

City of DeBary
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday
July 24, 2002

7:00 PM

Florence K. Little Town Hall
12 Colomba Road
DeBary, Florida 32713

MINUTES

I. Call To Order

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Mayor Carmen Rosamonda, Vice Mayor Greg France, Council Member George Coleman, Council Member Danny Allen, and Council Member Bill Long

Others Present: City Manager Richard Diamond and Assistant City Manager Maryann Yaskanich

III. Business

1. Consideration of Setting Preliminary Ad Valorem Millage Rate for FY 2002/2003.

Mayor Rosamonda noted that the ad valorem rate to be set would be a maximum, but could be reduced at a later date; that rates have been stabilized and reduced since 1993; that the current rate is 2.5075; that the Volusia County Property Appraiser's office had provided figures for anticipated revenues to be the same as the previous year at the rate of 2.43346, which is the roll-back rate.

It was discussed that TRIM deadlines had necessitated the Special Meeting; that there were questions on percent difference shown in the proposed budget; that the difference was between current year's budget and anticipated budget; that the purpose was to set a maximum ad valorem rate and a final rate would be determined during the budget process; that there did not appear to be a significant difference in revenues if the current ad valorem rate was maintained; and that municipal service costs had increased including police, fire, and growth management.

Additional discussion reviewed that maintaining the current rate appeared to generate sufficient revenue to support proposed expenses; that the recommended budget was based on the current millage rate which was the consensus at the pre-budget workshop; that the budget expenditures could be adjusted to meet revenue limits; that some proposed expenditures needed review; and that the City Manager requested to meet with Council Members individually prior to the Budget Workshop to review those figures.

Mayor Rosamonda entertained a motion. Vice Mayor France moved to maintain the current millage rate of 2.50746. Council Member Long seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Setting of Budget Public Hearing Dates.

City Manager Diamond stated that the first Budget Public Hearing would be held on September 4, 2002 at the regular City Council Meeting; that the final Budget Public Hearing be held on September 18, 2002 at a Special City Council meeting; that these dates could not coincide with other taxing entities' hearings and would be provided to the Property Appraiser's office for TRIM notice purposes; and that a Budget Workshop and two Public Hearings are to be held before final adoption of the Budget.

It was discussed that each Council Member had individual budget concerns; that the imposition and collection of franchise and impact fees would affect final revenue totals and the possibility of lowering millage rates; that research needed prior to the workshop included committee budgets; that the proposed budget figure were based on preliminary decisions at the Pre-Budget Workshop; that committee reports would be helpful to determine funding levels needed; that the Committee for the 10-Year Anniversary Celebration had been allowed \$30,000 for the first year only; that the Committee would be soliciting sponsorships to reduce the final total; that not all amounts budgeted would be necessarily used; and that all large expenditures required Council approval.

It was noted that property managers for DeBary Villas, Ltd. and DeBary, Ltd., Mike and Nina Hill, were nominated as Property Managers Of The Year; and that positive comments on their behalf should be made to the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Council Member Bill Long reviewed County Council activity; that a new County Tree Ordinance had passed on first reading and would need review by City staff before adoption; that a new Executive Director position for DeBary Hall was proposed; that Big John was pursuing funding for a bird rehabilitation facility at the Marine Science Center and might support funding the Executive Director's position at DeBary Hall; that the Charter Revision recommendation for redistricting appears to support a 5 – 2 plan with majority vote electing County Chair and there is some support for having 4 Districts, 2 At-Large and 1 elected County Chair.

Council Member Coleman reminded the Council that the Volusia County School Board was holding a meeting on Tuesday, July 30, 2002 regarding the Educational Facilities Plan and the Capital Improvement Program; that a Volusian Water Alliance agreement might have an impact on expenses next year; and that a company from Winterhaven was looking to move into DeBary.

Council Member Allen reviewed budget items that he requested to discuss with City Manager Diamond and discrepancies in telephone billing expenses.

Mayor Rosamonda thanked the staff for the time and effort they put into preparing the budget.

IV. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

**Approved September 4, 2002
CITY COUNCIL
City of DeBary**

Carmen Rosamonda, Mayor

ATTEST:

Maryann Yaskanich, City Clerk