED AMOUNT OF INTEREST EARNED ON THE TOWN'S MONEY. TOWN MANAGER BRANWELL EXPLAINED THAT THE TOWN HAS A LIMITED AVAILABILITY OF PUBLIC DEPOSITORIES IN WHICH TO INVEST. MAYOR DUNLOP THEN TURNED TO THE EXPENSE SIDE AND STARTED WITH SUGGESTING STAFF BONUSES INSTEAD OF WAGE AND SALARY INCREASES. COUNCIL PREFERRED TO RAISE WAGES AND SALARIES. COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON ASKED COUNCIL TO EXAMINE THE STAFF BENEFITS, *THEN COUNCILMEMBER OATWAY AGREED TO THE FIVE (5%) PERCENT ACROSS THE BOARD SALARY AND WAGE CHANGES, BUT ASKED TO DISCUSS VARYING THESE RATES AT THE TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING.* IT WAS FURTHER DISCUSSED, THAT DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE BUILDING CLERK IS NOW PART-TIME WITH NO BENEFITS AND THE OFFICE RENT HAS SIGNIFICANTLY DECREASED, THE TOWN WILL LIKELY BE ABLE TO REMAIN AT LAST YEAR'S MILLAGE RATE.

B. DISCUSSION / DECISION OF FY 10 – 11 PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE

EVEN THOUGH THE TOWN'S ASSESSED VALUE IS SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER THAN LAST YEAR, REVENUES ARE PREDICTED TO SOMEWHAT INCREASE AND EXPENSES ARE TO DECREASE CONSIDERABLY; THEREFORE IT WAS PROPOSED TO KEEP THE MILLAGE RATE AT LAST YEAR'S RATE OF .4550.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON EXCUSED HIMSELF.

C. CONFIRM DATES FOR:

1. TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING

COUNCIL CONFIRMED THE DATE OF WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2010, AT 5:01 PM

2. FINAL BUDGET HEARING

COUNCIL CONFIRMED THE DATE OF TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2010, AT 5:01 PM

D. GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEMS

COUNCILMEMBER OATWAY DISCUSSED WITH COUNCIL THE FUTURE OF A TOWN ADMINISTRATIVE FACILITY.

E. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT YEARLY UPDATE

AGENDA ITEM #4 – PUBLIC COMMENT

THERE WERE NO COMMENTS.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – ADJOURNMENT

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:40 AM.

APPROVED AT THE _____ TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING.

TERRI WALLACE
TOWN CLERK

