



Tuesday, June 20, 2017
City Commission Special Meeting

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5:30 PM – City Hall Commission Chamber, 210 Sams Avenue, New Smyrna Beach, Florida 32168

I. CALL TO ORDER

Having been duly advertised as required by law, a special meeting of the City Commission of the City of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, was held on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at the City Hall Commission Chamber, 210 Sams Avenue, New Smyrna Beach, Florida 32168.

Mayor James W. Hathaway called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
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| Jason McGuirk | Commissioner | Present | |
| Jim Hathaway | Mayor | Present | |
| Judy Reiker | Commissioner | Present | |
| Jake Sachs | Vice Mayor | Present | |
| Randy Hartman | Commissioner | Present | |

Also present were City Manager Pamela Brangaccio, City Attorney Frank B. Gummey, III, Assistant City Manager Khalid Resheidat, Police Chief Mike Coffin, Fire Chief Greg Anglin, CRA/Economic Development Director Tony Otte, Planning and Zoning Director Amye King, Leisure Services Director Nancy Maddox, Finance Director Althea Philord, Community Resource Coordinator Donna Banks and City Clerk Johnny Bledsoe.

II. PRESENTATION OF THE CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

City Manager Brangaccio outlined the budget process and commented on how past budget workshops were conducted. She commented on the hard work put into the proposed budget, by the Department Directors in order to make departmental decreases in the proposed budget, which will result in an overall balanced budget. Ms. Brangaccio highlighted those future projects that will not be funded as a result in those necessary budget decreases.

City Finance Director Althea Philord gave a presentation that outlined and gave an overview of the City Manager's Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. Ms. Philord outlined and commented on many factors considered in the preparation of the proposed budget. Of the many considerations, she outlined the following:

- Loan Payment
- the Need to Purchase 6 Police Vehicles
- The Need to Add 8 Funded Employee Positions in order to support plans to Restore City Services
- 3.7362 Proposed Operational Millage Rate
- 0.3750 Proposed Debt Service Millage Rate
- Increases in New Construction within the City
- Increases in Property Values through Annexations
- Union Negotiations
- Implementation of Phase III of the Cody Study
- Recommended 2 Percent Salary Increase

City Manager Brangaccio clarified that she would be unable to provide for a generous COLA and increase the number of funded employee positions. She commented on future negotiations scheduled with labor unions. Commissioner McGuirk and Commissioner Reiker, each commented on COLA levels. City Manager Brangaccio clarified the importance of making positions attractive to potential new employees, and she stressed that New Smyrna Beach did not want to be an employee training group for other municipalities.

Vice Mayor Sachs questioned the validity of insurance premium payments. City Manager Brangaccio confirmed future topics for future executive sessions regarding proposals for future considerations.

Ms. Philord continued with her presentation of considerations, she outlined the following:

- 4.1112 Total City Millage Proposed
- General Fund Expenses
- General Fund Revenues
- Capital Equipment/Improvements Projected
- Restoration of Services Planned
- Insurance Plan Changes

City Manager Brangaccio commented on present and future estimates regarding City contributions for Employee Insurance. Ms. Philord commented on the estimated cost savings the City would enjoy as a result from such changes to employee insurance.

Ms. Philord continued with her presentation of considerations, she outlined the following:

- Projects both funded and unfunded

City Manager Brangaccio commented on projects and services that staff would be unable to fund, although funding was requested. She also commented on the Golf Course and its need for upgraded equipment, and repaving projects that would go unfunded.

City Manager Brangaccio also commented on the City not yet receiving payment from FEMA. Ms. Philord reported that the special meeting to set the Tentative Millage would be held July 25, 2017, and TRIM Notices would be mailed out in August 2017. City Manager Brangaccio commented on Joint Meetings with the Utilities Commission to discuss its proposed budget. She made herself and Ms. Philord open and available for questions.

Mayor Hathaway opened the floor for any comments and/or questions from the public. As no citizens wished to speak, Mayor Hathaway closed public participation.

City Attorney Gummey commented on the public hearing selection process for the proposed budget. Mayor Hathaway commented on his concerns regarding current City reserves. City Manager Brangaccio commented on actions taken by staff to increase City reserves utilizing the Parking Fund. Vice Mayor Sachs questioned whether the City would be able to fund additional personnel to bring manning levels up to three per fire truck. City Manager Brangaccio commented on grant opportunities being the best way to go for future funding.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No citizens wished to speak.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to discuss.

V. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no other business to discuss, Mayor Hathaway declared the meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.