



Minutes
Town of Lake Park, Florida
Budget Workshop
July 23, 2008 7:30 p.m.
Town Commission Chambers, 535 Park Avenue

The Town Commission met for the purpose of a Budget Workshop on Wednesday, July 23, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. Present were Mayor DuBois, Vice-Mayor Daly, Commissioners Balius, Carey, and Osterman, Town Manager Maria Davis, Attorney Thomas Baird, and Town Clerk Vivian Mendez.

Mayor DuBois led the pledge of allegiance
Town Clerk Vivian Mendez performed the Roll Call

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

General Fund: Enterprise Fund: Consensus of General Fund Tentative Millage: Consensus of Debt Service Millage

Town Manager Maria Davis explained the Town's position since the Legislature made their mandated cuts last year and with the passage of Amendment One. She discussed the changes that were made in the Town's budget over the last year. She explained that because of the Legislative changes, by Legislation she will have to increase the Town's millage rate. She stated that she and Finance Director Anne Costello would give a co-presentation of the new budgeting process that was given by the State. She thanked the Town's department heads for their efforts in the budgeting process.

Finance Director Anne Costello began the Power Point presentation of the Town's Budget for Fiscal Year 2008 -2009 (see Exhibit "A").

Town Manager Maria Davis continued the presentation (see Exhibit "A", slide titled "Positions Eliminated") once Ms. Costello was finished. She gave an overview of the changes that were made to positions in the Town and explained that one employee's position was eliminated last year and there would be two additional part time positions eliminated this year. She continued with the presentation and explained each slide. She discussed the changes that would be made to Police staff.

Captain Douglas Reece explained that there would no longer be a receptionist position at the front desk of the Sheriff's office and he explained the new procedure for the front office.

Town Manager Maria Davis stated that she was able to reduce the Town's original contract with the Sherriff's office from a proposed increase of \$208,775 to only \$60,000. She noted that she reviewed the Town's hurricane preparedness plan and noticed that there was no money budgeted for that purpose. That situation was rectified. She mentioned that fire fees had decreased by \$14,600.

Finance Director Anne Costello reviewed the recommended millage rates for the Town (see Exhibit "A", slide titled "Recommended Millage Rates").

Commissioner Balius stated that based on what he'd seen that night and the literature he received the budget presentation was the best he'd seen. He commended Town Manager Maria Davis and Finance Director Anne Costello and staff for their efforts in compiling the budget.

Vice-Mayor Daly commented and stated that he was in agreement with the budget and that the presentation was fantastic.

Commissioner Carey commented on the budget and expressed that he was in agreement with the budget.

Mayor DuBois commented on the budget and thanked Town Manger Maria Davis and Finance Director Anne Costello for their efforts on the presentation.

Vice-Mayor Daly asked Captain Douglas Reece if he would consider using a volunteer for the front lobby of the Sheriff's office.

Captain Douglas Reece stated that he was in the process of researching the possibility.

Mayor DuBois asked the community to consider volunteering for boards and other needed services in the Town.

The Commission came to consensus on the Town's operating millage rate to be set at 8.5163 and the debt service millage to be set at 1.15.

Town Manager Maria Davis announced that the first Public Hearing for the budget was scheduled for September 3, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. and the final Public Hearing was scheduled for September 17, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. She continued with the Power Point presentation of the Town's Budget (see Exhibit "A", slide titled ""Streets and Roads Fund").

Commissioner Carey asked what the revenue would be to the Marina for leasing office space.

Town Manager Maria Davis stated that revenue would be approximately \$22,000.

Vice-Mayor Daly asked Major Michael Veccia if the Sheriff's office would be removing their boats from the Marina's boat slips once their building at Phil Foster Park was complete.

Major Michael Veccia stated that he did not know if all of the Sheriff's boats would be removed and stated that he would check on it.

Vice-Mayor Daly requested that Mr. Veccia let the Commission know as soon as possible what the Sheriff's office would be doing with the boats that are currently docked at the Marina.

Public Comment Open

Dorothy Taylor, 236 Cypress Dr. – asked the Commission to consider placing any amount of funds toward celebrating the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday in the Town.

Public Comment Closed.

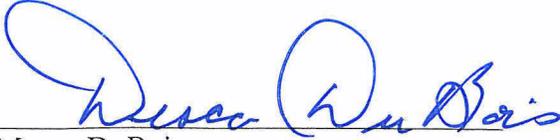
Mayor DuBois stated that the Commission would consider her request.

Commissioner Balius stated that the Town's budget was not as bad as he expected it to be. He stated that the Town has had to cut back on its recreational functions but has not cut back on services. He stated that he was unhappy with the State and the big tax break. He stated that the presentation on the Town's budget was outstanding.

Town Manager Maria Davis thanked the Commission for their comments on the presentation and she thanked staff for their efforts in putting the budget together.

ADJOURNMENT

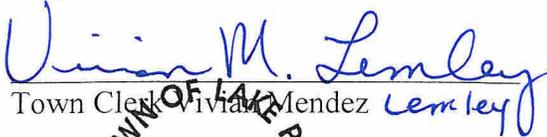
There being no further business to come before the Commission and after a motion to adjourn by Commissioner Balias and seconded by Vice-Mayor Daly, and by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



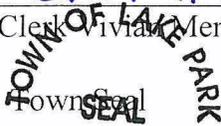
Mayor DuBois



Deputy Clerk Jessica Shepherd



Town Clerk Vivian Mendez Lemley



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Approved on this 3 of September 2008.