

Minutes of a special City Council meeting held on September 5, 2012, at 5:15 p.m., in the City of Apopka Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Mayor John H. Land
Commissioner Billie Dean
Commissioner Marilyn McQueen
Commissioner Joe Kilsheimer

ABSENT: Commissioner Bill Arrowsmith

PRESS PRESENT: John Peery - The Apopka Chief

1. OPENING, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Mayor Land called the meeting to order and gave the Invocation. He said Sunday was the 2nd of September, and on that day in 1945, General MacArthur accepted the formal surrender of the Japanese, ending World War II. He asked everyone to reflect on that event in the life of our Nation, as he led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. ANNOUNCE AND ADOPT MILLAGE RATE OF 3.5161, WHICH IS A 3.94% DECREASE OVER THE ROLLED BACK RATE OF 3.6603.

Mayor Land announced the tentative millage rate of 3.5161 for FY 2012-13, which is a 3.94% decrease over the rolled back rate of 3.6603.

Motion was made by Commissioner McQueen, and seconded by Commissioner Dean, to approve the tentative millage rate of 3.5161, which is a 3.94% decrease over the rolled back rate of 3.6603.

Mayor Land opened the meeting for a public hearing. With no one wishing to speak, he closed the public hearing.

Motion carried unanimously, with Mayor Land and Commissioners Dean, McQueen, and Kilsheimer voting aye.

B. ADOPT TENTATIVE BUDGET WITH ANY BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS.

Mayor Land thanked the Finance Department and all staff for their work to bring forward a balanced budget this year.

CAO Richard Anderson thanked Department Heads, and the Finance Department for working so hard on the budget this year. He relayed some items included in the budget are:

- Road improvements to Bradshaw Road
- Working through the completion of Lester Road
- Equipment purchased.

He relayed that the biggest increase is a 32-33% increase in healthcare cost, primarily from experience with a bad loss ratio with some employees who drove the cost up. We had been working until late Friday evening to get it down to about 14%, and believe it can be reduced even lower with the use of the Employee Clinic. He said the City is moving toward self-funding insurance, which is a long-term process.

He said the budget also shows where some employees have been moved into the 401 Enterprise Fund for Water and Sewer. What would appear as a reduction in two (2) employees is actually a shifting of the workforce.

Finance Director Edward Bass gave a presentation on the proposed operating and capital budget for FY 2012-13. A copy of the presentation is available through the City Clerk's office, and the budget summary is included into, and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Bass and CAO Anderson responded to questions from the City Council.

There was considerable discussion, led by Commissioner Kilsheimer, regarding solicitation of citizen input in the budget preparation. Mayor Land and CAO Anderson explained, in detail, the processes taken by staff in preparing a new budget each year includes feedback and complaints raised by the Apopka community that are documented throughout the entire year (i.e. road improvements, sidewalks, parks, signage, etc.).

Mr. Bass indicated the proposed Tentative Budget is available for review on the City's website.

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Motion was made by Commissioner McQueen, and seconded by Commissioner Dean, to adopt the tentative budget for FY 2012-13 at \$59,440,000, as recommended. Motion carried unanimously, with Mayor Land and Commissioners Dean, McQueen, and Kilsheimer voting aye.

C. ANNOUNCE FINAL BUDGET MILLAGE RATE HEARINGS - September 19, 2012, at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Land announced the public hearings for the final Millage Rate and FY 2012-2013 Budget will be held on September 19, 2012, at 8:00 p.m.

D. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

John H. Land, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janice G. Goebel, City Clerk