

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS
SEPTEMBER 21, 2015, 5:01 P.M.
CITY HALL
9101 BONITA BEACH ROAD
BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA 34135
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Ben Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

At the request of Mayor Nelson, Council Member Steve Slachta led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL.

Mayor Nelson and all Council Members were present.

5:02:32 PM Finance Director Anne Wright furnished an overview of tonight's meeting, which involves the public hearing on the final millage rate and final budget for the City of Bonita Springs for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. She addressed Florida Statute requirements for the hearing and the advertisement of the hearing in the Fort Myers News-Press. The proposed millage rate is .8173 mils per \$1,000 of taxable value compared to the rolled back rate of .7721. The proposed millage is a 5.85% increase from the rolled back rate. The proposed millage is established to pay for the Fiscal 2015-2016 budgeted expenditures.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT.

5:03:15 PM Rick Steinmeyer commended Council on the great budget.

5:03:29 PM Dave Hanson, with Partnership in Housing, thanked Council for their support via the Resolution they passed last week.

V. PRESENTATION OF BUDGET CHANGES COMPLETED SUBSEQUENT TO THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2015 CITY COUNCIL TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING.

5:04:00 PM Ms. Wright stated that only one revision was made to the budget since the last meeting, which was to add an expenditure for the repair and maintenance of the skate park. The total expenditures from the September 10, 2015 draft was \$35,349,590 to partially fund the \$60,000. This resulted in a reduction in the contingency account by \$36,400, and added the \$60,000 expenditure, creating a net increase to our expenditures of \$23,600, which will

be funded through the fund balance, and bringing the total expenditures to \$35,373,190.

VI. DISCUSSION OF THE REVISED BUDGET

5:05:05 PM Council Member Bill Lonkart thanked Ms. Wright for her handout, which makes the budget revision clear.

5:05:47 PM Council Member Peter Simmons also expressed his appreciation for the analogy prepared by the Finance Director. He, however, disagrees with them outpacing themselves for \$10 million. He felt they over spent on that project, and while he supports the project, he doesn't feel the City has the fiscal ability to keep up with the project year after year, and address the issues at the bridge. He really likes the project, but feels it's overpriced.

5:06:52 PM Council Member Janet Martin motioned to adopt the millage rate of .8173 for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016; Council Member McIntosh seconded.

VII. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

The motion carried 6-1 (Council Member Simmons dissenting)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 15-54

VIII. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Council Member McIntosh motioned to approve the Resolution; Council Member Martin seconded; and the motion carried 6-1 (Council Member Simmons dissenting)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 15-55

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT.

5:11:43 PM Rick Steinmeyer invited everyone to his Baptismal ceremony this Sunday afternoon at 6:00 P.M., at access 9.

X. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

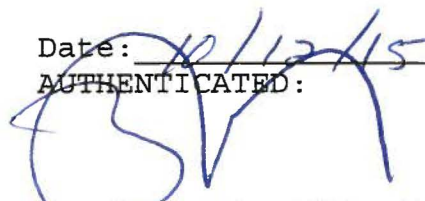


Debra Filipek, City Clerk

APPROVED:
BONITA SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL:

Date: 10/12/15

AUTHENTICATED:



Ben L. Nelson, Jr., Mayor