

MINUTES
LONGBOAT KEY TOWN COMMISSION
SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING
JUNE 16, 2014 - 10:00 A.M.

Present: Mayor Jim Brown, Vice Mayor Jack Duncan, Commrs. Terry Gans, Lynn Larson, Irwin Pastor, Phill Younger, Pat Zunz

Also: Town Manager Dave Bullock, Deputy Town Clerk Jo Ann Mixon,
Present: Town Clerk Trish Granger

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the Special Workshop Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., in the Town Commission Chamber, 501 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key, Florida,

1. Opportunity for Public to Address Town Commission: No items were presented.

2. Discussion of FY 2014-2015 Budget

The Town Manager will provide an update on the current year Budget and a review of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2015 budget currently under development. Recommended Action: Pending discussion, provide direction to Manager.

Town Manager Dave Bullock advised that a Hurricane Preparedness Seminar was being held at Town Hall on Thursday, June 19, 2014, and noted that the vendor tables were being coordinated by the Longboat Key Chamber of Commerce.

Town Manager Dave Bullock commented on the budget preparation and gave a PowerPoint presentation on the FY 2014-2015 Budget. Discussions were held on the following topics/issues:

- pension contributions (actuarial analysis forecast model)
- Planning Department budget proposed decrease (contracting services)
- zoning impact due to the decreased funding
- Planning Department budget/reviews/inspections/adding a full-time position
- dispatch equipment/Next Generation 911
- intergovernmental communications (Counties/Municipalities)/shared services
- strategic planning controls/providing dispatch services to residents
- available grants
- reduction in expenditures, reducing services, increasing revenues
- anticipated new fees to include notary services and credit card payment fees
- alternative revenue sources: PILOT (Payment In Lieu of Taxes) fees to be paid from the Utility Enterprise Fund and Public Service Tax options
- advantages versus disadvantages for imposing alternative revenue sources noted
- authority of Town Commission to impose alternative revenue sources
- established number of 90 operating days (goal versus requirement)
- length of time experienced by surrounding entities to re-establish services during the 2004 hurricane season
- impact on taxpayer for various millage increases

2. Discussion of FY 2014-2015 Budget

- maximum increase on homesteaded properties (1.5%)/estimated percentage of homesteaded property (30%)
- percentage utilized for a PILOT assessment
- inclusion of funding to pay down the pension unfunded liability
- taxes being collected that do not result in a benefit (Sheriff funding)
- PILOT assessment versus a Public Service Tax.

Mr. George Spoll, Harbourside Drive, commented on Public Service Taxes versus an ad valorem increase tax increase.

Discussions continued on the utilization of ad valorem increases versus the assessment of Public Service Taxes.

Following comments, there was majority consensus to consider a millage rate of 2.1817 in lieu of assessing Public Service Taxes or PILOT fees. (Note: Commr. Larson was not in room.)

Discussion ensued on the following topics/issues:

- option to factor in a higher millage to cover summer storm season
- ability to establish additional revenue sources (PILOT/Public Service Tax) at any time during a year
- appropriate assessment of value for properties under construction
- additional column for valuations on Staff's report.

Mr. David Brenner, Gulf of Mexico Drive, commented on the pension liability and challenge to Departments to be creative with revenue/savings options.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brown noted the Town Commission Regular Workshop was scheduled for 1:00 p.m. this date and adjourned the June 16, 2014, Special Workshop Meeting at 12:01 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 07-07-2014