
COMMISSIONERS:

Terry Knowles, Mayor
Eleanor Randall, Vice Mayor
John Martin
DeLoris Roberts
William Carlton

CITY MANAGER:

Chad M. Shryock, City Manager
Donna R. Mayes, City Clerk

CITY ATTORNEY:

Steve Lee

**MINUTES
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 2, 2006**

Mayor Knowles called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Present was Mayor Knowles, Vice Mayor Randall, Commissioners Martin, Roberts and Carlton. Staff present was City Manager Shryock and City Clerk Mayes.

Commissioner Roberts gave the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Carlton.

Moved to approve the agenda of the Special Commission Meeting

Motion – Commissioner Roberts

Second – Commissioner Martin

Vote – 4-0

(Note: Vice Mayor Randall arrived at this time after vote)

1. Review FY 2006-2007 Proposed Budget

City Manager Shryock explained how the millage rate was set at a base point and asked for any questions from the Board. The Recreation Department was discussed depending on funds cut by the County the City has been asked by the YMCA to contribute \$14,000 for a share of the Recreation Director's salary. He advised that \$12,000 has been included in the budget to cover a majority of the cost.

The Board requested Mr. Shryock to go over the notes and major changes in the budget. He reviewed the General Fund stating that proposed Property Tax was budgeted at \$274,249 representing 96% of the amount to be collected at a Millage Rate of 6.5000. Included in this is the 2 mills for police protection; however, if the City decides to keep the current millage rate at 4.5000, then the property tax amount would be reduced to \$197,776. The Fire Assessment may have minor adjustments so that it will totally pay for fire protection. Fire Revenue has been increased to estimate \$70,000 if a local police department is formed, but if not this figure should be reduced back to \$20,000. Most line items either did not change or increased by a small amount. City Manager Shryock responded to questions on Admin Salary stating that cost for a Planning Intern was added in this amount, which would be \$7,000 over cost of \$17,000 now going to the NCFRPC.

Contract Labor included labor for the City Engineer to review and approve two plats and other contract labor work. Given the large amount of development work planned, this figure has not been reduced even though the Planning Council will no longer be under contract.

The Fire Budget has been amended to reflect the County's agreement to reduce the cost of the fire contract to reflect the amount they would collect if the City participated in the MSTU.

Water and Sewer are basically the same except for the Residual Contract increase by nearly 500% to dispose of bio-solids.

Sanitation Miscellaneous Income has been budgeted to reflect a required income to pay for projected revenues. The current rates are not sufficient to cover cost therefore; Mr. Shryock related the City will need to look at raising sanitation rates about 14%. He will bring a resolution back on these rates after reviewing the new hauler's fees for a couple of months.

2. Adopt Resolution Setting Proposed Millage Rate

Moved to approve Resolution 2007-01 with the Millage Rate set at 6.5000

Motion – Commissioner Martin

Second – Commissioner Roberts

Discussion – Commissioner Martin, Roberts and Randall voiced their support in being independent of the Sheriff's Office by bringing in the City's own Police Department.

Commissioner Carlton expressed his concerns about the cost for County services such as dispatch.

Vote – 5-0

3. Set Date, Time and Place of First Public Hearing

Moved to follow budget calendar with September 11, 2006, 6:30 PM First Public Hearing at City Hall 6700 SE 221st Street

Motion – Commissioner Martin

Second – Commissioner Carlton

Vote – 5-0

4. Citizens Comments

Ms. Vivian Wagner stated the City needed someone to handle the publicity for Hawthorne. She and Ms. Jane Segal voiced their support in having a local police department.

5. Adjourn

Moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM

Motion – Commissioner Martin

Second – Commissioner Roberts

Unanimous

These Minutes of the Special City Commission Meeting on August 2, 2006 are submitted for approval.

Chad M. Shryock, City Manager

Terry Knowles, Mayor

Donna R. Mayes, CMC
City Clerk