

**TOWN COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
AUGUST 29, 1996**

The workshop was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Present were Mayor Venis, Vice-Mayor Cox, Councilmembers Kiar and Santini, Town Administrator Flatley and Town Attorney Webber. Also present were all department heads and Town Clerk Reinfeld who recorded the meeting. Councilmember Bush was absent.

Councilmember Kiar made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Santini, to excuse Councilmember Bush from the meeting. In a voice vote, with Councilmember Bush being absent, all voted in favor.

Margie Main, representing Crime Watch, summarized the details of the proposed new police and fire facility. She thanked all the volunteers who supported the bond issue.

Vice-Mayor Cox announced the installation of the bridge at the Robbins Property. She invited everyone to attend a noon luncheon the following day in celebration of the installation.

**1. 1996-97 Budget**

Mayor Venis stated the budget had been reviewed in detail and some reallocations had been determined. Councilmember Santini requested an update from the previous budget workshop meeting. Christopher Wallace, Director of Budget and Finance, stated that a goal setting session between Council and staff had been held and the primary concern had been to not raise taxes. He said that a decision had been made to fund the Emergency Medical Services costs through an assessment. Mr. Wallace expressed that the majority of cuts had involved altering or eliminating some goals from the previous year and maintaining the current year's appropriation level.

Mr. Wallace described the changes for the year and summarized the interim services fee and implementation of an impact fee. He advised that some of the occupational license fees had been increased and the cable franchise was forecasted for the following year. Mr. Wallace indicated that there had not been an increase in the operating millage rate for five years.

Regarding expenditures, Mr. Wallace stated that the Town had saved money on medical insurance, self-insuring liability and worker's compensation claims expenses. He said that refinancing the debt service had also saved money along with the leave time accruals "use it or lose it" approach.

A detailed review of the budget followed with Mr. Wallace mentioning that the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) had a separate budget and supplemental appropriations would be provided in the first quarter.

There being no objections or further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

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Mayor/Councilmember

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Town Clerk