

TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA

TOWN COMMISSION

Budget Workshop

MINUTES

Jarvis Hall

4501 Ocean Drive

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

5:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER, MAYOR ROSEANN MINNET

Mayor Roseann Minnet called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Also present were Vice Mayor Jerry McIntee, Commissioner Jim Silverstone, Commissioner Birute Ann Clottey, Commissioner Stuart Dodd, Town Attorney Susan L. Trevarthen, Town Manager Esther Colon, Town Clerk June White, and Senior Office Specialist Nekisha Smith.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

3. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

a. FY09-FY10 Budget Presentation

Manager Colon stated that the Commission had previously given direction to keep the millage at the current rate. Due to hurricane season and the economy she recommended using the roll back rate. She explained her package contained the current rate, 3.9990, the roll back rate, 4.4829 and the maximum rate of 5.2076.

Manager Colon explained that multiple departments, with the exception of Municipal Services were currently working 30 hours which was a reduction of work hours implemented last year, and reallocated positions as it pertained to proprietary funds. Manager Colon explained that even though one person was in a department that person handled many tasks. She pointed out that compared to other cities Lauderdale-By-The-Sea employees did more with less.

The proposed Budget was \$17,220,499. The General Fund was projected at \$12,759,887, the Capital Improvement Fund was projected at \$2,656,785 and the Proprietary Funds - Sewer was projected at \$1,222,958 and Parking was projected at \$567,369. In addition, the Special Revenue Funds were reviewed. The Law Enforcement Trust Fund was projected at \$12,000 from the sale of confiscated property, and the Police Law Training Fund was projected at \$1,500 from a portion of paid traffic citation.

Manager Colon pointed out that over the past 3 years the Town continued to lower the millage rate and eventually the impact will catch up with the Town. She advised the Commission that next year the impact of Amendment 1 would be greater. Manager Colon explained further that if the increase this year was 16.16% to make up the loss from the prior fiscal year, then it would probably be near 25% next year. She also pointed out that with the omission of stormwater fees the drainage project was funded through the General Fund. She added that the Town was facing an aging infrastructure which was repaired on a priority basis.

Manager Colon reviewed the Broward County Property Appraiser's certification with a FY09-10 taxable value for operating purpose at \$1,935,973,843 with an increase in the roll back rate to 4.4829 and an aggregate millage rate of 5.2076, the maximum millage rate allowed by Law for the Town to assess in order to make up the loss created by Amendment 1. Manager Colon advised that the rate as a percentage of the roll back rate was 16.16% and that rate needed to be advertised in the tax bill as per TRIM mandates. She added that the millage could be lowered but not raised.

Manager Colon explained that within the General Fund, 64% of the revenue source for the Town was driven by property taxes and pointed out that it was the residential population that fed the Town and not the business community. Manager Colon stated that only 10% of revenue allocation was for personnel, 10% for Operating, 9% Interfund, 1% Capital Outlay and 70% Contractual Services.

The Special Revenue Funds - Police Law Enforcement and Police Law Training Funds were projected at \$13,500. The Sewer Fund was broken down to \$70,000 for sewer line maintenance and repair, \$33,000 for lift station maintenance & repairs and \$25,000 for emergency repairs. The Parking Fund was broken down to \$20,000 for pay and display meter in the El Mar Parking lot, \$177,139 for debt service and \$165,645 for interfund transfer.

The current capital improvement projects included El Mar Streetscape, Fish Habitat Reef project, Town Entryway Monument signs in Bel-Air, and the Pine Avenue to Terra Mar Streetscape project. The Capital improvement projects with funding restrictions were identified as A1A Streetscape project and the Terra Mar Bridge. Manager Colon stated that the Town needed to continue to make revisions to the Town Code and move forward with high-quality redevelopment. She recommended an update to the Master Plan with citizen participation. Future projects were noted as: decorative residential street lighting; A1A landscaping & streetscaping (an FDOT project); and cost sharing beach re-nourishment.

Manager Colon explained that at a 3.9990 millage rate the total projected funds for Governmental, Proprietary and Special Revenue funds would be \$16,315,946 with a 8.10% decrease from FY08-09 and would eliminate the millage reserve by \$904,553. In comparison a roll back rate of 4.4829 would project \$17,220,499; a decrease from FY08-09 of approximately 3.01%. Manager Colon advised that the Commission could

set a higher millage at the next hearing, July 28, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. and the rate could be reduced at a later meeting.

Upcoming budget meetings were noted:

July 28, 2009 to adopt the proposed millage and proposed fire assessment.
Manager Colon recommended the fire assessment remain at \$130.

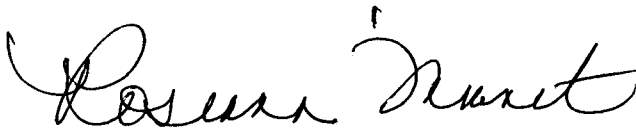
September 14, 2009 - 1st Public Hearing to adopt the tentative millage, TRIM and budget and adopt the final fire assessment,

September 28, 2009 - 2nd Public Hearing to adopt the final millage, budget and TRIM.

Discussion followed as to whether the proposed budget was available on the web site, whether the budget would be open to public discussion and whether the fire assessment was used to fund medical calls. Manager Colon advised the proposed budget would be available on the web the following day, public hearings were scheduled for September 14, 2009 and September 28, 2009 and the fire department did not go out on medical calls; they responded as a training mechanism. Mayor Minnet confirmed that the Special Budget meeting scheduled for July 28, 2009 was not a public hearing.

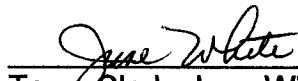
4. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor McIntee made a motion to adjourn. With no further business before the Commission, Mayor Minnet adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.



Mayor Roseann Minnet

ATTEST:



Town Clerk, June White

7-30-09

Date

