



**Town of Surfside
Town Commission
FY 2010-2011 Second Budget Workshop
August 9, 2010**

7 p.m.

Town Hall Commission Chambers - 9293 Harding Ave, 2nd Fl
Surfside, FL 33154

MINUTES

1. Opening

A. Call to Order Mayor Daniel Dietch called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

B. Roll Call of Members Town Clerk, Debra Eastman called the roll with Commissioner Michael Karukin, Commissioner Edward Kopelman, Commissioner Marta Olchyk, Vice Mayor Joe Graubart and Mayor Daniel Dietch in attendance.

C. Pledge of Allegiance Police Chief David Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Introduction – Gary Word, Town Manager

Town Manager, Gary Word gave an overview of the first budget hearing on July 20, 2010 and advised that the budget has been revised downward to accommodate the 5.6 mill rate. Martin Sherwood, Finance Director gave an overview of what will be covered at the meeting.

3. Special Revenue Funds (continued from July 20, 2010)

a. Police Forfeiture Fund (Chief of Police)

Police Chief David Allen explained the source of the fund, purchases that have been made with the funds and proposed purposes for the 2010-2011 year. Mayor Daniel Dietch requested that the Town Manager explore options to take the place of take home vehicles as part of the FOP contract negotiations and to bring back options to the Town Commission for unspent funds from this year.

- b. Municipal Transportation Fund – (CITT) (Public Works Director/Finance Director)

Martin Sherwood, Finance Director and Carl Berkey-Abbott, Budget Consultant explained the Municipal Transportation Fund. The downtown project has been removed, but the traffic management study and mobility study remain. Shelley Eichner, Town Planner explained that there is newly adopted legislation regarding the mobility fee. Mayor Daniel Dietch requested that the Town Manager contact the Town Lobbyist to find out the status of the challenge to the new legislation.

4. Enterprise Funds

- a. Water and Sewer Fund (Public Works Director/CGA/Finance Director)

Fernando Rodriguez, Director of Public Works explained that the utility fund provides the water and sewer services and complies with State and Federal regulations. Vice Mayor Graubart expressed concern for going to monthly billing before the automatic meter readers are installed and the front office staff is restored to full time status.

- b. Municipal Parking Fund (Chief of Police/Finance Director/CGA)

Chief David Allen explained that he oversees the operation and enforcement of meters, permits for businesses and valets, post office, residential parking permits and that two parking officers are paid from this fund.

- c. Solid Waste Fund (Public Works Director)

Director of Public Works, Fernando Rodriguez explained the solid waste fund for the collection and disposal of waste. There was a discussion of the recycling revenues, number of trucks and yard waste.

- d. Stormwater Utility Fund (Public Works Director/Finance Director)

Director of Public Works, Fernando Rodriguez explained the fund is for the maintenance and repair of stormwater equipment, one employee. He explained the projected revenue and that two new pumps have been installed. Finance Director, Martin Sherwood explained the need for a rate increase for 2011. John Messarian of Calvin, Giordano and Associates explained grants received and grants sought and the amount of work that is still to be accomplished.

5. Public Comments

Dorie Lurie asked about the landscaping of parking lots and suggested obtaining grants. She asked about the empty homes and the water/sewer pipe replacement. Lou Cohen asked about the proposed water rate increase and the number of spaces that will be available in the new parking lot.

6. Wrap Up - Additional Commission Direction

Budget Consultant, Carl Burkey-Abbott presented a list of several items not currently within the proposed budget. There was a discussion regarding the Town Library, the Summer trial project, lease of the modular, volunteer assistance and the cost of operation, staffing and books. It was regrettably decided that continuing to support the cost of the

Library cannot continue. Lou Cohen spoke regarding the Library and the current trend toward the Kindle and e-books. Town Manager, Gary Word suggested that a few computers could be set in the lobby of Town Hall for public use.

The Town Commission reviewed and agreed upon non-funded items per the attached exhibit resulting in a millage of 5.6645. Town Manager, Gary Word indicated to the Town Commission that this will be the budget that will be presented at the Public Hearing on September 14, 2010. Vice Mayor Joe Graubart asked for a pamphlet handout similar to what was done last year giving details of how the Town Commission has tightened the belt and eliminated a lot of items. Mayor Daniel Dietch thanked the staff for their effort.

Note: At the September 14, 2010 Town Commission Meeting, Commissioner Marta Olchyk requested that her strong opposition to increasing the millage rate be reflected as part of this record.

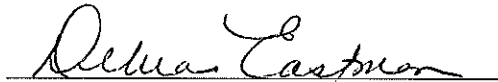
The meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Accepted this 14 day of Sept., 2010.



Daniel Dietch, Mayor

Attest:



Debra E. Eastman, MMC

Town Clerk