

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, HELD IN THE CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 100 NORTH U.S. #1, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, AT 5:05 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2006.

Mayor Benton called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Upon Roll Call, those present were: Mayor Robert Benton; Commissioners Rufus Alexander, Edward Becht, Christine Coke, and R. Duke Nelson; City Manager Dennis Beach; City Attorney Robert Schwerer; and City Clerk Cassandra Steele. Those absent: None.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was Public Hearing on the proposed 2006-2007 General Fund Budget for the City of Fort Pierce.

Mayor Benton declared a Public Hearing in session and asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard.

Seeing no one and hearing no one wishing to be heard, Mayor Benton declared the Public Hearing closed.

The next item on the Agenda was Consider any proposed amendments to the 2006-2007 Budget.

Mayor Benton asked are there any amendments?

Commissioner Nelson said he is concerned about this memo the City Manager sent out on the 5th of September. Contained thereon is the Human Resources, where there is a Compliance Officer. Does that deal with the EEOC type thing? Or is that another type of Compliance Officer?

Mr. David Recor, Deputy City Manager, said the position that was eliminated was the position that was previously funded to deal with the EEOC complaints.

Commissioner Nelson asked is he familiar with potential requirements to look into the compliance relative to their grants they have to administer?

Mr. Recor asked is he speaking specifically on the personnel side?

Commissioner Nelson said they get a lot of money from FEMA and Department of Environmental Protection and Florida Department of Transportation and all those people.

Mr. Recor said they have a Staff person who is handling that responsibility today that is unrelated to this Compliance Officer position.

Commissioner Nelson said these terminologies, when they put them in different context, he does not know what they are talking about. They have a Risk Manager over here and a Risk Manager over there. And they have a Compliance Officer here and a Compliance Officer there.

Mr. Recor said this Compliance Officer position is intended to address strictly the issues of Affirmative Action and EEOC from the personnel.

Commissioner Nelson said but he is asking whether or not they need to possibly look at the areas where they have a requirement for compliance of these grants and things they have.

Mr. Recor said they are addressing that now. He believes Ms. Whalen is a contract employee and the Commission has approved an annual contract for that service.

Commissioner Nelson said okay. He looked through this thing very hurriedly and he did not see that his request for an Internal Auditor. Are there provisions here they could insert that once it is approved? How are they going to handle that?

City Manager Beach said the Commission can amend the budget throughout the year to incorporate proposed changes at any point in time.

The next item on the Agenda was Recompute (if necessary) and adopt the proposed **Millage Rate**.

Mayor Benton said he does not think they have to recompute, they just have to adopt the millage rate.

Motion was made by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Coke, to adopt the proposed millage rate of 5.9823.

Those voting in favor of the motion were: Commissioners Alexander, Becht, Coke, Nelson, and Benton. Those opposed: None.

The next item on the Agenda was Publicly announce the percentage, if any, by which the **Millage Rate exceeds the Roll-Back Rate**.

Mr. George Bergalis, Director of Finance, said the roll-back rate is 5.2637 and the percentage by which the millage rate exceeds the roll-back rate is 13.65%.

The next item on the Agenda was Adopt the **Tentative 2006-2007 General Fund Budget**.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alexander, seconded by Commissioner Coke, to adopt the tentative 2006-2007 General Fund Budget.

Those voting in favor of the motion were: Commissioners Alexander, Becht, Coke, Nelson, and Benton. Those opposed: None.

The next item on the Agenda was Review and adopt Operating Plans for **Solid Waste** and **Marina** Enterprise Funds and **Golf Course**.

City Manager Beach said these are located on Pages 59 through 70. He is going to describe some of the questions the Commission had previously and tell them how those have been addressed. In Solid Waste, they had specific questions on two line item accounts. Mr. Hopkins has brought a report on those two line item accounts, which he will pass out to them. On the Golf Course account, there was a specific request to include the \$210,000 debt service as part of the Marina operating budget, and that has been accomplished. Under the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency, they asked that the proceeds from their Cobb's Landing lease be inserted in the revenue column of that, and that has occurred. There were no proposed changes to the Marina Enterprise Fund. He believes Staff has taken the actions that the Commission requested in their previous workshop and will be happy to go into it in whatever level of detail they would like.

Motion was made by Commissioner Coke, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, to adopt the Operating Plans for Solid Waste and Marina Enterprise Funds and Golf Course.

Those voting in favor of the motion were: Commissioners Alexander, Becht, Coke, Nelson, and Benton. Those opposed: None.

City Clerk Steele announced the Second Public Hearing (and First Reading of the Budget Ordinances) will be held at the Regular City Commission Meeting on Monday, September 18, 2006, which will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, 100 North U.S. #1, Fort Pierce, Florida.

There being no further business, Mayor Benton declared the meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Adjournment.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR COMMISSIONER

