



City of Anna Maria

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**MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TENTATIVE MILLAGE/TENTATIVE BUDGET 2015/2016
SEPTEMBER 9, 2015 – 6:00 P.M.**

Pledge of Conduct: We may disagree, but we will be respectful of one another. We will direct all comments to the issues. We will avoid personal attacks.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Webb called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Dan Murphy, Commissioner Dale Woodland, Chair Chuck Webb, and Commissioner Doug Copeland.

Absent w/excuse: Vice-Chair Nancy Yetter and Commissioner Carol Carter.

Also present: Finance Director Maggie Martinez and Minutes Clerk Stacey Johnston.

1. OPEN 2015/2016 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING.

Chair Webb opened the Public Hearing.

2. DISCUSS PROPOSED TENTATIVE BUDGET'S PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN MILLAGE OVER ROLLED-BACK RATE TO FUND BUDGET (IF ANY), AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES FOR WHICH AD VALOREM TAXES ARE BEING INCREASED/DECREASED.

Chair Webb announced the rolled-back rate is 1.8839 mills. The proposed tentative millage rate is 2.05, which is the same rate for FY 2014-2015. The proposed tentative millage rate, as a percent of increase over the rolled-back rate, is 8.82%. The rolled-back rate is the tax rate that would bring in the same amount of dollars from the previous year. Ad-Valorem taxes are being increased to provide services to meet the expenses of this proposed tentative budget.

3. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chair Webb opened the public comment portion of the Hearing.

4. CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT.

Hearing no public comment, *Chair Webb* closed public comment.

5. AMEND TENTATIVE BUDGET, IF NECESSARY.

In response to *Commissioner Woodland*, *Mayor Murphy* noted there was an agreement discussed during the Work Sessions on how the reserves would be handled. As of the end of last month, the City has \$2million in reserves. Based on best practices, the City should have 35% of its total budget in reserves. Mayor Murphy will be working with Mr. Chambers in October to determine how best to spend the excess reserves. He noted the reserves would not be utilized for paving, etc. but possibly paying down the City's debt as an example. A recommendation will be presented to the Commission in November for their consideration.

Commissioner Woodland presented Holmes Beach as an example of supplementing Public Works by reserves. He stated many do not understand reserves, and it can be a real issue if no one pays attention. He then referred to and explained a document he prepared that included calculations using the total budget, operating recurring expenses, and non-recurring expenses.

Commissioner Woodland said he prefers the reserves being listed on the first line of the budget that includes percentages.

- *Mayor Murphy* noted when the budget was completed the previous year, he saw where current versus the previous year's budget variance was included. He saw where previous budgets were set by comparing to the previous year's numbers. However, his opinion is the budget should be based on what the City will end up at end of year.
- INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE
Account 438.123 - 5/2 CENT CAPITAL ELMS GAS TAX - Mayor *Murphy* announced the City received a letter from Manatee County Administrator Hunzeker informing the Gas Tax calculation method had changed.
- *Commissioner Woodland* asked for clarification relating to the Code Enforcement increase this year. *Mayor Murphy* explained there are two Code Enforcement references in the proposed Budget: BAU = Business as Usual (current Code Enforcement costs); and CE = refers to the newly organized Code Enforcement Department. Budgeted amounts are separated out by the single line items so it would clearly be understood what was spent for a new department. Examples include new desks, rents, telephones, salaries, etc. Mayor *Murphy* noted six months ago, he had given the Commission the projected amount for the Code Enforcement department totaling approximately \$600,000. That amount, divided by the number of Vacation Rentals the City has in its database, results in a cost of \$1,000 each that will be charged for each Vacation Rental License.
- OPERATING EXPENSES
Project Maintenance – Cell tower (Designate Use) – The amount left over from the Cell Tower amount will be rolled over into General Reserves.
- Explanation followed relating to the previous transfer from the Contingency Fund for the Code Enforcement start-up, Electric Car, and Pier Study. *Commissioner Woodland* recommended the budget amendments be placed on a spreadsheet for a continuous running total.
- Explanation continued relating to the Study on the City Pier and that a decision will need to be made due to there being no wind and flood insurance on the Pier.

Public Hearing - Reopened

Chair Webb reopened the Public Hearing.

Jim Conoly, North Shore Drive, suggested the line items be numbered for easier reference.

Mayor Murphy will have the numbers added for the Final Reading of the budget.

No further comments. *Chair Webb closed public comments.*

6. **RECOMPUTE TENTATIVE MILLAGE – ANNOUNCE PERCENT MILLAGE EXCEEDS (IF ANY) THE ROLLED-BACK RATE. IF MILLAGE EXCEEDS THE ROLLED BACK RATE, THIS IS CHARACTERIZED AS THE PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES.**

Action: No amendment was made to the tentative budget or proposed millage rate.

7. ADOPTING TENTATIVE MILLAGE.

Motion: Move to adopt 2.05 mills per thousand dollars of value as the proposed tentative millage rate for the City of Anna Maria for the Tax Year 2015.

Action: Approved. Moved by Commissioner Doug Copeland, Seconded by Commissioner Dale Woodland.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Yes: Chair Chuck Webb, Commissioner Dale Woodland, and Commissioner Doug Copeland.

Absent: Vice-Chair Nancy Yetter and Commissioner Carol Carter.

8. ADOPTING TENTATIVE BUDGET.

Motion: Move to adopt the proposed Tentative Budget 2015-2016, and the Receipt and Collection of Ad Valorem Taxes, for Year 2015, as presented by the Mayor and Finance Director.

Action: Approved. Moved by Commissioner Doug Copeland, Seconded by Commissioner Dale Woodland.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Yes: Chair Chuck Webb, Commissioner Dale Woodland, and Commissioner Doug Copeland.

Absent: Vice-Chair Nancy Yetter and Commissioner Carol Carter.

9. FIRST READING - ORDINANCE 15-800 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FY 2015/2016 AND RECEIPT AND COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM TAXES.

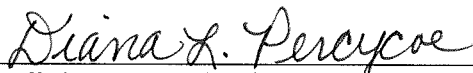
Chair Webb read the Ordinance title.

10. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL MILLAGE AND BUDGET HEARING DATE.

The Final Millage and Budget Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.



Diana L. Percycoe, CMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved: 9/24/15