

**TOWN OF DAVIE
BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6591 ORANGE DRIVE
JULY 23, 2015 – 5:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS

Robert Preziosi, Chair	P
David Oakes, Vice Chair	P
Andy O'Boyle	P
William Bamford	P
Sy Dorn	P

ALSO PRESENT

Budget and Finance Director Bill Ackerman
Town Attorney John Rayson
Development Administrator Phillip Holste

*Note: Items were discussed out of order.

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. Roll was called and it was determined a quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 April 23, 2015

Motion made by Mr. Dorn, seconded by Mr. Oakes, to approve the minutes of the Committee's April 23, 2015 meeting. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Inventory of Town-owned property Purchased for Open Space

Mr. Ackerman distributed a list of all Town-owned property. Mr. Holste said there were no Town Council agenda items to purchase additional open space and the Town was not in the market for any. Aside from the Silver Oaks property, Mr. Holste knew of no property the Town definitely intended to sell.

Mr. Holste informed the Committee that the Town had an RFP on the market for a provider to run Battens Farm.

3.2 City of Sunrise Water Supply

Mr. Rayson explained that the City of Sunrise owned some of the water infrastructure in the Town of Davie and described the difficulty of having the Town take over that infrastructure.

A Committee member wondered if there would be any value to the Town owning this infrastructure. Mr. Rayson felt there would be and noted that the improvements cost millions and had a useful life of fifty years. He thought that for new development, the Town should emulate Weston, which used its own infrastructure to obtain water from Sunrise.

Mr. Oakes stated the question was whether there would be a cost benefit to the Town owning all of the infrastructure and what the effect would be on the Town's rates. He asked if Sunrise had sufficient capacity to service Davie over the next five to 20 years. Mr. Rayson stated Sunrise did not have unlimited capacity and Davie's water plant was only operating at half capacity, so the situation was much different than it was when the Town agreed to use Sunrise for water service.

Motion made by Mr. Oakes, seconded by Mr. Dorn, for staff to take a long-range look at the Town's own water capacity in light of potential growth, to consider whether Sunrise could continue to service the Town's water needs, particularly along the I-595 corridor and to determine whether it was economically and politically feasible to acquire new infrastructure that would be constructed by new residential and commercial development in the Town. An outside study should be conducted if staff determined a more extensive study was needed. In a voice vote, motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Bamford abstaining.

3.3 Nova Drive Widening - From Davie Road to College Avenue

Mr. Ackerman reported the design was complete and was being reviewed by the County. The goal was for construction to begin in summer 2016, but Davie Road between Nova Drive and State Road 84 must be completed first.

3.4 Budget Calendar

Mr. Ackerman stated the second budget workshop was scheduled for the following Wednesday. Staff was presenting a balanced budget, with no use of one-time revenue sources or reserve funds. The debt service millage rate would be lower due to refinancing bonds, and the proposed operating millage rate would be lowered as well.

Mr. Ackerman reported they would use .1 mill toward CIP annually. Next year this would total approximately \$750,000.

3.5 Fiber Optics

Mr. Ackerman informed the Committee that the Town's new IT Director was still acclimating. He stated they would add three new employees to IT next year. In the next month or so, the new director would bring an IT update to the Town Council and Mr. Lemack was ensuring this included fiber optics, per the Committee's recommendation.

4. NEW BUSINESS

None.

5. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Mr. Ackerman agreed to provide updates on fiber optics, the Sunrise Water supply, the budget process and the Shenandoah Fire Station.

Chair Preziosi wished to know what percentage of residents in the Town would live within a 6-7 minutes response time of a fire house after the completion of the Shenandoah Fire Station. Mr. Ackerman agreed to find this statistic.

6. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Date

Committee Member/Chair