

TOWN OF DAVIE
BUDGET/COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT WORKSHOP
AUGUST 1, 2012

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 3:26 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were Mayor Paul, Vice-Mayor Luis and Councilmembers Caletka, Hattan and Starkey. Also present were Town Administrator Lemack, Town Attorney Rayson, and Assistant Town Clerk Evelyn Roig recording the meeting.

3. BUDGET PRESENTATION

Budget and Finance Director Bill Ackerman gave a Power Point presentation, a copy of which is attached to these minutes for the public record.

Mr. Ackerman explained what they still planned: no increase in the millage rate; a subsidy for the debt millage rate; reduction of solid waste assessment; no increase in the Fire Assessment Fee; no layoffs or reduction of services.

Mr. Ackerman highlighted the changes since the last presentation.

Mayor Paul was relieved that the budget gap had been reduced to \$1.9 million, including the capital programs.

Mr. Ackerman explained to Councilmember Starkey that they anticipated collecting 95% of their anticipated property tax revenue.

Councilmember Hattan asked about the funds for demolishing the old golf clubhouse. Mr. Ackerman said this had been included in the second reading of the budget amendment. If the work were not done this year, they would need to amend next year's budget.

Councilmember Caletka asked how the self-insurance fund was funded and Mr. Ackerman said the self-insurance fund charged all of the other funds.

Councilmember Starkey said there had been unsuccessful legislation requiring homeowners to pay a minimum amount of property taxes, regardless of their exemptions.

4. COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT

Mitch Taylor, Grants Coordinator, gave a Power Point presentation, a copy of which is attached to these minutes for the public record.

Mayor Paul feared running out of money because there were no new funds available. She wanted to encourage applicants to seek other grants and to become self-sufficient. Mayor Paul said they must be very aware of organizations' administrative costs and the other ways the Town aided these organizations.

Mayor Paul said she had kept two organizations at the current level: The Aging and Disability Resource and Family Central; this was because they used matching funds and obtained grants, and their administrative fees were low. She had lowered her recommendations for all other organizations. Mayor Paul pointed out that reducing the total they disbursed would allow them to rebuild the pool of money.

Mr. Rayson announced he would turn in approximately \$6,700 tonight from the Diversion Program, and he suggested this be added to the Community Endowment.

Councilmember Starkey agreed with maintaining funding levels for The Aging and Disability Resource and Family Central. She wanted input from the other organizations regarding whether they would prefer receiving a reduced amount this year or if they had already budgeted the same amount as last year.

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Craig Vanderland from Crisis Housing Solutions said they had been housed by the Town for approximately 2 ½ years and thanked the Town for this. He stated they were on the path to self-sufficiency and they had requested additional funds this year to help with their new community stabilization program. He said he was willing to accept whatever Council thought was best.

A representative from Firewall Ministries thanked Council for their support. He said they served 100 middle and high school students every day and their program costs were approximately \$1,500 per year, per child. The representative said he would prefer to maintain the funding amount this year.

Councilmember Caletka said he preferred to provide the same level of funding this year.

Councilmember Hattan agreed they must consider the other in-kind contributions the Town made to organizations, as well as the organizations' administrative costs.

Vice-Mayor Luis suggested giving the organizations the same amount as last year's award.

Mayor Paul said next year, they would probably recommend funding at 50% of the current levels, unless the requests decreased substantially.

Mr. Holste stated based on that recommendation, the total awards would be \$291,735.

Council agreed to direct staff to fund organizations at the prior year amount, with the exception of Old Davie School and The Aging and Disability Resource.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Approved _____

Mayor/Councilmember

Town Clerk