

FIRST PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

September 12, 2018 6:30 P.M.

Present

Mayor Dudley, Vice-Mayor Howell (via telephone) Councilmember Roberts and Councilmember Troup, Manager Campbell and Attorney Mora
Councilmember DeSimone - Absent

Resolution No. 18-10 adopting a tentative millage rate for FY 18-19

Attorney Mora read Resolution No. 18-10 in full. Councilmember Troup made a motion to adopt Resolution No.18-10, Vice-Mayor Howell seconded.

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| Councilmember Troup | - yes |
| Councilmember Roberts | - no |
| Vice-Mayor Howell | - yes |
| Mayor Dudley | - yes |

Councilmember Roberts does not think the millage rate should be raised 1 mill for insurance for the employees and families. Although, she would agree with a half mill.

There were no public comments.

Resolution No. 18-11 adopting a tentative budget for FY 18-19

Attorney Mora read Resolution No. 18-11 in full. Councilmember Troup made a motion to approve Resolution No. 18-11, Vice-Mayor Howell seconded.

Councilmember Roberts received a copy of their reviews but did not receive a copy of the Manager's input. She doesn't agree with the School Crossing Guard.

Public comment: Maureen Boberg asked if the Vice-Mayor was at either of the Budget Workshops by phone or in person.

Mayor Dudley stated he had not.

Jim Demmy of 5882 48th Ave was concerned about the roads in Kenneth City.

Manager Campbell stated there is money in the Capital Improvement Fund for roads. This is the fourth year of the plan to mill and resurface roadways and improve the drainage within the Town. There is a master plan within the Town that categorizes and qualifies the actual roads, which ones need to be repaved or milled and resurfaced. The Town is working with Pinellas County on 58th St, 46 Ave.

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| Councilmember Troup | - yes |
| Councilmember Roberts | - no |
| Vice-Mayor Howell | - yes |
| Mayor Dudley | - yes |

Other Legislative Matters:

1. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes- Council Meeting/ Workshops (August 8 & August 22)
- b. Revenue/Expenditure Report
- c. Building Department Report
- d. Police Department Report
- e. Fire Department Report

Councilmember Roberts made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
Councilmember Troup seconded the motion. All in favor.

The record reflects that Councilmember DeSimone arrived at this point in the meeting.

2. Open Forum

Brandon Robinson, 5080 57th St North, has a concern that the minutes were not posted under the minutes tab on the website, but rather with the individual agendas. He also stated we should use students from the high schools and colleges as volunteers. He also had a concern that the Façade Beautification Grant was not being used on 54th Ave.

Resident Robinson wanted to thank Officer Perrault, who has been very helpful to his family.

3. Old Business

- a. ~~Second reading of Ordinance 2018-649; Code Revision re: Chapter 2-Administration~~ (This item has been temporarily pulled while Staff and Council reconcile some issues in the operations of the Town, as it relates to this Ordinance.)

4. New Business

- a. Renewal of the FY18-19 Agreement for Law Enforcement Support Services with the Sheriff's Office (Annual Contract)

Councilmember Troup made a motion to approve this Agreement,
Councilmember Roberts seconded the motion. All in favor.

5. Mayor/Council/Attorney/Manager/Clerk Comments

Attorney Mora stated he is seeking guidance from the Council. It is his ethical obligations to serve this Council, to ensure that if there are any actions or conditions of the body that jeopardize the legitimacy, or the validity of the decisions rendered by this body he must bring it to the Council's attention.

Over the course of the last several months, at an increasing pace it has been observed that Councilmember DeSimone lacks the competence and ability to perform her official duties on a continual basis.

There are two ways to handle this 1) recall vote 2) asking the Office of the Governor to intervene and reach its own conclusion on the matter. Referenced: Article 4, Section 7 of the FL constitution and Florida Statute 112.51 tracks that language and broadens it to extend to Municipal Officers.

Attorney Mora is seeking authorization from the Council to send correspondence to the Office of the Governor, indicating that through sworn statements and written submission we have reason to believe that Councilmember DeSimone lacks the competency or permanent ability to perform her official duties as an elected Councilmember of this body.

Mayor Dudley agrees, Councilmember Roberts, Councilmember Troup and Vice-Mayor Howell agree to have the correspondence sent to the Governor's office.

Councilmember DeSimone does not agree with what Attorney Mora is saying.

Public Comment: Resident Maureen Boberg, thanked Councilmember DeSimone for her service. Resident Kali Gillespie showed her support for Councilmember DeSimone.

With consensus, Attorney Mora will send a cover letter, accompanied by affidavits of individuals to the Governor's office.

Attorney Mora does not have a timeline for any action. If the Governor finds that the written submissions have merit, he may opt to suspend or remove Councilmember DeSimone from her seat.

Councilmember DeSimone was thanked for her years of service and being an elected official.

The final public budget hearing will be held on September 29, 2018 at 6:30 P.M.

Adjournment

Councilmember Troup made the motion to adjourn, Councilmember Roberts seconded. The first public budget hearing adjourned at 6:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy M. McCarthy
Town Clerk

