

SECOND BUDGET HEARING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Southwest Ranches, Florida

Thursday 6:00 PM

September 29, 2016

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Mayor Jeff Nelson

Vice Mayor Doug McKay

Council Member Steve Breitreuz

Council Member Freddy Fisikelli

Council Member Gary Jablonski

Andrew D. Berns, Town Administrator

Richard DeWitt, Deputy Town Attorney

Martin Sherwood, Town Financial Administrator

Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator

Second Budget Hearing of the Town Council of Southwest Ranches was held at 13400 Griffin Road in the Southwest Ranches Council Chambers. The meeting, having been properly noticed, was called to order by Mayor Nelson at 6:00 PM. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Presentation by Finance

Town Administrator Berns indicated that the budget presented was the culmination of a six-month long process and thanked the Town Council for their direction and staff for their efforts in its completion. Town Financial Administrator Sherwood, also thanked the Town Council and staff. Prior to his presentation, Mayor Nelson read statutorily required language regarding the proposed tax increase into the record. Town Financial Administrator Sherwood summarized the various aspects of the Town's budget via a PowerPoint presentation. He explained that the Town's historic millage rate of 3.9404 was proposed to be increased to 4.1204 for Fiscal Year 2017 and the millage associated with the Town's TSDOR program was proposed to be increased from .3950 to .4050 therefore the overall millage rate for Fiscal Year 2017 was proposed to be 4.5254.

Council Member Jablonski indicated that he had heard from many residents regarding the proposed millage rate increase. He circulated an Excel spreadsheet which depicted various projects included in the budget and their associated projected costs. He noted that the Town was projected to have a \$321,000 surplus for Fiscal Year 2016 and was expecting a lien collection payment in excess of \$42,000. He proposed reducing the Fiscal Year 2017 budget by approximately \$76,389 by altering the funding mechanism for the projects he identified and lowering the proposed millage rate accordingly. The projects identified were Town Hall Painting, GIS Software, and the Irrigation on Western Griffin Road to be paid from the surplus. He believed that the Town Hall Painting could be delayed one year.

The consensus of the Town Council was to support the alternative suggested by Council Member Jablonski.

Mayor Nelson, asked if the Town's reserves would remain healthy utilizing this proposal. Town Financial Administrator Sherwood indicated that this proposal would have a \$59,845 impact on the current year operating reserve, but the Town would still have an operating surplus. As such the Town's reserves would still exceed the recommended minimum of 15%.

Millage Rate and Budget Hearing

5. RESOLUTION – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FINAL MILLAGE RATE FOR TAXATION OF REAL PROPERTY LYING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES FOR THE 2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR, COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2016 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following motion was made by Council Member Jablonski, seconded by Council Member Breitkreuz and passed by 5-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Breitkreuz, Fisikelli, Jablonski, Vice Mayor McKay, and Mayor Nelson voting Yes.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION SUBJECT TO REDUCING THE FINAL MILLAGE RATE TO 4.4629 BY REMOVING THE THREE IDENTIFIED PROJECTS (TOWN HALL PAINTING, GIS SOFTWARE, AND IRRIGATION ON WESTERN GRIFFIN ROAD) FROM THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND FUNDING THEM ALL, EXCEPT TOWN HALL PAINTING, FROM FISCAL YEAR 2016 OPERATING RESERVES.

6. ORDINANCE – FIRST READING - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017, COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2016 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017; PROVIDING FOR A BUDGET BASIS; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following motion was made by Council Member Jablonski, seconded by Council Member Breitkreuz and passed by 5-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Breitkreuz, Fisikelli, Jablonski, Vice Mayor McKay, and Mayor Nelson voting Yes.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE SUBJECT TO REDUCING THE PROPOSED BUDGET BY REDUCING FINAL MILLAGE RATE TO 4.4629 BY REMOVING THE THREE IDENTIFIED PROJECTS (TOWN HALL PAINTING, GIS SOFTWARE, AND IRRIGATION ON WESTERN GRIFFIN ROAD) FROM THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND FUNDING THEM ALL, EXCEPT TOWN HALL PAINTING, FROM FISCAL YEAR 2016 OPERATING RESERVES.

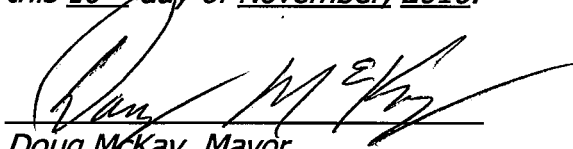
9. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Russell Muñiz, MMC, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

*Adopted by the Town Council on
this 10th day of November, 2016.*



Doug McKay, Mayor

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