

Palmetto City Commission  
September 11, 2006 4:00 p.m.

Elected Officials Present:

Larry Bustle, Mayor  
Mary Lancaster, Vice Mayor  
Eric Ball, Commissioner  
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner (entered at 4:08 pm)  
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner  
Brian Williams, Commissioner

Staff and Others Present:

James R. Freeman, City Clerk  
Chris Lukowiak, Public Works Director  
Frank Woodard, Deputy Public Works Director  
Chief Garry Lowe  
Tanya Lukowiak, CRA Executive Director  
Karen Simpson-Deputy Clerk-Finance  
Diane Ponder, Deputy Clerk-Administration

Mayor Bustle called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. A moment of silence was observed for the 5th anniversary of September 11th and our military personnel serving overseas, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dave Smith, Waste Management, informed Commission Manatee County has approved an increase in the tipping fees at the landfill, and pursuant to the City's franchise agreement with Waste Management, the increase will be automatically passed through to City customers. Effective October 1, 2006 the rate will change from \$28 to \$32 per ton, which equates to a \$.55 solid waste rate increase to City customers.

1. APPROVAL OF WORKSHOP AGENDA

**MOTION: Mr. Williams moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve the September 11, 2006 4:00 pm agenda.**

2. FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 BUDGET

Mayor Bustle stated that the tentative budget and tentative proposed aggregate millage rate has been discussed and agreed upon, unless Commission had specific items that needed to be addressed. A general discussion was held on the following items:

- o Proposed Special Projects/Events Coordinator position
- o Proposed Facility Manager position
- o PD mobile radios
- o Code Enforcement overtime (description will be amended to read "overtime", deleting holiday)
- o Water Department vehicles
- o Total new position in Parks & Rec

No changes were made to the proposed FY 2006-2007 budget.

Commission also discussed whether or not there is a need to amend the City Attorney budget line item due to imminent domain litigation. There was no change at this time.


Mayor Bustle informed Commission Scott Christiansen, counsel for both pension boards, will attend the September 12, 2006 workshop to discuss the new language contained in the General Employees' Pension Plan proposed ordinance and the new impact study for the Police Officers' Pension Plan.

Mr. Freeman reported the notice for the CPI increase to reclaimed water of 3% and sewer of 6% has been made to utility customers. Also included in the notice was the expected tipping fee increase.

Mr. Freeman informed Commission Burton and Associates will be scheduled on an upcoming agenda to discuss the stormwater study. Initial information indicates the proposed increase is substantial. The FY 2006-2007 contains and estimated increased in the stormwater revenue.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Minutes approved: September 18, 2006

  
James R. Freeman  
City Clerk