

Minutes

Strategic Planning Workshop  
The City of Daytona Beach, Florida

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

Minutes of the Strategic Planning Workshop of the City Commission of The City of Daytona Beach, Florida, held on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 4:30 p.m., City Hall, Room 149b, 301 S. Ridgewood Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida.

Attendance.

Commissioner Ruth Trager	Present
Commissioner Aaron Delgado	Present
Commissioner Kelly White	Present
Commissioner Robert Gilliland	Present
Commissioner Dannette Henry	Present
Commissioner Paula Reed	Present
Mayor Derrick Henry	Present

Also Present:

James V. Chisholm, City Manager  
Robert Jagger, City Attorney  
Letitia LaMagna, City Clerk

1. Welcome

Mayor Henry welcomed everyone to the workshop and stated the City Manager will introduce the presenter.

2. Presentations

James V. Chisholm, City Manager, stated you have a proposed budget in front of you with the proposed employee raises of two percent in the first six months, and an additional two percent in the second half of the fiscal year. The proposed millage rate is 6.3333 percent. There are about 12 new positions and a number of positions that will be eliminated. He turned the presentation over to Fred Coulter.

Fred Coulter, Budget Manager, stated the first thing he would like to look at is the proposed millage rate. The Rollback is 5.8527 and the Debt is 0.3389. He gave a historical overview of the millage rates since 2001. He showed the historical taxable values and the historical property tax revenues (adjusted for inflation). We are still significantly below the revenues we had in 2006. He talked about the difference between taxable value and just value. This doesn't include the proposed additional \$25,000 exemption if passed on the ballot in November. He gave an example of an average residential single family home value and what the taxable value would be. He also gave an example of the average home property taxes.

Significant items in the budget include the Employee Pay Raise; two percent in October and two percent in April gets budgeted as three percent overall for the fiscal year. They are restricting Cultural Services Budget. We are now building up the funds for maintenance and repair. We are increasing our investment in capital assets. Tonight we will be setting our advertised millage rate and setting the public hearings for the tentative adoption and the adoption of the budget.

3. Discussion

Commissioner Gilliland asked for an explanation for the increase in capital assets.

Mr. Coulter stated we have more projects in this year's budget.

Commissioner Gilliland asked if First Step Shelter is in there.

Mr. Coulter stated no, it should be fully funded this year.

Commissioner White asked about the CPI.

Mr. Coulter stated there are a lot of variables.

Commissioner Trager asked how much new construction will come on board.

Mr. Coulter stated he didn't have that number with him but he will bring it to the Commission Meeting. He said it is about what it was last year.

Commissioner White stated it seems some of the Enterprise Funds have stabilized.

Mr. Chisholm stated that Cultural Services has been a real struggle to get a handle on the estimated costs and we are working on getting that in line and breaking even.

Commissioner Gilliland asked about the difference in the Business Enterprise Management.

Mr. Coulter stated in the new year's budget we are taking the money from the sale of LPGA and creating a capital project line item to hold that money.

Commissioner White stated we talked about the transportation gas tax.

Mr. Chisholm stated it will be around the same as last year. It will probably change in the following budget year.

Commissioner White clarified the gas tax doesn't have the restrictions on it that impact fees have on them. She asked Fred for additional information prior to the Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Gilliland stated it costs about \$2,000,000 to repave every street every 20 years. We have about 600,000 dollars available so we don't have what we need to repave every 20 years. The truth is that formula failed a long time ago.

Mr. Coulter stated all we are doing tonight is setting the millage rate to advertise.

Mayor Henry asked if there were any more questions.

Commissioner White asked what happens if they have to pay more for the First Step Shelter. She stated if what happens in the public sector happens in the private sector, construction is difficult and is getting more expensive. She asked what they need to do to keep it on schedule.

Mr. Chisholm stated they are going out for RFP for the construction contract. It should come back for approval late August or September. It will cost all of the \$2.5 million in addition to what the county gave us.

Commissioner White stated it's coming so we need to think about that and keep that in mind.

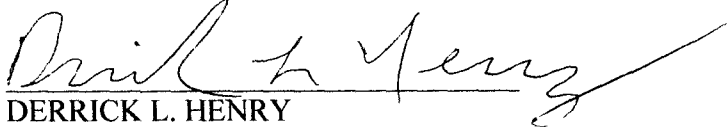
Commissioner Gilliland stated Tallahassee didn't approve any funding last year. It needs to be a serious priority for our lobbyists this coming year to try and get some State funding for this project.

Mr. Chisholm stated that money would have been used for capital. They will start sessions again probably in September or October when they start their committees.


Commissioner Gilliland stated it can get all the way to the end and not get adopted. However we have to try what we can.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion or comments the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

  
DERRICK L. HENRY  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
LETTIA LAMAGNA  
City Clerk

Adopted: November 7, 2018

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