

**TOWN OF DAVIE
FIRST BUDGET HEARING
SEPTEMBER 7, 2011**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PUBLIC HEARING - BUDGET

Update

Mr. Lemack thanked staff for their long hours of work on the budget.

Mr. Lemack summarized the budget:

Reduced millage rate

Reduced voted debt millage rate

Reduced solid waste assessment

No increase in Fire Assessment

No use of General fund undesignated reserves, excluding the fiscal year 2012 CIP

No layoffs

No reduction of services

Budget and Finance Director Bill Ackerman said there had only been one change: adding one grant-funded position in Housing and Community Development. He stated there was a 25% increase in the budget from 2011 to 2012, due to the water and sewer plant and the issue of the CRA bonds in 2011. There had also been increases in the self-insurance fund and the vehicle maintenance fund because they were using some of those reserves to help fund the general fund for 2012.

Mr. Ackerman stated the Town's millage rate compared favorably to other municipalities in Broward County. He explained their main revenue source was property taxes, which would decrease by approximately \$670,000 next year. Most of the budget was dedicated to law enforcement and fire, which comprised 63%. The General Fund increase of \$2.72 million in 2012 would mostly go toward Police and Fire. Mr. Ackerman described the effect of the millage rate on residents, with the average homeowner seeing a reduction of approximately \$94.00.

Mr. Ackerman stated Council must approve the \$316,919 Endowment Fund donation.

Police Chief Patrick Lynn described how they would decrease the amount of time between one officer's retirement and a new officer's completed training to take his/her place. The new process would include a sponsorship to allow them to hire an officer to begin training.

In the future, Chief Lynn said they were considering: certified police officers, establishing a reserve officer program, expanding community on patrol and part time police officers. They also wanted to implement an Innovative community policing Initiative in which they would hire two additional officers specifically for the CRA area, who would be funded by the CRA.

Upcoming Meetings

Mr. Ackerman reminded Council that on September 14th at noon they would hold the Special Assessment hearing and on September 21st at 5:01 p.m. they would hold the final budget hearing.

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Resolution

3.1 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE TO BE LEVIED FOR VOTED DEBT SERVICE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2011 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

Mr. Levine read the resolution by title.

Mayor Paul opened the public hearing portion of the meeting. As no one spoke, Mayor Paul closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Councilmember Starkey made a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hattan to approve. In a roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Mayor Paul - yes; Vice-Mayor Hattan - yes; Councilmember Caletka - yes; Councilmember Luis - yes; Councilmember Starkey - yes. (Motion carried 5-0)

Ordinances First Reading (Second and Final Reading to be held on September 21, 2011)

3.2 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE MILLAGE RATE TO BE LEVIED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2011 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Paul stated the second public hearing on the ordinance would be held on September 21, 2011 at 5:01 P.M.

Mr. Levine read the ordinance by title.

Mayor Paul announced the Town of Davie's tentative operating millage rate to be levied for fiscal year 2012 is 4.8122, which is 1.10% less than the rollback rate of 4.8656. The tentative voted debt service millage rate for fiscal year 2012 is .7885.

Mayor Paul opened the public hearing portion of the meeting. As no one spoke, Mayor Paul closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Vice-Mayor Hattan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Luis to approve the millage rate. In a roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Mayor Paul - yes; Vice-Mayor Hattan - yes; Councilmember Caletka - yes; Councilmember Luis - yes; Councilmember Starkey - yes. (Motion carried 5-0)

3.3 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF DAVIE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2011 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Levine read the resolution by title.

Mayor Paul stated the second public hearing on the ordinance would be held on September 21, 2011 at 5:01 P.M.

Mayor Paul opened the public hearing portion of the meeting. As no one spoke, Mayor Paul closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Vice-Mayor Hattan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Luis to include the Community Endowment amount of \$316,919.00. In a roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Mayor Paul - yes; Vice-Mayor Hattan - yes; Councilmember Caletka - yes; Councilmember Luis - yes; Councilmember Starkey - yes. (Motion carried 5-0)

Vice-Mayor Hattan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Starkey to approve as amended. In a roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Mayor Paul - yes; Vice-Mayor Hattan - yes; Councilmember Caletka - yes; Councilmember Luis - yes; Councilmember Starkey - yes. (Motion carried 5-0)

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4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Approved _____

Mayor/Councilmember

Town Clerk