

**CITY OF ANNA MARIA
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TENTATIVE MILLAGE/TENTATIVE BUDGET 2007/2008
MEETING HELD AT ANNA MARIA COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10005 GULF DRIVE – ANNA MARIA, FL
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2007
6:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Quam called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL: Mayor Fran Barford, Commissioner Jo Ann Mattick, Commissioner Dale Woodland, Chair John Quam, and Deputy Chair Christine Tollette.

ABSENT w/excuse: Commissioner Duke Miller.

Staff present: City Clerk Alice Baird, Deputy City Clerk/Director of Finance Diane Percycoe, Public Works Director George McKay, City Attorney Jim Dye, and Minutes Clerk Stacey Johnston.

Press present: Sun and Islander.

1. Open 2007/2008 Budget Public Hearing.

Chair Quam officially opened the 2007/2008 Budget Public Hearing. He informed that a tentative millage rate of 1.7882 mills was set at the regular Commission Meeting held July 26, 2007 in order to met the timelines of the TRIM process. The Commission had one additional work session, and according to TRIM the Commission is now allowed to keep the millage at 1.7882 or go lower, not higher.

Chair Quam stated for Anna Maria homeowners, a home valued at \$500,000 and claiming a \$25,000 homestead exception would pay \$850 in city taxes next year with a 1.7882 millage rate. For a home valued at \$1,000,000 and claiming a \$25,000 homestead exemption they would pay \$1,744 in city taxes next year.

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.

Chair Quam announced this year's proposed tentative budget's millage rate has decreased by 9% over the rolled back rate. The City Commission reviewed each line item and has presented a proposed budget that has reduced Ad Valorem taxes by 9%.

3. Open Public Comment.

Sandy Gilbert, Longboat Key, spoke relating to the Commission's budget support of START. He thanked the Commission for keeping their support of START in the 2007/2008 budget and updated them on the upcoming changes to the program.

Mr. Gilbert stated START would be completing a documentary film to be shown at the Mote and the Sarasota Film Festival relating to Red Tide. A 20-minute DVD relating to Red Tide education will be rented out to the Manatee County

Schools to be used by middle schools Science teachers. A Red Tide presentation will also be available for civic clubs.

Mr. Gilbert announced there is a new Beach Report at Moat beginning at Anna Maria Island and continuing through Manatee and Sarasota Counties. There will be a new phone number "BEACHES".

4. Close Public Comment.

Hearing no further Public Comment, *Chair Quam* officially closed the Public Comment section of the Public Hearing.

5. Amend Tentative Budget, if necessary.

Deputy City Clerk/Director of Finance Diane Percycoe addressed the following amendments made to the proposed budget since the last Budget Work Session:

- Line Item # 49a – Business Contrib Trolley Service - Added for one-time \$4,000 donation towards the free Trolley service.
- Line # 115 – General Government Insurance - Reduced to \$59,707 based on the reduction of 19% for City's liability, workmen's compensation, auto insurance, etc.
- Line # 217 – Beach Walkover Repairs – Added \$1,000 to budget for repairs to the beach walkover.
- Line # 239a – Phase I – Swale Maintenance – Added \$3,500 based on recommended amount set by Public Works Director McKay. Swale Maintenance amount based on six months to finish work - fuel costs, labor, maintenance, and filters.
- Line # 264 – General Contingency Funds - \$106,415.

Deputy City Clerk/Director of Finance Percycoe further addressed the reason for the reduction in the General Government Insurance, calculation on the Reserve Account, and the Line of Credit.

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.

Chair Quam stated that the rolled back rate is 1.9651. The percentage change in the rolled back rate at 1.7882 mills is -9%. The rolled back rate is the rate projected to produce the same revenue as the previous fiscal year by factoring higher property value assessments.

7. Adopt Tentative Millage, (as amended).

MOTION: Commissioner Tollette moved to adopt the Tentative Millage Rate of 1.7882 for 2007/2008. Commissioner Woodland seconded the motion. Motion carried – All Aye w/Commissioner Miller absent.

8. Adopt Tentative Budget, (as amended).

MOTION: Commissioner Mattick moved to adopt the Tentative Budget, as amended. Commissioner Tollette seconded the motion. Motion carried – All Aye w/Commissioner Miller absent.

9. First Reading – Ordinance 07-683, Adopting the Budget for FY 07/08 and Receipt and Collection of Ad Valorem Taxes.

City Clerk Baird read the Ordinance by title.

10. Announcement of Final Millage and Budget Hearing Date.

Chair Quam announced that the Final Millage and Budget Hearing Date are scheduled for Thursday, September 20, 2007, 6:30 p.m.

11. Adjournment.

On motion made by Chair Quam and seconded by Commissioner Mattick, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Alice Baird, CMC, City Clerk

Minutes Approved: _____