



Town of Surfside
Special Town Commission Meeting - Budget Hearing
MINUTES
September 28, 2022
5:01 PM
Commission Chambers - 9293 Harding Avenue
Surfside, FL 33154

1. Opening

1.A Call to Order

Mayor Danzinger called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

1.B Roll Call of Members

Town Clerk McCreedy called the roll with the following members present:

Present: Mayor Shlomo Danzinger, Vice Mayor Jeff Rose, Commissioner Marianne Meischeid, Commissioner Fred Landsman and Commissioner Nelly Velasquez.

Absent:

Also Present: Town Manager Andrew Hyatt, Assistant Town Manager Jason Greene, and Town Attorney Lillian Arango.

1.C Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Torres provided the pledge of allegiance.

2. Discussion Regarding Millage Rate and Budget - Andrew Hyatt, Town Manager

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The Town's Administration recommends approval of the resolution that would adopt the final millage rate for FY 2023.

Assistant Town Manager Greene provided an overview and explanation of the milage rate and budget. He presented the slides which use the end of the budget meetings and hearings. He provided a recap of the taxable values and milage rates. He stated that they are recommending the milage rate to be 4.2. He also showed how much money of the tax dollars go to the Town and other entities. He spoke regarding the summary, with the roll-back rate being 3.7102 and the increase percentage over the 13.20%.

Commissioner Velasquez asked if they would be able to reduce the milage rate at least to a 4.1 or 4.15 since they increased the water bills.

Mayor Danzinger stated that he would love to do that but is unable to do so because of all the projects online and they need the funding.

Town Clerk McCready read the title of the resolution into the record.

Mayor Danzinger opened public comment.

There were no public speakers.

Mayor Danzinger closed public comment.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Rose to adopt the final millage rate of 4.2000, seconded by Commissioner Meisheid. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

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4. Public Comments

There were no public speakers.

5. FY 2023 Final Budget Adoption Resolution - Andrew Hyatt, Town Manager

5.A FY 2023 Final Budget Adoption Resolution

The Town's Administration recommends approval of the resolution that would adopt the FY 2023 budget.

Town Manager Hyatt introduced Assistant Town Manager Greene and is looking forward to the new fiscal year.

Town Clerk McCready read the title of the resolution into the record.

Assistant Town Manager Greene advised the Commission that the Town's Administration recommends approval of the resolution and provided the suggestion of the commission and their adjustments. He stated this goes hand in hand with the milage.

Mayor Danzinger stated that he needed some clarification on some items and asked regarding the capital project funds. He stated that he did not see anything on traffic calming solutions. He also asked regarding the lighting on the paths.

Assistant Town Manager Greene addressed the comment made and that there are no funds for some of those transportation items. He also spoke regarding the lighting on the path and stated that they could amend the budget as appropriate. He stated that they do have the CIP project for the dune renourishment which would add the lights.

Mayor Danzinger asked regarding what is stated on page 56 as it relates to executive staffing.

Assistant Town Manager Greene stated one is the Town Planner and the reorganization of Code Compliance bringing it back under the Town Manager.

Mayor Danzinger asked regarding the radio expenditure and he knows that they agreed to it but asked regarding the P25 Grant and if they could look at using that grant as well.

Police Chief Torres stated he would have to do some more research but could look into it before paying for the purchase. He will look to see if they could use the grant.

Commissioner Velasquez asked if they have a grant writer, if they could use them to look into that.

Assistant Town Manager Greene addressed the comments made regarding the grant.

Mayor Danzinger asked regarding the general fund expenditure on page 83 where it shows executive jumping salaries and thought it was for the Planner but does that take into account for Code.

Assistant Town Manager Greene explained what the details state on page 99 also includes the additional human resources staff.

Mayor Danzinger asked regarding page 83 as it pertains to public safety.

Assistant Town Manager Greene stated that is for major projects including dispatch and the radio system.

Mayor Danzinger asked regarding the legislative budget on page 87 and some of the balances.

Assistant Town Manager Greene explained what the legislative budget entails and the budget closes on Friday.

Mayor Danzinger went over the different line items and stated that the machinery and equipment budget and believes there is a discrepancy with the new employees obtaining \$2,500 in computers and the Commission budget is \$1,000 for them to share.

Assistant Town Manager Greene stated that whatever the elected officials need they will provide for them and if there is no funding they will find the contingency in order

to provide the items.

Mayor Danzinger spoke regarding some line items are not increasing when the cost is going up. He stated that he would hate to come before the Commission for an amendment because they need a computer or something else.

Vice Mayor Rose stated that he is fine with the budget amendment if needed. He stated that he will not be requesting a new computer or phone. He suggested having an office space in Town.

Mayor Danzinger spoke regarding the budget for office supply and believes it should be higher in order to purchase stationary and other items.

Vice Mayor Rose spoke regarding if they need extra funding for items they would need to go to Assistant Town Manager Greene for a budget amendment.

Assistant Town Manager Greene stated if the amount is small they would not need to come back with a budget amendment.

Mayor Danzinger spoke regarding the larger projects including the 96th Street Park.

Assistant Town Manager Greene addressed the comments made by Mayor Danzinger.

Mayor Danzinger stated that they need to get the priorities correct.

Commissioner Landsman stated that this is to approve the budget which includes the projects.

Vice Mayor Rose stated that he would like to have the conversation of what needs to get done and the priority.

Assistant Town Manager Greene stated that this is to approve the budget and the priorities they could work with the Commission.

Town Manager Hyatt stated that when this Commission came in they provided their top priorities and they are all equal in priority and each one takes a certain amount of time and process.

Commissioner Meischeid asked if they need more staff.

Town Manager Hyatt stated no, it is the type of project and they give it equal amount of time and priority.

Commissioner Velasquez provided her comments regarding the importance of the undergrounding and Abbott Avenue drainage projects.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Rose to adopt the final budget, seconded by Commissioner Meischeid. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

6. Public Comments

There were no public speakers.

Vice Mayor Rose commended the Public Works staff for keeping the streets dry during this storm.

Mayor Danzinger agrees and spoke regarding the main breakage and thanked them for doing a great job in fixing it.

7. Adjournment

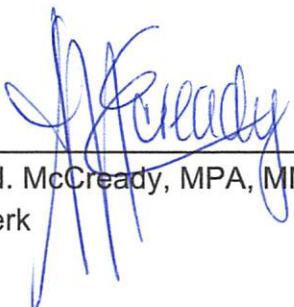
There being no further business to discuss before the Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Landsman to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Velasquez. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Accepted this 12th day of October, 2022.



Shlomo Danzinger, Mayor

Attest:



Sandra N. McCready, MPA, MMC
Town Clerk