

TOWN COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 4, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Present were Mayor Venis, Vice-Mayor Cox and Councilmembers Bush, Kiar and Santini. Also present were Town Administrator Flatley, Town Attorney Webber and Town Clerk Reinfeld recording the meeting.

1. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE  
R-96-254 PROVISION OF FIRE RESCUE SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF ASSESSMENT; IMPOSING FIRE RESCUE ASSESSMENTS AGAINST ASSESSED PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWN OF DAVIE; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Christopher Wallace, Director of Budget and Finance, explained the purpose of the meeting. He stated that tonight's discussion would include how the EMS services were to be paid and the method of payment. Mr. Wallace advised that previous discussions had been held whether the payment should be in the form of a special assessment or property tax. He indicated that one reason for an assessment was because a large portion of property in the Town was exempt most notably the education complex. Mr. Wallace stated that the assessment was designed to recover only the money that was provided for EMS and added that an assessment roll had been prepared which was based upon historical call data and property type.

Mayor Venis asked if anyone wished to speak for or against the resolution.

David Thompson, 5391 SW 58 Avenue, spoke in opposition and indicated that if the program was to move forward, he would be in favor a combination of property assessment along with a user tax.

Judith Zoltag, 3900 NW 77 Avenue, discussed her homeowner's association with Mayor Venis advising Ms. Zoltag to get with him after the meeting.

Cindy Osborne, 4420 SW 64 Avenue, spoke in opposition to the burden placed on commercial business owners.

John Pisula, 2933 SW 136 Avenue, discussed the cost of the EMS service in three years and everyone paying their fair share.

Iva Smith, Pastor - Davie Church of God, spoke in opposition to churches paying the proposed tax.

Curtis Hanks, 4855 SW 32 Avenue, spoke in opposition to the cost for mobile home park owners as the lot rent would be raised for the mobile home owners.

Al Tyler, 8090 SW 19 Court, spoke in opposition to the increase for business owners.

Judy Stern, 3921 SW 47 Avenue, indicated that Dawn Myers had filed a notice of objection on assessments filed on certain properties.

Deborah Parvis, 4126 SW 65 Avenue, asked questions, which were in turn answered by Council, regarding what made Council decided that the residents wanted the change in EMS, regarding schools paying once their budgets were set, helping the elderly who were on a fixed income and if the fee would be reduced once the Town took over the EMS responsibilities.

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Janet Thompson, 5391 SW 58 Avenue, spoke in opposition to the Women's Club increase in costs.

Robert Dickinson, Pastor of Davie United Methodist Church, spoke in opposition to churches paying the proposed tax.

Pat Gratton, 3800 Flamingo Road - DayStar Administrator, spoke in opposition.

Edna Moore, 6553 Stirling Road, spoke in opposition and said that the users should be studied more.

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Councilmember Santini questioned where the consultant obtained its breakdown of service calls. Camille Gianatasio, representing Nabors Giblin and Nickerson, stated that the figures were obtained from the Town's Fire Department and the total number of calls for fiscal year 1994-95 were approximately 6,000. Vice-Mayor Cox advised that the residents were paying for having the service available not for the number of times a call was made to a residence.

Mike Palivo, Pastor - Davie Apostolic Church, spoke in opposition to churches paying the proposed tax.

Father Paul Sobiechowski, 5401 SW 64 Avenue - St. Joseph's Polish National Catholic Church, spoke in opposition to churches paying the proposed tax.

Mason Wachtstetter, 5020 SW 70 Avenue, questioned the amount of revenue being received from this assessment. Councilmember Santini replied \$1.2 million. Mr. Wachtstetter questioned who would be providing the transport services.

Reverend Darrell Sturenberg, 7601 SW 39 Street - Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, spoke in opposition to churches paying the proposed tax.

Fred North, 960 SW 134 Avenue, questioned what the Town was receiving for the amount that was being spent.

Raymond Bakely, 6420 West Falcon's Lea Drive, stated that his primary objection was that the assessment was not included in the millage.

After some discussion, Councilmember Kiar made a motion to approve the resolution with houses of worship being exempt regardless of denomination. Mayor Venis passed the gavel and seconded the motion. After a lengthy discussion on legalities and budgetary shortfalls, Councilmember Kiar amended his motion to exempt all religious institutions and educational institutions and to add a \$25 user fee to be paid to the Town to offset the fee. Mayor Venis seconded the amended motion. Councilmember Santini announced that the Town had other funds that could be provided to needy institutions. In a roll call, the vote was as follows: Mayor Venis - yes; Vice-Mayor Cox - no; Councilmember Bush - no; Councilmember Kiar - yes; and Councilmember Santini - no. (Motion denied 2-3)

Vice-Mayor Cox made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bush, to approve the resolution. In a roll call, the vote was as follows: Mayor Venis - yes; Vice-Mayor Cox - yes; Councilmember Bush - yes; Councilmember Kiar - no; and Councilmember Santini - yes. (Motion carried 4-1)

Councilmember Kiar stated that he had a philosophical problem but wanted to join his colleagues as he felt that an improved EMS program was needed. He asked for Council's reconsideration to change his vote to make the vote unanimous. Mr. Webber stated that this change would require a motion to reconsider. As no motion was made, Councilmember Kiar stated to let his vote stand.

There being no objections or further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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**Mayor/Councilmember**

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**Town Clerk**