

**TOWN OF DAVIE
BUDGET WORKSHOP
JUNE 13, 2012**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 Roig.

3. BUDGET PRESENTATION

Mr. Lemack, Budget and Finance Director Bill Ackerman, Intergovernmental Affairs Manager Phil Holste and Mark Collins, Director of Public Works, gave a Power Point presentation, a copy of which is attached to these minutes for the public record.

Mr. Lemack announced he would be presenting a balanced budget. He noted that some reserves would be used, but they would still maintain a 25% balance. He thanked Council for their work to address economic issues.

Councilmember Caletka was surprised that the Value Adjustment Board had an impact on their tax revenue. Mr. Ackerman stated large business owners were appealing the value of their properties.

Regarding the part-time SRO Program, Councilmember Starkey suggested using retired officers at Nova High School and Nova Middle School to provide a cost savings. Mr. Lemack explained that there would be no savings unless they did not fill a full-time police officer position. Councilmember Starkey asked to work with Mr. Lemack on this and he agreed.

Mr. Lemack requested a workshop with Council to discuss the new Town Hall and the Golf Course Clubhouse on July 18th from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

Councilmember Hattan asked if the Town was involved in the recycling bank and Mr. Holste explained that they were currently evaluating this and would present information to Council on July 18.

Councilmember Hattan asked what the fixed franchise fee would be and Mr. Holste stated it would be approximate \$36 - \$40 per year. Councilmember Starkey favored the fixed rate so they knew what they would be getting and the rest of Council agreed.

Regarding stormwater, Mr. Collins explained to Councilmember Caletka that water was preferably not diverted to canals; it was sent via a French Drain system to catch basins to percolate back into the aquifer.

Councilmember Starkey asked about assessments for the stormwater projects and stated that she did not want new communities to be paying again. Mr. Collins said the consultant who performed the stormwater study would look into this and determine a scaled assessment. Mr. Lemack confirmed that the \$90,000 - \$125,000 cost of the study would need to be added to the Town's budget.

Councilmember Caletka stated that this would become an assessment that would be paid by a fee on homes. He said it was sad they were not paying the consultant to determine how to solve the problem but how to charge the residents to fix it. Councilmember Caletka felt it was not fair to be charging everyone for a problem that only occurred in some communities and opposed this. Mr. Collins stressed that all of the Town's drainage systems were connected and as individual areas aged, they would require maintenance.

Vice Mayor Luis felt they must do this because it was important to the entire Town's infrastructure.

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Councilmember Hattan suggested inviting the colleges to help with the study and Mr. Collins agreed to consider it.

Mayor Paul felt they must pursue this for the safety of the entire Town.

Mr. Collins stated that the funds would continue to be collected and would be used for new projects and to perform upkeep on existing systems. He explained the method used to determine the fee, which involved calculating permeable and non-permeable area on a property, and said, "The more green you have; the less you pay." Mr. Collins said the reason they were hiring the consultant was to determine the fees.

Mayor Paul asked Mr. Collins to collect additional documentation to present to Council at the July workshop.

Mr. Ackerman requested a CIP and Community Endowment workshop with Council on August 1, 2012. There was already a Special Assessment hearing scheduled for September 14 at noon; the Budget hearings were scheduled for September 5 and 19 to coincide with Council meetings.

Councilmember Caletka stated he would be away on September 14 and Mr. Rayson stated he would confirm whether Councilmember Caletka could attend and vote by phone.

Councilmember Caletka suggested Council consider reducing the Fire Assessment by \$2 and increasing the millage rate to compensate for it. Councilmember Starkey and Mayor Paul did not favor this idea.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Approved _____

Mayor/Councilmember

Town Clerk