



CITY COMMISSION BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING CONTINUED FROM AUGUST 8TH AGENDA

Monday, August 12, 2024 at 5:30 PM

City Commission Chambers – 105 S. 2ND Street, Flagler Beach, FL 32136

Items not reviewed before the 8:30 p.m. cut-off will be continued to the August 13, 2024 Budget Workshop Meeting.

PRESENT: Mayor Patti King, Chairman Scott Spradley, Vice-Chair James Sherman, Commissioners Rick Belhumeur, Eric Cooley, and Jane Mealy, City Manager Dale L. Martin, Finance Director Hollie Harlan, Assistant Finance Director Rhonda Allen, Executive Assistant Katherine Monroy and City Clerk Penny Overstreet.

***Due to the length and volume of material being reviewed these minutes will reflect discussion, direction and consensuses. ***

1. Call the meeting to order: Chair Spradley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence to honor our Veterans, members of the Armed Forces and First Responders: Commissioner Sherman led the pledge to the flag.
3. General Business
 - a. Review of draft budget changes from the August 8th meeting: Mr. Martin distributed a document that listed the changes that received a consensus for amendment. Mr. Martin spoke to the utility fees and raising the rates. Staff feels there is a need to do more research into the rates in order to justify a change. He proposed to keep the rates at the current level for three or four more months (October or November) until the research has been completed. Commissioner Cooley would like to have the rate change to the Commission before the budget hearings. Mr. Martin responded that will not be ready but the budget will be balanced with the reserve transfer to Sanitation.
 - b. Review 5year Capital Improvements Plan: Mr. Martin reviewed the Capital Improvements Plan. Discussion turned to: the additional monies requested for Parks; RFP for flowers; landscaping in Veterans Park; an irrigation system in Veterans Park; putting Parks as an agenda item. It was the consensus of the Commission to discuss the Parks as the Workshop for the first meeting in October and to invite members of the Parks Committee. Discussion turned to: use of the Wickline Center and the lease with Salty Church for the Senior Center and the Wickline School house; Salty Church storing their items permanently in one of the rooms; exclusive rights; bringing this back as an agenda item before the end of the calendar year. Commissioner Belhumeur asked about the need for sound dampening in the lobby area of the Wickline Center. Commissioner Cooley is concerned about the cost estimate for the library restrooms. Dale explained the funds will be coming from the reserves. If the project is over his spending authority, it will go out for bid and be awarded by the Commission.

Page 50: Enterprise Funds were reviewed. Commissioner Sherman expressed concern regarding vehicle costs and if staff needs heavy-duty four-wheel drive vehicles to get their job done.

Page 51: Five-year Capital Plan. Commissioner Belhumeur spoke of projects within the CRA and needed clarification regarding: the sidewalks, crosswalks and the underground utilities; programs in the state to assist in underground utilities; discussion of the undergrounding power lines; the Building Officials request for a carport for vehicles and where will it be built. Commissioner Cooley advocated for xeriscaping in the CRA, and removing the line for irrigation. Parking lots were discussed and when to start the process and adding the necessary upgrades to add

bathrooms at a later date. Commissioner Belhumeur felt there was a need to add lights to all parking lots in the City limits. Discussion moved to borrowing funds from the General Fund to assist the CRA; the need to clean up the CRA; the Commission felt strongly that the parking lots lights in the CRA need to be completed within this fiscal year.

Page 53: Discussion regarding the screw press and the increase in cost; the completion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant; construction of the river crossing.

Mr. Martin reported the next time the Commission will see the Budget will be at the Budget Hearing on September 12 unless otherwise directed.

Public Comment was opened. No comments were received. Public comment was closed.

4. Adjournment: Motion by Commissioner Sherman to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Scott Spradley, Chair

Attest:

Penny Overstreet, City Clerk