

CITY COMMISSION BUDGET WORKSHOP
August 9, 2010
5:30 PM

Commission Members

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor
Tamara Cornwell, Vice Mayor, Commissioner-at-Large 2
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner, Ward 2
Brian Williams, Commissioner, Ward 3 (entered at 6:00 pm)

Elected Officials Absent:

Alan Zirkelbach, Commissioner-at-Large 1
Mary Lancaster, Commissioner, Ward 1

Staff Present:

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney
Jim Freeman, City Clerk
Karen Simpson, Deputy Clerk-Finance
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director
Diane Ponder, Deputy Clerk-Administration

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 5:54. It was consensus of the present Commissioners to end the meeting at 7:30 pm.

1. FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 BUDGET

Mr. Freeman began the review of the budget by displaying updated information on the medical insurance. During the discussion of the information, Mr. Freeman informed Commission that to date, Blue Cross Blue Shield is the only insurance company that will even price insurance coverage to the City. Commission requested the additional following information:

- The availability of a supplemental policy to Medicare for retirees over 65.
- Verification of the increase for employee and spouse coverage, and the reason for the increase.
- Possibility of adding a lower cost plan if the "grandfathered" policies will not be affected
- Confirmation from the Police Department as to whether or not any vacant funded positions will be filled or deleted from the budget.

Mr. Tusing deleted one position in the Parks Department that affects the General Fund, resulting in a decrease of approximately \$45,829. Discussion ensued on whether or not vacant, unfunded positions should remain in the budget, which will be considered later in the budget process.

Mayor and Commission

Printing & Binding was mentioned for a possible reduction.

City Clerk

The salaries for the department heads will be reviewed when a balanced budget has been achieved.

Staff was asked to determine when the city hall building was built.

Staff was asked to compare cost of advertising between Bradenton Herald and Herald Tribune.

Tuition Reimbursement will be considered for deletion later in the budget process.

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Establishment of a fund for long-term planning for a new computer system will be considered later in the budget process.

Staff was asked to gather information on how other municipalities are preserving their historical records.

The Finance Department was asked to include identifying information on budget updates that include corresponding page numbers to the original version, account numbers and which version number of the budget is being updated.

The next budget workshop will be Tuesday, August 17, 2010 beginning at 5:30 pm and will begin with the IT Department. Meetings beginning at 5:30 pm will be working dinner meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Minutes approved: August 16, 2010

James R. Freeman

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City Clerk