



MINUTES

3rd Budget Workshop FY 2016-17

Log Cabin - 640 NE 114th Street

Biscayne Park, FL 33161

Wednesday, August 31, 2016 at 6:30pm

1 Call to Order

Mayor David Coviello called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

2 Roll Call

Mayor David Coviello - present

Vice Mayor Roxanna Ross - present

Commissioner Bob Anderson - present

Commissioner Fred Jonas - present

Commissioner Barbara Watts - present

Present from staff were:

Interim Village Manager Maria C. Camara

Village Attorney John Hearn

Chief Cornelius McKenna

3 Pledge of Allegiance

4 Public Comments Related to Agenda Items

Dan Samaria: No right to cut commission salaries. Those not in favor can just not accept the salary and give back to the Village. If you want to cut, do a 5% cut across the entire budget.

Barbara Kuhl: Agree with Dan. Want to hear the attorney's opinion. How can you de-fund without an ordinance. Do not have a 4/5th vote. On Recreation Center, an increase over the years in special events. Find other ways to fund. Van not necessary, rather a liability. Finance took out the contract services. Concerned with Irwin William's email. Spend money to straighten out the finances. Take care of that first.

Mayor Coviello: Will withdraw proposal on commission salaries after speaking with the Village attorney.

Dan Keys: On behalf of Parks & Parkway, submitted a recommendation for the R&M Landscaping budget. Today was given estimates for field maintenance. Both bids are not apples to apples. Need both contract for management of field and for the materials. Need funding for sodding of the field. Need to repair water truck. Need funding for landscaping for the community signage and at log cabin. Need funding for irrigation.

David Raymond: Thanks Commissioner Watts and Commissioner Anderson for your service. On budget process, you started with a draft budget, then set tentative millage rate, and had budget workshops. Need to have strategic planning and will volunteer to facilitate. Lastly, clarify the funds outstanding. Do we still owe money?

Eric Larkee: Lived here a year and a half. Would like to see better surface at the tot lot. Found drug paraphernalia, garbage, etc. Staff does a good job of cleaning, but artificial surface is what should be there. \$40,000 does not seem unreachable. Money is available. Get a plan locked in. What is the history of the school districts in the area. Does the Village contribute to the school system? What is aggregate total for what residents pay towards the school system?

Chuck Ross: Crimewatch meeting on September 22nd. County 911 representative will be attending and Chief will present the UCR report for the first half of the year. On commission salaries, proposal was not to eliminate, but to change to a reimbursement program.

Chester Morris: For the Charter School, audit done in less than a month. Why is it taking so long? We need the numbers. Don't spend money you don't have.

Tracy Truppman: Concerned that we don't know status of audit. Tighten and don't spend what we don't have.

5 Discussion of proposed fiscal year 2016-17 annual budget

Interim Manager Camara presented a general overview of the changes made at the second workshop, plus a status on the audit.

The Commission reviewed and discussed the General Fund expenditures for all departments, and the Road, CITT and Capital Improvements budgets. Consensus on following changes:

511 Commission

Add back Commission salaries: -\$12,000

539 Public Works

Add \$4,000 for landscaping for all eight entry signs.

Add \$5,000 for irrigation repairs.

572 Parks & Recreation

Reduce special events by \$1,700.

6 Announcements

Monday, September 5th - All Village Departments are closed for Labor Day.

Tuesday, September 6th - Planning & Zoning Board at 6:30pm

Monday, September 12th - Code Compliance Board at 7:00pm

The next regular Commission Meeting is Tuesday, September 13th, 2016 at 7:00pm.

7 Adjournment

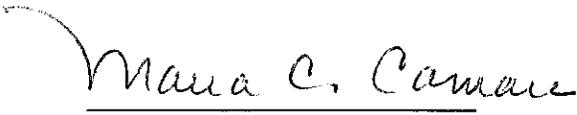
The meeting was adjourned at 9:38pm.

Commission approved on September 13, 2016.

Attest:



David Coviello, Mayor



Maria Camara, Village Clerk