

**CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING  
JULY 25, 2011  
4:30 PM**

Elected Officials Present

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor  
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner-at-Large 2  
Mary Lancaster, Commissioner, Ward 1  
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner, Ward 2  
Brian Williams, Commissioner, Ward 3 (entered at 4:35 p.m.)

Elected Officials Absent

Alan Zirkelbach, Vice Mayor, Commissioner-at-Large 1

Staff Present:

Karen Simpson, Deputy Clerk-Finance  
Scott Rudacille, Chief Assistant City Attorney  
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director  
Rick Wells, Chief of Police  
Diane Ponder, Deputy Clerk-Administration

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

1. CONTINUATION OF FY 2011-2012 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

Ms. Simpson discussed a General Fund update. Using a projected rollback millage rate of 5.1185, the budget still remains at a projected deficit of \$151,759. She recapped other budget reduction actions that have been implemented since fiscal year 2009.

A general discussion was held on setting the tentative millage rate. It was the opinion of staff that if the proposed rollback rate of 5.1185 is not used it will be necessary to look at a further reduction in force and a reduction in services.

Ms. Simpson discussed the reserve account balances based on the current Fund Balance Policy. She stated that in August GASB 54 will be implemented, which will totally a change how reserves will be reported. A revision to the Fund Balance Policy will be presented to Commission for approval.

Commission discussed user fees that fund the maintenance of the City's infrastructure, which led to a discussion on the Enterprise Funds. Also discussed was the need to quickly review non-user fees, such as the Building Department fees, and fees that will support public technological services.

Several of the Commissioners expressed their willingness to support a tentative millage rate of 5.1185, but stressed that staff should continue to find ways to reduce the budget so that a lower millage rate can be adopted, if possible.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes approved: August 1, 2011

*James R. Freeman*

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City Clerk