

CITY OF APOPKA

Minutes of a special City Council meeting held on July 30, 2014, at 5:15 p.m., in the City of Apopka Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Mayor Joe Kilsheimer
Commissioner Bill Arrowsmith
Commissioner Billie Dean
Commissioner Diane Velazquez
Commissioner Sam Ruth

PRESS PRESENT: John Peery - The Apopka Chief
Steve Hudak - The Orlando Sentinel

INVOCATION – The Invocation was given by Pastor Doug Bankson of the Victory Church World Outreach Center.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Mayor Kilsheimer led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Kilsheimer welcomed everyone to the special meeting and explained the purpose of the meeting is to set a proposed millage rate for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

SPECIAL REPORTS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. General Discussion of the FY 2014-2015 Budget.

City Administrator Anderson presented an overview of the status of the budget and the purpose of setting a proposed millage. He said the recommendation of staff is to set the millage rate at 3.2876, which is a 0.00% increase over the rolled-back rate of 3.2876. He reviewed the list of priorities, which include requests from Commissioners and Department Directors. He added that the budget is not currently balanced, and during budget workshops in August, those items on the priority list will be evaluated for 1) what we must do; 2) what we would like to have; 3) things that we may not be able to do at this time; or, 4) things we may find other funding to accomplish. [The presentation is incorporated into and made a part of these meeting minutes.]

He announced upcoming Budget meetings, as follows:

August 6 - A Budget Workshop will follow the conclusion of the 1:30 p.m. regular City Council meeting.

August 20 - A Budget Workshop will begin at 5:15 p.m., followed by the regular 8:00 p.m. City Council meeting.

September 3 - TRIM (Truth in Millage) meeting at 5:15 p.m., to set the tentative millage and budget.

September 17 - TRIM (Truth in Millage) meeting at 8:00 p.m. (regular City Council meeting), to adopt the final millage and FY 2014-2015 Budget.

City Administrator Anderson responded to questions of the City Council, noting that the City Council could choose either the rolled-back rate of 3.2876, or the current rate of 3.4727. In response to Commissioner Arrowsmith, Anderson recommended going with the current rate of 3.4727.

Mayor Kilsheimer opened the meeting for public input.

Suzanne Kidd, 1260 Lexington Parkway, asked for clarification on the difference in additional revenues to the City if the millage rate were set at the current rate, rather than the rolled-back rate, to which City Administrator Anderson said approximately \$700,000.00. She then inquired on the revenue generated if the millage were increased 1 mil, 1/2 mill, or 1/10 mil. CA Anderson said 1 mil would add \$2.65 million, 1/2 mil would add \$1.62 million, and 1/10 mil would add approximately \$797,000.00 in revenue.

Ron Landon, 1134 Dekleva Drive, said he would recommend going with the current tax rate, which would not accommodate the whole current list, but would cover a number of them. He spoke in favor of City Administrator Anderson's suggestion to build the Fire Station in this fiscal year, completing it by the end of the fiscal year, and adding the staffing in the next fiscal year budget.

Dr. Ray Shackelford, 2082 Carpathian Drive, spoke in favor of going with the recommendation of the current rate.

2. Approve and set the FY 2014-2015 proposed millage rate.

MOTION by Commissioner Arrowsmith, and seconded by Commissioner Dean, to set the proposed FY 2014-2015 millage rate at 3.4727. Motion carried unanimously, with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Arrowsmith, Dean, Velazquez, and Ruth voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/
Joseph E. Kilsheimer, Mayor

/s/
Janice G. Goebel, City Clerk