

**City of DeBary
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

Saturday

August 13, 2005

8:30 AM

Florence K. Little Town Hall

12 Colomba Road

DeBary, Florida 32713

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Vice-Mayor Gunter called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Mayor Carmen Rosamonda (late), Vice Mayor Richard Gunter, Council Member Christopher Carson, Council Member Patrick Fulton and Council Member Danny Tillis

Others Present: City Manager Maryann Courson, City Clerk Stacy Tebo, and Finance Administrator Jimmie Seelbinder

III. Business

1. Discussion of Recommended Annual Operating Budget for FY 2005/2006.

Mrs. Courson gave the Council an overview of the budget highlights. Mr. Seelbinder explained the Revenue Summary Sheet to the Council.

Neil Coppens, 19 Rosedown Boulevard, asked Mr. Seelbinder for clarification on the Grants revenue line item of approximately two million dollars. Mr. Seelbinder explained that it is an estimate based on reimbursement of 75 percent from FEMA. Mr. Coppens asked the meaning of the line item Note Proceeds of 2.65 million on the bottom line of the Revenue Summary. Mr. Seelbinder responded that it is for the borrowing of funds through a letter of credit.

Mr. Seelbinder discussed the City Council budget. He highlighted the changes made from the previous fiscal year. Under Promotional Activities, Mr. Seelbinder explained the request from the Chamber of Commerce for the City to advertise in their map, with the lowest ad price being \$655. The Council discussed the ad, but did not feel that the value justified the investment.

Mayor Rosamonda discussed the Art League's request for a City contribution of \$100,000 for the Gateway Center of the Arts. Sandra Wilson, 37 Keeble Avenue, spoke to the Council on behalf of the Gateway Center of the Arts Planning Board, which will come before Volusia County's 2006 ECHO Advisory Committee next February. She said that the DeBary Art League is prepared to match \$400,000 of the maximum matching grant of \$500,000.

Mayor Rosamonda said that the City Council could dedicate the funds contingent upon the receipt of the ECHO grant. Vice Mayor Gunter said that he would like to direct staff to put \$100,000 in the budget for the Gateway Center of the Arts. There was no objection from any of the Council. Mayor Rosamonda asked staff to change the title from Contributions to Contributions and Investments on page eight.

Mr. Seelbinder briefly outlined the City Manager budget. Vice Mayor Gunter suggested that when the renewal of the franchise agreement for Comcast comes up, that staff request Comcast provide the City's internet service at not cost to the City.

Mr. Seelbinder stated that he added Debt Service as a new department in the budget this year for principal and interest of the monies the City is borrowing.

While discussing the Growth Management / Code Administration expenditure summary, Mr. Seelbinder noted that the City has eliminated some services from the County contract, and they are included elsewhere in the budget.

Mrs. Courson asked for input from the Council with regards to permitting yard sale signs located in the right-of-way with conditions. The Council discussed the issue, and agreed that the current rules are appropriate.

Mr. Seelbinder discussed that contracted inspection services would be included in the Growth Management / Developmental Services budget, along with the City Planner.

Mr. Seelbinder stated that after last year's hurricanes, a new department called Emergency Disaster Services was created. He explained that the budget is an estimate based on information from last year's storms, with debris removal being the major concern. He stated that the estimate was calculated based on a 75% reimbursement factor from FEMA for two storms. Mayor Rosamonda asked what the philosophy of the Council would be in years to come if the City did not have any disaster related expenditures. The Council discussed the need for rebuilding the City's reserves.

Mr. Seelbinder noted that the substantial increase in the Traffic Engineering budget is due to utility services for the Mansion Boulevard lights and the lights going north on 17-92.

Mrs. Courson stated she had some additional information on the Construction Engineering budget in light of the resurfacing bid that came in the previous day. She stated that line item 34, page 47, needs to be increased to \$70,000.

Mrs. Courson explained the \$20,000 line item for Design Services in the Parks & Recreation Professional Service budget to the Council.

Mr. Seelbinder discussed the capital outlay detail for the Parks & Recreation budget. Council Member Fulton asked if the Keller dugout roofs would be metal. Mr. Seelbinder answered that they had not planned on that, but that the Parks & Recreation staff could look at the cost for using metal instead of plastic.

Mayor Rosamonda asked Mrs. Courson the reason for the request to enclose the carport at Gateway Park. Mrs. Courson answered that it was contingent on the plans for the new City Hall. There was a discussion regarding the possibility of the demolition of the Gateway Park office, remodeling the building, or relocating the maintenance crew to Rob Sullivan Park. Mrs. Courson said that she would remove the line item of \$10,000 for enclosing the carport. Mayor Rosamonda suggested that the concession trailer might be used as an office because the Little League never uses it during the day.

Mrs. Courson discussed the Capital Improvement Budget, and asked the Council for direction regarding the new City Hall. She informed the Council of an alternate plan she has discussed with John Wanamaker to build a new City Hall at the current site of the old City Hall. Mrs. Courson stated that the building could be either one or two story, and the current City Hall could remain until the new one is completed. There was a discussion regarding the properties behind and beside the current City Hall and the possibilities for purchase. Mrs. Courson asked the Council for 30 to 45 days to contact the property owners and ascertain if they are interested in selling.

Will Sloop, 34 Sanctuary Avenue, and Aaron Scherring, 19 Catalina Drive, asked the Council questions regarding the skateboard park to be built on Dirksen Drive. The Council advised the young men to get a group of ten to twelve skaters together, make a list of their names and telephone numbers, and drop it off at City Hall. Mayor Rosamonda told them that the Parks & Recreation staff would contact the group for input on designing the park.

Mayor Rosamonda asked if they needed to budget money for engineering and design of the skateboard park. Mr. Seelbinder suggested that the property would probably be purchased in the current fiscal year, and the Council could leave the \$200,000 in the budget to be used for costs associated with the skateboard park.

Mr. Seelbinder briefly discussed the annual capital improvement budget. Neil Coppens came to the podium to ask why a senior center was not in the annual or five-year budget. Mayor Rosamonda answered that if a new City Hall and Council Chambers are built, then Town Hall could be converted into a senior center because it would not be used as council chambers any longer.

Mr. Seelbinder discussed the Special Revenue Funds. Mrs. Courson asked the Council about the Senior Exemption with regards to the Stormwater Utility Fund. The Council decided to use the existing list compiled and approved by the Property Appraiser's office for the additional \$25,000 senior exemption. Mr. Seelbinder estimated the difference in stormwater revenue would be approximately \$40,236 per year. Mr. Seelbinder said he would reduce the revenues and expenditures by \$40,236. Vice Mayor Gunter advised Mr. Seelbinder to reduce land acquisition by \$40,236.

Mr. Seelbinder explained the five-year capital improvement budget to the Council. Mrs. Courson updated the Council on a few of the projects. Mayor Rosamonda suggested that they add the Saxon Boulevard Extension to the project list. Mr. Seelbinder said he would place it in FY 08/09.

IV. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

**APPROVED September 6, 2005
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Carmen Rosamonda, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stacy Tebo, City Clerk