

TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA

TOWN COMMISSION

Special Public Hearing

MINUTES

Town Commission Meeting Room

4501 Ocean Drive

Thursday, September 25, 2008

4:58 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER, MAYOR ROSEANN MINNET

Mayor Roseann Minnet called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Vice Mayor Jerry McIntee, Commissioner Jim Silverstone, Commissioner Stuart Dodd, and Commissioner Birute Ann Clotley were present. Also present were Town Attorney Daniel L. Abbott, Town Manager Esther Colon, and Town Clerk June White.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Minnet opened the meeting to public comments.

Barbara Cole hoped the millage rate would be made lower.

4. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

The Commission discussed lowering the millage rate even more than the current 3.999 millage rate and foregoing the annual 5% increase in Commission's salary. Commissioner Dodd recommended 3.25 and Vice Mayor McIntee inquired of the difference in dollars if a 3.75 millage rate was adopted. He had no problem doing without a 5% increase.

Commissioner Clotley could not support a millage rate below the 3.9990. She favored not taking a 5% increase in Commission Salary. Commissioner Silverstone did not favor a lower millage as he was concerned about next years' economy.

Mayor Minnet was concerned with salary increases and an increase in health insurance costs. She wanted everyone to look at the Legislative and Policy budget and suggested areas as where dollars could be cut. Mayor Minnet recommended reducing grounds keeping and labor to maintain the municipal building to twelve (12) hours along with a reduction in dollars to recreation and special events.

The Commission agreed and thought it would be a good idea to put the proposed savings into the Capital Improvement fund.

5. RESOLUTIONS

- a. RESOLUTION 2008-25: Adopting Final Millage - PUBLIC HEARING: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LAUDERDALE BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Manager Colon)

Commissioner Silverstone made a motion to adopt 3.9990 as the final millage rate. Commissioner Clotney seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0.

- b. RESOLUTION 2008-26 - Adopting the Final Budget - PUBLIC HEARING: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2008, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Manager Colon)

Manager Colon inquired as to whether there would be an adjustment in salaries and insurance.

Commissioner Dodd made a motion to forgo the Commissioner's annual 5% salary increase. Commissioner Clotney seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0.

Manager Colon advised that a reduction of maintenance hours to the Chamber of Commerce from 61 to 12 hours would require a reduction in staff. Commissioner Clotney and Commissioner Dodd said that the Chamber of Commerce needed to be maintained. Commissioner Clotney wanted to talk to the Chamber of Commerce before any changes were made and inquired as to what Mayor Minnet's intention was when she suggested the reduction of hours.

Mayor Minnet explained that after speaking with the people at the Chamber of Commerce a reduction in the hours that staff tended the building would be warranted. She did not intend to effect staff and pulled back her request.

Manager Colon advised that if the Chamber of Commerce only wanted twelve (12) hours of maintenance she could either reduce the hours for the person allocated to that area or place that person at other locations, such as the portals. After brief discussion it was agreed that reducing

maintenance to the Chamber of Commerce was risky to the building and there was no adjustment in maintenance hours.

Manager Colon advised that the \$7,000 reduction to the Chamber's \$35,000 request for operating funds was placed into the reserve account.

The Commission discussed the allocated amount for the children's program and special events. They discussed the youth program, the introduction of soccer, aerobics for seniors, swimming and volleyball and believed additional funds should be allocated.

Vice Mayor McIntee made a motion increase the funds for Children's and Senior's activities from \$50,000 to \$60,000. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion. Commissioner Clotey wanted to know what the extra money would buy. Vice Mayor McIntee said he suggested the additional \$15,000 as a cushion because it was difficult to tell how the program would go. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 3-2. Commissioner Clotey and Mayor Minnet voted no.

Vice Mayor McIntee made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-26. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion.

In a roll call vote, the motion carried 5 - 0.

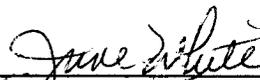
6. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Clotey made a motion to adjourn. With no further business before the Commission, Mayor Minnet adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.



Mayor Roseann Minnet

ATTEST:



Town Clerk, June White

10/20/08

Date