

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL SECOND BUDGET MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2008 AT 7:00 PM

Mayor Fernandez called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: Mayor Manuel Fernandez, Vice Mayor Fred Furtado, Mayor Pro Tem David Kintz, Treasurer Michael Dahlgren, and Councilmember Catherine Higgins. Also present City Manager Mo Thornton, City Clerk Joan Cannata-Fox, and Police Chief Robert Mangold.

The meeting was open to the public at which time the City Manager Thornton gave an overview of the proposed budget. The percentage decrease is -5.56% under the roll back rate. The budget as presented contains the proposed millage rate of 6.0500 for 2008-2009.

In comments from the public, there were the following:

Suzi Lynch, 535 Forestview Drive raised some questions over various items on the budget such as salaries, employee benefits, cameras at the gate houses and security. William Mitchell, 261 N. Country Club Drive expressed his support for the salaries and benefits for the Police Department and city staff. Chris Bluemer, 373 Colony Key Circle discussed his concerns over the budget in these tough economic times. Pat Matulis, 165 Palm Circle felt that people should be paid adequately for job performance. Rae Bad expressed her support for the Police Department and city staff. Mike LaCoursiere, 204 Walton Heath felt that it was a mistake to pass a budget with an increase in salaries during these grim economic times. Lauri Melear, 541 Muirfield Drive expressed her concern over the omissions calendar on the website, suggested any Council meetings be announced in the news letter. She requested clarification of many items on the budget and expressed her concern over giving raises and the cost of medical insurance.

The Public Hearing portion of this meeting was closed at 8:00 PM.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fred Furtado and seconded by Mayor Pro tem David Kintz to adopt the final millage rate of 6.0500.

A discussion by Council followed. Attorney White read by title only Resolution 07-23 Adopting Final Millage Rate for 2008-2009 of 6.0500

Councilmember Michael Dahlgren made a motion to approve Resolution No.08-023, and a motion was made by Vice Mayor Fred Furtado to accept the millage rate of 6.0500, which is - 5.56% under the rolled back rate. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Kintz. Motion passed 4-1 with Catherine Higgins casting the declining vote.

Attorney White read by title only Resolution 08-24, Adoption the Budget for 2008-2009. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fred Furtado to approve Resolution No. 08-024, which was seconded by Councilmember Michael Dahlgren. Motion carried 4-1 with Catherine Higgins casting the declining vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

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Mayor Manny Fernandez

Note: A mechanical recording has been made of the foregoing procedures of which these minutes are a part, and is on file in the office of the City Clerk.