

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS
TENTATIVE MILLAGE AND BUDGET HEARING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018
5:05 P.M.
CITY HALL
9101 BONITA BEACH ROAD
BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA 34135
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Peter Simmons called the meeting to order at 5:05 P.M.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

At the request of Mayor Simons, Council Member Greg DeWitt led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL.

Mayor Simmons and all Council Member were in attendance, except for Council Member Mike Gibson.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT.

5:08:27 PM Kathy McGrath requested \$5,000 for special events in case it's needed.

V. OVERVIEW OF THE PUBLIC HEARING. (GREENSHEET NO. 18-09-0288)

5:12:42 PM Anne Wright, Finance Director, provided an overview.

VI. SUMMARY OF COUNCIL APPROVED CHANGES TO THE BUDGET REQUEST PRESENTED ON JULY 16, 2018. (GREENSHEET NO. 18-09-0291) **THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING IS AVAILABLE ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE AT <http://www.cityofbonitasprings.org/10244/budget/>.**

Director Wright summarized changes to the budget, including \$15,000 for microphones for City Hall, and \$325,000 for the Spring Creek restoration plan. She further explained.

VII. CITY MANAGER UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN.

5:17:30 PM Interim Manager Hunter furnished this update for this agenda item, concerning the proposed capital improvement plan, stating that Director Wright has prepared a tentative capital improvements plan, similar to the plan Council has seen previously. Staff would propose to have a budget retreat in November to talk about long-range goals and planning, including facilities planning to look at city hall needs in the outlying year, i.e., A/C, vehicles, etc. Also, for long-

range goals for other larger projects. Staff is also continuing discussions with Capitol Strategies on legislative priorities and potentials “asks” that may require matches. Overall, Staff would like to bring forth some ideas of long-range goals, and have Council prioritize those to see where they may fall in out-years. She would ask that Council keep the budgets for the City Manager office and the City Attorney’s office as they are now and move forward with approving the budget process, and allow Staff to come back once the contract for the outsourced city attorney has been brought to Council for approval, then they would amend the budget to reflect the appropriate budget that works through that contract. With regard to the City Manager’s budget, Staff will come back with potential cost savings as they move through a reorganization, which she further explained. She next announced Matt Feeney as Assistant City Manager, who would retain his duties as Public Works Director. Further, Lora Taylor will assist with economic development liaison activities to the EDC, the Horizon Council, the Downtown Merchants Association, etc. Mayor Simmons requested an update on meetings to be scheduled for Council Members to meet legislators. Interim Manager Hunter informed Mayor Simmons of a meeting she and Director Feeney have with Carole Green and Ashley Stacel with Capitol Strategies on Friday, which she addressed. She also addressing BSU in relation to septic tank programs. She also suggested starting the budget process sooner in the calendar year, and work with staff to have preliminary numbers, project scope and ideas in February, to hold another discussion with Council in March.

VIII. COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE AND TENTATIVE BUDGET.

5:37:55 PM Council Member DeWitt motioned to move forward with the millage rate at .8173; Mayor Simmons seconded; and the motion carried 4-2 (Mayor Simmons and Council Member Carr opposed)

IX. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PERCENTAGE, IF ANY, THAT THE RECALCULATED PROPOSED MILLAGE EXCEEDS THE ROLLED-BACK RATE.

Director Wright stated since there has not been a change from the millage as presented, the proposed millage is .8173 is a 2.38 percent increase from the rolled back rate.

X. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019; ESTABLISHING THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR A FINAL HEARING TO ADOPT THE FINAL AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (GREENSHEET NO. 18-09-0287)

5:39:05 PM City Attorney Vance next read the Resolution into the record in its entirety.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 18- 61

XI. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (GREENSHEET NO. 18-09-0289)

City Attorney Vance next read the Resolution into the record in its entirety.

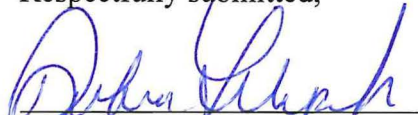
ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 18-62

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT. None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further items to discuss, the budget hearing adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Debra Filipek, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:
CITY COUNCIL ZONING BOARD

Date: 9/20/18

AUTHENTICATED:


Peter Simmons, Mayor