



MINUTES

**2nd Budget Workshop FY 2015-16
Ed Burke Recreation Center - 11400 NE 9th Court
Biscayne Park, FL 33161
Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 6:30pm**

1 Call to Order

Mayor David Coviello called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

2 Roll Call

Mayor David Coviello - present
Vice Mayor Bob Anderson - present
Commissioner Fred Jonas - present
Commissioner Roxanna Ross - present
Commissioner Barbara Watts - present

Present from staff were:

Village Manager Heidi Siegel
Village Clerk Maria Camara
Public Services Manager Krishan Manners
Finance Manager Claude Charles
Police Chief Cornelius McKenna
Assistant Public Works Manager Cesar Hernandez

3 Pledge of Allegiance

4 Public Comments Related to Agenda Items / Good & Welfare

Linda Dillon: Understand the reasons why the dais is not portable, but still concerned about the cost. Would like to see other craftsmen provide a bid. Many did not know this was on agenda and would have liked to comment on it.

Barbara Kuhl: On rental of fields to soccer teams, this will cause damage when we are trying to heal it. On Code officer, did you budget for a part time officer? There are many properties with over grown lawns, garbage cans left out. We have serious issues not being addressed. Many homes falling apart. On-going fines. No follow through. After a lien is recorded, nothing happens. If house finally sells, it will sell low and not help taxes. Please look at article in Miami Herald from January 22, 2012.

Janey Anderson: Appreciates time the Commission spends on budget and what goes on. More time was spent on part time Recreation Center staff person than for an added Code officer. Great idea to use college interns for Recreation. This is not a reflection of current code officer. We need more compliance and more outstanding fines to be paid. More revenues will help to make the improvements we need.

Gary Kuhl: Hard to accept spending \$20,000 on a dais. We have one of the most unique buildings in the county. To build this permanent dais would make the building useless for any other purpose. This is an opportunity to make money. Architecturally it will destroy the space. The dais is a complete contradiction. Echo the prior sentiments on the additional code officer. If we get compliance it will increase property values. Instill pride in the community. Those who are slobes will always be slobes. Need to enforce the code.

Chuck Ross: Provided data and pie chart on the benefits of the reimbursement process instead of Commission salaries.

5 Discussion of Proposed Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget

Manager Siegel provided the background on the overall budget.

5.a 521 Police

After discussion, no changes were recommended.

5.b 529 Code Enforcement

After discussion, consensus to add \$11,000 to the \$25,000 already budgeted for part time Code Officer.

5.c 539 Public Works

After discussion, consensus to move \$6,000 from holiday lighting to tree trimming.

5.d 101 Road Fund

After discussion, consensus to add payment for lease purchase of a flat bed truck for six months.

5.e 103 CITT

After discussion, recommendation made to consider a bus shelter project on Sixth Avenue under Transit.

5.f 105 Forfeitures

After discussion, no changes were recommended.

Based on the recommendations of the Commission of which there was consensus, there is an additional \$46,237.80 added to the proposed budget. Manager Siegel confirms that there is consensus from the Commission to utilize \$50,000 from Reserves to cover added expenditures.

6 Announcements

Wednesday, August 19th - Parks & Parkway Advisory Board at 7:00pm
Monday, August 24th - Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of Village Hall at 10:00am
Monday, August 24th - Biscayne Park Foundation at 7:00pm
Tuesday, August 25th - Greater Miami Shores Chamber Mixer from 5:30-7:30pm
Tuesday, August 25th - Recreation Advisory Board at 7:00pm
Tuesday, September 1st - Regular Commission Meeting at 7:00pm

7 Adjournment

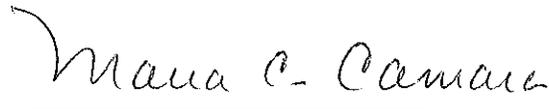
The meeting was adjourned at 8:53pm.

Commission approved on September 1, 2015.

Attest:



David Coviello, Mayor



Maria Camara, Village Clerk