



TUESDAY

MINUTES
TOWN OF HILLSBORO BEACH
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 13, 2012

5:01PM

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM. The Town Clerk called the roll with the Commission members and staff present as listed below, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Commission:

Mayor Dan Dodge	Commissioner Javier Garcia
Vice Mayor Claire Schubert	Commissioner Dick Maggiore
Commissioner Jim Lambert - Absent	

Town Staff:

Town Clerk Jean-Marie Mark	Deputy Town Clerk, Irene George
Town Attorney D.J. Doody	Chief Thomas Nagy
Water Plant Superintendent, Mike George	

Mayor Dodge opened the meeting stating tonight's meeting was to establish the tentative millage rate and adopting a tentative budget for the General and Water Fund.

1. Consideration of Resolution No. 749 - Adopting the Tentative Millage for General Operations for FY 2012-2013

Mr. Stephen Bloom of Severn Trent reviewed the information provided and answered questions regarding the required votes based on the millage rate.

Mayor Dodge opened the meeting for public comments at 5:07 PM

Ms. Celinda Sawtelle of 1057 Hillsboro Mile - Diamondhead stated as a taxpayer she did not believe that the town should be paying for any conferences, seminars, hotels, and gas for travel or attending of galas or balls. Ms. Sawtelle further stated the previous commission had always paid for attending these events on their own. Ms. Sawtelle also questioned the need for the additional officer being requested, as there has not been an increase in crime in town and recalled the Police Department had agreed to drop an officer if a Detective was to be hired.

With no one else coming forward, Mayor Dodge closed the public comments at 5:10 PM. Mayor Dodge also stated over the years the Town Officials have been reimbursed for conferences and some travel.

Vice Mayor Schubert inquired if the millage rate can be changed at the next meeting.

Mr. Stephen Bloom explained after the millage rate is set tonight; it can only be lowered and not raised.

Vice Mayor Schubert made a motion to set the Tentative Millage rate at 3.59. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Town Attorney Doody read into record by title only Resolution No. 749 - Adopting the Tentative Millage for General Operations for FY 2012-2013

Vice Mayor Schubert made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 749 - Adopting the Tentative Millage for General Operations for FY 2012-2013. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 750 - Adopting the Tentative General Fund Budget for FY 2012-2013

Mr. Stephen Bloom briefly reviewed the General Fund Budget and stated the each department showed a comparison from last year's to the current year.

Mayor Dodge opened the meeting for public comments at 5:19 PM. With no one coming forward, Mayor Dodge closed the public comments at 5:19 PM

Commissioner Garcia recommended the stipend remain the same and not be increased, which will reduce the budget by \$11,100.

Vice Mayor Schubert inquired what the cost would be if an additional police officer was hired.

Mr. Bloom stated the cost for a new police officer would be \$89,000, which includes benefits.

After further discussion, Vice Mayor Schubert stated she would like to find other places to save money.

Mayor Dodge recommended an additional \$5,000 to be added to legal fees and he that he will be reviewing the cost of insurance with Mr. Bloom next week.

Mayor Dodge stated on page 3 for license and permits the new budget is at \$85,000 and believe it could be brought up to \$100,000.

Vice Mayor Schubert made a motion to adopt the Tentative General Fund Budget for FY 2012-2013 with the modifications noted above. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Town Attorney Doody read into record by title only Resolution No. 750 - Adopting the Tentative General Fund Budget for FY 2012-2013

Vice Mayor Schubert made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 750 - Adopting the Tentative General Fund Budget for FY 2012-2013. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. Consideration of Resolution No. 751 - Adopting the Tentative Water Fund for FY 2012-2013

Mr. Stephen Bloom reviewed the budget summary for the water fund and stated it is down by 53.9%. The difference falls under the revenue, proceeds from the loan and expenses. For the non-operating expenses, there is an increase of 1%.

Mayor Dodge opened the meeting for public comments at 6:12 PM. With no one coming forward, Mayor Dodge closed the public comments at 6:12 PM

Mayor Dodge stated a new truck had to be purchased sooner than anticipated, but an additional vehicle is still required. Mayor Dodge asked Water Plant Superintendent, Mike George if \$17,000 would cover the cost of the additional truck the department needs.

Water Plant Superintendent, Mike George indicated \$17,000 would cover the cost of the additional truck.

Vice Mayor Schubert made a motion to adopt the Tentative Water Fund for FY 2012-2013. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Town Attorney Doody read into record by title only Resolution No. 751 - Adopting the Tentative Water Fund Budget for FY 2012-2013.

Vice Mayor Schubert made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 751 - Adopting the Tentative Water Fund for FY 2012-2013. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM

ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF September 2012.

By:



Dan Dodge, Mayor

9-24-12

ATTEST:



Jean-Marie Mark, Town Clerk