

**TOWN OF DAVIE  
BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
6591 ORANGE DRIVE  
JANUARY 23, 2014 – 5:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**ALSO PRESENT**

Budget and Finance Director Bill Ackerman  
Director of Public Works Mark Collins  
Councilmember Hattan

**1. ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. Roll was called and it was determined a quorum was present.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 2.1 May 2013
- 2.2 October 2013

Motion made by Mr. O'Boyle, seconded by Mr. Bamford, to approve the minutes of the Committee's May 2013 meeting. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Oakes, seconded by Mr. Bamford, to approve the minutes of the Committee's October 2013 meeting. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

- 3.1 Stormwater Study

Mr. Ackerman said a workshop with Council was planned for February 19 to go over the study.

Mr. Collins was updating information with the consultant, as the process was begun 18 months ago and some things had changed.

Mr. Collins stated 8 - 10 employees would be covered by the salaries on the worksheet. The majority of the work of these employees would relate to maintaining, installing and repairing conveyance systems for stormwater and maintaining retention areas. Mr. Ackerman said Council needed to approve the project and then funding would be identified.

Mr. Collins informed Mr. Oakes that the Town was currently in compliance with EPA requirements. He said he was working on creating an atlas showing locations and sizes of underground pipes.

Mr. Oakes felt the need for the project had not been clearly stated. It should be demonstrated that this was a critical issue that needed to be solved. He also felt the costs were underestimated. Mr. Collins agreed, and said the study would identify the issues and ways to address them, but he also believed that it would not be possible to resolve all flooding issues, since South Florida was at sea level. Mr. Oakes suggested establishing a citizens' committee who could serve as advocates in the community.

Motion made by Mr. Oakes, seconded by Mr. O'Boyle to advise Council that before establishing an enterprise fund for the project, staff should first determine the need and the associated fees. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously. [Motion was made later in the meeting]

### 3.2 Fire Station - Shenandoah

Mr. Ackerman read an update from Parks and Recreation Director David Flaherty stating that the project was in its final stages of design and the station was projected to be completed in the last quarter of 2015.

Mr. O'Boyle said the playground equipment had already been delivered.

Mr. Collins reported the project had been approved unanimously by the Site Plan Committee and the Planning and Zoning Committee.

### 3.3 Pension Reform

Mr. Ackerman stated Council had approved a pension reform plan for the General Employees and Management pension plan that reduced benefits for future employees by using a new multiplier, including an employee contribution and increasing the retirement age. This would reduce the Town's contribution from 26.67% to 22.2%. Over the next 20 years or so, they anticipated it would be reduced to 7% or 8%. In the Police pension plan, the new contract included an additional 1% employee contribution in 2015 and another 1% in 2016.

## 4. NEW BUSINESS

### 4.1 Budget Calendar

Mr. Ackerman provided an update and said Council's Goal Setting and summer budget workshops were key to developing the calendar. In February, Council would set the date for the Goal Setting session, which he anticipated to be in March. He thought the budget workshops would be held in June, provided they had information from the property appraiser. They usually met with departments in April and May to go over their budgets. Mr. Ackerman agreed to inform Committee members of exact dates for the meetings.

### 4.2 Budget Priorities

Mr. Ackerman said at this point they had not developed specific priorities except for balancing the budget without the use of one-time revenue sources. Right now, they were focusing on the five-year forecast.

### 4.3 Status of Current Budget

Mr. Ackerman reported he would make a presentation to Council on February 5 for a status update on the General Fund. He said their ad valorem collection had been steady for the

last six or seven years; in the first quarter they collected approximately 90% of what they had budgeted.

4.4 Southwest Ranches Police Services

Mr. Ackerman stated they had negotiated a five-year contract for services effective February 1. For the first year, Southwest Ranches would pay the Town \$2.2 million which would escalate 4% the second year and be reviewed annually. There would be a total of 16 employees dedicated to Southwest Ranches.

5. **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

Mr. Ackerman agreed to provide an update on the budget process and meetings schedule.

6. **COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS**

**Red Light Cameras**

Mr. Ackerman was unaware of any action to come before Council regarding red light cameras.

Dr. Preziosi remarked that the Pine Island and Nova Drive intersection was very dangerous and wondered why there was no camera there. Mr. Ackerman said American Traffic Solution performed studies and determined appropriate locations for the cameras.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

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Date

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Committee Member/Chair