

**CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING  
AUGUST 8, 2011  
5:30 PM**

Elected Officials Present

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor  
Alan Zirkelbach, Vice Mayor, Commissioner-at-Large 1  
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner-at-Large 2 (entered at 5:35 p.m.)  
Mary Lancaster, Commissioner, Ward 1  
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner, Ward 2

Elected Officials Absent:

Brian Williams, Commissioner, Ward 3

Staff Present:

Jim Freeman, City Clerk  
Karen Simpson, Deputy Clerk-Finance  
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director  
Rick Wells, Chief of Police  
Diane Ponder, Deputy Clerk-Administration

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. FY 2011-2012 BUDGET

Jim Freeman introduced Steve Hall, a representative of the City's new insurance agent, AllTrust Advantage. Mr. Hall discussed the medical insurance renewal process, which resulted in the City renewing coverage with BlueCross BlueShield. The renewal rate is 12% under the current premium, amounting to a final savings of \$94,209. The employees will see a 44% reduction in the voluntary dental coverage. Mr. Freeman stated he is very pleased with results negotiated by AllTrust Advantage.

Mayor Bryant informed Commission that since the last meeting the budget deficit of \$151,749 was reduced to a new deficit balance of \$43,961. She stated there is no capital improvement projects included in the budget. She stated that she and the department heads will continue to find reductions to balance the budget if Commission concurs with using the proposed rollback rate. Following a general discussion, Commission concurred with the millage rate being set at the rollback rate. Mayor Bryant assured Commission that staff will continue throughout the next fiscal year to identify all possible budget reductions.

A brief discussion was occurred on the need for utility rate studies, which will provide the City with the information to consider capital projects that may be necessary to maintain infrastructure.

Commission will be provided an update version of the budget before the next meeting scheduled for Monday. A decision will be made at that meeting as to whether or not future budget workshops will be necessary.

Meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Minutes approved: September 12, 2011

*James R. Freeman*

James R. Freeman, City Clerk