



## **MINUTES**

**1st Budget Workshop - FY 2014-15 Budget  
Ed Burke Recreation Center - 11400 NE 9th Court  
Biscayne Park, FL 33161  
Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at 7:30pm**

**1 Call to Order**

Mayor David Coviello called the meeting to order at 7:32pm.

**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:

Village Manager Heidi Shafran

Village Clerk Maria C. Camara

Village Attorney John J. Hearn

Chief of Police Cornelius McKenna

Finance Director Irwin Williams

Public Services Manager Krishan Manners

Assistant Public Works Director Cesar Hernandez

**3 Public Comments Related to Agenda Items**

Barbara Kuhl - Pay the correct wages for Public Works employees. Many have spoken about how low they are paid. Village should adopt minimum living wage. Code Enforcement down \$5,000 in their budget. Code is the most important. Spend money on Code. Have workshops on how to fix houses and yards. Start marketing to encourage improvement of homes. Why is Police budget up \$100,000? Why not look at using hybrids for police vehicles. The \$41,000 in Public Works for landscaping too much. If we are going bankrupt, why putting so much for this. Do not want you to spend this much. Rather have solid money in the bank. Public Works now has dedicated staff for maintenance. Bu no support in personnel. New position is Public Works Manager. The resume for this new person does not have any Public Works experience. Object to being in Parks & Parkway and have burden on this board to spend this amount. I want you to staff this department correctly.

Steve Bernard: Agree with Ms. Kuhl. In this budget you do not talk about us going bankrupt. Do the analysis of the reserves. If you can't prove we are going bankrupt, you cannot annex. Do analysis and show the facts. You need to add money for an election. There will probably be a recall. Challenge you to change charter and have a referendum for annexation. Will cost significantly less than \$54,000 and you will gain confidence of services being provided. On reserves, if adding \$40,000 and spending \$41,000 on landscaping and spending \$54,000, then it does not look like we are going bankrupt.

#### **4 Discussion of Proposed Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget**

4.a Finance Director Williams provided a highlight of the revenues. Ad Valorem is based on 9.70 millage.

##### **4.b 511 Village Commission**

There was consensus to update Travel & Per Diem to \$1,500 and Education & Training to \$2,000. The pool of money is for all commissioners.

There was no consensus to add funds for Earth Hour event as requested by Commissioner Watts.

After discussion, there was consensus on the budget presented for the Village Commission.

##### **4.c 512 Executive Administration**

There was no consensus to add funds for an election as requested by Commissioner Watts.

After discussion, there was consensus on the budget presented for the Executive Administration.

##### **4.d 513 Finance**

After discussion, there was consensus on the budget presented for the Finance Department.

##### **4.e 515 Planning Services**

After discussion, there was consensus on the budget presented for Planning Services

##### **4.f 519 General Government**

There was consensus to adjust the amount for the Lobbyist services to \$10,000.

There was consensus for the Village Manager to title the new Public Services position appropriately.

Manager Shafran would provide an updated amount for Education & Training.

There was consensus to increase the hourly wage for the Administrative Clerk to the minimum living wage, or an increase of \$1.13/hr.

After discussion, there was consensus on the budget presented for General Government.

4.g 521 Police Department

After discussion, there was consensus on the budget presented for the Police Department.

**5 Public Comments**

Rafael Delar: On patrolling, confirms that during the day schedule, what the process is if one officer is out.

**6 Announcements**

Saturday, August 16th - Community Meeting on Village Hall Annex at 9:30am

Saturday, August 16th - Back to School / Children's Safety Day at 2:30pm

Monday, August 18th - Planning & Zoning Board at 6:30pm

Monday, August 18th - Ecology Board at 6:30pm

Wednesday, August 20th - Code Review Board at 7:00pm

**7 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44pm.

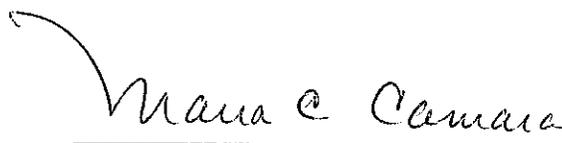
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Commission approved on September 9, 2014.

Attest:



David Coviello, Mayor



Maria Camara, Village Clerk