

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 7, 2005.

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 2005-2006 **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 **2005-2006 Budget**.

Mayor Benton asked are there any proposals to change the budget? (There were no amendments offered by the Commissioners.)

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Coke, seconded by Commissioner Becht, to adopt the proposed millage rate of 6.9823.

Mayor Benton said for the record, that is the roll-back rate. That means in Fort Pierce there will not be an increase in taxes.

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**.

Mayor Benton said zero. And they are sure proud to say that.

The next item on the Agenda was Adopt the **Tentative 2005-2006 General Fund Budget**.

Commissioner Nelson said he would adopt the budget of \$36,568,939.

Motion was made by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Coke, to adopt the tentative 2005-2006 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**.

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 19, 2005, 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 5:40 p.m.

Adjournment.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR COMMISSIONER