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CITY COMMISSION BUDGET WORKSESSION AUGUST 18, 2011 – 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

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Selby, Vice-Chair Mattick, Commissioner Woodland, Chair Webb, Commissioner Quam,

Absent: Commissioner Aubry.

Staff Present: City Clerk Alice Baird, Building Official Bob Welch, Superintendent of Public Works George McKay, Finance Director/Deputy City Clerk Percycocoe, Finance/Deputy Clerk II Maggie Martinez, Building Clerk/Code Enforcement II Diane Sacca, and Minutes Clerk Stacey Johnston.

Press: Sun and Islander.

1. Continued Budget Discussion.



Finance Director Percycocoe reviewed the Table 1. Proposed Millage vs. Current Millage she had prepared.



Commissioner Quam informed that his tax bill for Anna Maria increased by 14.5% over last year. *Mayor Selby* informed that his 14.5% increase results in \$32 per year. He suggested that dollar amounts be referenced rather than the percentage increases.

Chair Webb explained the recapture rule. Chair Webb will be contacting the Property Appraiser's office for additional information relating to the amount that a homestead property owner will be paying versus a non-homestead property owner.



Finance Director Percycocoe discussed the calculations with the Ad Valorem set at 2.05 mills. She then referred to the change she had made on the Summary Expense Budget where it now shows Line # 53 – Replenish Reserve Fund and # 54 – Loan payment on the Six Lots.



Discussion comments relating to proposed budget included:

Commissioner Quam –

Summary Expense Budget - Line # 61 – 5cnt Gas Tax Improvements – Commissioner Quam asked that the roads from the 2006/2007 road improvements be sealed.

Finance Director Percycoe informed that the CIAC has come up with a 5-yr plan. She noted that \$34,100 has been added as Line # 53 Road Maintenance (CIP) so that money will be accumulated for the improvements over the 5-year period.

Commissioner Woodland –

Summary Expense Budget – Line # 64 – Lake LaVista – Commissioner Woodland asked if the line item could be cut in half. Commissioner Woodland questioned if the filets could be or had been cleared every quarter.

Superintendent of Public Works McKay explained that over the last three years there had been more storms coming out of the northwest corridor. Most of the sand has been used at the City Pier entryway. He reminded that \$100,000 would be received from WCIND that has a three-year window to either use the funds or the City would lose them. He noted that the City would not be spending any money this year. Explanation followed regarding the 100% grant funding received for the dredge costs.

Finance Director Percycoe explained how the funds were accounted for in the budget because of the grant received. Further explanation followed.



Commissioner Quam –

Summary Expense Budget - Line # 73 – Seawall West of N Bay Blvd Bridge/5Yr. The line item is currently in a 5-yr plan and will be repaired at that time. *Finance Director Percycoe* to change “West” to “East”.



Commissioner Woodland –

1) Asked for future discussion relating to revising employee benefit packages for future employees.

Chair Webb asked that the issue be placed on the October Work Session agenda.

2) Asked for future discussion relating to contacting the County Clerk’s Office to see if replenishing of the Reserve Fund and/or reducing the City’s liability on the six lots could be collected on the tax bills. Residents would be given the opportunity to opt out. The Stormwater Utility Fee was used as an example.

Chair Webb noted that the Constitution states everyone will be taxed the same. He suggested asking City Attorney Dye to research the issue.

3) Suggested that with the City being located on a Barrier Island that the Reserves be increased from 35% to 70% by researching mechanisms that could be used in order to increase revenues.




Commissioner Mattick – Suggested a City Sales Tax be implemented.

Chair Webb suggested City Attorney Dye research.

 *Commissioner Quam* felt costs from tourism should be looked into.

Chair Webb noted that parking fees are what were used most often. He then questioned the Tourism/Bed Tax share that the City receives.

Discussion followed relating to the City years ago losing the ability to collect Business Tax Receipts. *Mayor Selby* stated he was looking into implementing a Rental Business Tax and asked that the discussion be placed on the October Work Session agenda.

 *Superintendent of Public Works Director McKay* stated there were a couple of projects that were close to being completed that were to be funded through the General Fund. The Stormwater Utility fund would be utilized for the follow-up maintenance. He asked if that process was still the philosophy of the City. Public Works Director McKay noted that the Chilson project has been on the CIP listing.

Mayor Selby reminded that discussion was previously held relating to the \$78,000 in the Contingency Line Item. He suggested adding a CIP item into the budget and lowering the contingency fund.

Chair Webb asked that an additional line item be added to reflect *Mayor Selby's* suggestion. He will meet with City Clerk Baird and possibly place discussion relating to the change on the next Commission meeting agenda.

2. **General Public Comment** – None.

3. **Press Comment** – None.

ADJOURNMENT

 **Motion:** 6:50 p.m., **Action:** Approved Adjourning.
Moved by Commissioner Woodland. **Seconded by** Vice-Chair Mattick.

Alice Baird, CMC, City Clerk