



MINUTES
TOWN OF HILLSBORO BEACH
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 11, 2013

WEDNESDAY

6:00PM

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:05 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 Jim Lambert
Vice Mayor Claire Schubert	Commissioner Dick Maggiore
Commissioner Javier Garcia - Arrived at 6:08 PM	

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 called for a moment of silence in remembrance of the victims of 9-11.

1. Consideration of Resolution No. 764 - Adopting the Tentative Millage for General Operations for FY 2013-2014

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 6:12 PM and with no one stepping forward Mayor Dodge closed the public comments at 6:12 PM.

Mr. Bloom reminded the Commission that the only numbers are not firm is the cost of the medical insurance

Commissioner Garcia made a motion to set the Tentative Millage rate at 3.8. Vice Mayor Schubert seconded the motion, which passed 3/2 with Commissioners Lambert and Maggiore voting against.

Town Attorney Doody read into record by title only Resolution No. 764 - Adopting the Tentative Millage for General Operations for FY 2013-2014

Vice Mayor Schubert made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 764 - Adopting the Tentative Millage for General Operations for FY 2013-2014. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion, which passed 4/1 with Commissioner Maggiore voting against.

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 765 - Adopting the Tentative General Fund Budget for FY 2013-2014

Mr. Stephen Bloom briefly reviewed the General Fund Budget and noted the major changes outlined on page 4 with a decrease of \$180,000 which included beach project, new trash contract, personnel in the Police Department and purchase of the new radios. The increases came from the increased rate for FRS, overtime for the Police Department and the Fire Services contract.

Mayor Dodge opened the meeting for public comments at 6:38 PM.

Sergeant David Clark, PBA Representative proposed a rollover of the last contract which would be an increase freeze for this year and for the 2nd and 3rd year the increase would be capped at 3%.

Town Attorney Doody thanked Sergeant Clark for clarifying the information as it differed from what he was originally given.

Mayor Dodge closed the public comments at 6:40 PM

Mr. Bloom stated he hopes the insurance comes in close or below the 10% he had allocated.

Mayor Dodge inquired if the revenue amounts included any of the new construction.

Mr. Bloom stated it did not.

Mayor Dodge suggested outsourcing specifically the Town Clerk's position.

Commissioner Maggiore stated this was tried in the past and it failed. The problem is when there are only 2 employees in Town Hall and when 1 is out, it gets overwhelming. The past 2 weeks, Sara Jane has been out and there was no one here at the front desk to help. The Building Official did sit at the front desk for a few days. Irene handles the bank deposits, lien searches, employee benefits, mail among other things and the phone never stops. The residents want to be able call here and speak to a Towns employee.

Commissioner Lambert stated with only 2 employees in Town Hall and 1 in Maintenance we should leave well enough alone. The Town Clerk got the last minute water notices today, the Water Department is working on a skeleton crew and if we outsource these 2 positions, we'll need to hire someone else. Commissioner Lambert further stated the Building Department, Financing and Planning are all outsourced and does not want to outsource the maintenance or the clerks. Commissioner Lambert inquired where the problem was.

Vice Mayor Schubert stated her experience with outsourcing is through the condominium and that it had been tried but it was a nightmare. With outsourcing there is no continuity and loyalty. Vice Mayor Schubert indicated she has not heard of any problems.

Commissioner Garcia stated when a resident calls they want to speak to someone that can answer their questions.

Town Attorney Doody requested an amendment to increase their rate from \$195 per hour to \$205 per hour and that this is would be the 2nd rate increase since the firm started with the Town in 2007.

Commissioner Lambert stated he believes this is a very reasonable request and our responsibility is to not waste money creating new or changing the ordinances of past commissions.

Mayor Dodge agreed with Commissioner Lambert and further stated the volume will be reduced as some of the projects have been completed and each of us can be more prepared prior to contacting the Town Attorney on the phone.

Commissioner Maggiore stated he was not in favor of an increase.

Commissioner Garcia stated he was in agreement for the rate increase.

Commissioner Lambert made a motion to amend the hourly rate from \$195 to \$205. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion, which passed 4/1 with Commissioner Maggiore voting against.

Vice Mayor Schubert suggested some funds be put aside to spruce up Town Hall.

Mayor Dodge requested the Vice Mayor to present some figures on the cost.

Commissioner Lambert made a motion to adopt the Tentative General Fund Budget for FY 2013-2014 with the modification noted above. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion, which passed 4/1 with Commissioner Maggiore voting against.

Town Attorney Doody read into record by title only Resolution No. 765 - Adopting the Tentative General Fund Budget for FY 2013-2014

Commissioner Lambert made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 765 - Adopting the Tentative Water Fund for FY 2013-2014. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion, which passed 4/1 with Commissioner Maggiore voting against

3. Consideration of Resolution No. 766 - Adopting the Tentative Water Fund for FY 2013-2014

Mr. Stephen Bloom briefly reviewed the budget summary for the water fund.

Mayor Dodge opened the meeting for public comments at 7:32 PM. With no one coming forward, Mayor Dodge closed the public comments at 7:32 PM

Commissioner Lambert noted the revenue was lower and inquired about the status on the meter replacements.

Mike George, Water Plant Superintendent stated the meter replacements are just about complete with 5 meters left. Mr. George explained the new meters are highly sensitive and calculates every drop whereas the old meters were not as accurate.

Commissioner Garcia inquired about the salaries for the Water Department and if these ranges are accurate for the new water plant.

Mr. George stated the salary ranges are comparable; ranging from \$19.00 to \$23.00 per hour.

Commissioner Garcia made a motion to adopt the Tentative Water Fund Budget for FY 2013-2014. Commissioner Lambert seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Town Attorney Doody read into record by title only Resolution No. 766- Adopting the Tentative Water Fund Budget for FY 2013-2014.

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Commissioner Garcia made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 766 - Adopting the Tentative Water Fund for FY 2013-2014. Commissioner Maggiore seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF September 2012.

By:



Dan Dodge, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jean-Marie Mark, Town Clerk