



REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 MINUTES

Pursuant to due notice, a regular meeting of the Commission of the City of Altamonte Springs, Seminole County, was held at 225 Newburyport Avenue, in said City on September 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Bates, Commissioners Batman, Cushman, Reece and Turney

ALSO PRESENT:

Frank Martz	-	City Manager
Amanda Phillips	-	Assistant to the City Manager
Skip Fowler	-	City Attorney
Angela Apperson	-	City Clerk
Chris Ulmer	-	Deputy City Clerk
Mark DeBord	-	Finance Director
Daniel Smutz	-	Chief of Police
Ed Torres	-	Public Works & Utilities Director
Allison Marcous	-	Human Resources Director
Rochelle Croskey	-	Economic Development Director
Shelly Nooft	-	Leisure Services Director

Mayor Bates called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION: Mayor Bates stated that most people remember where we were 17 years ago today and it certainly changed a lot of lives, so when we stand, for our moment of silence and the pledge, I encourage everyone to remember what happened on September 11 and those lost. A moment of silence was observed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Bates led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: by Commissioner Cushman, seconded by Commissioner Reece, to approve the minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting of August 7, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.

INFORMAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR: None

1. PUBLIC HEARING Adoption of the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2018/2019

Mayor Bates stated this is a public hearing to hear and consider comments and questions regarding the City's proposed annual budget for the coming fiscal year. Finance Director Mark DeBord announced the proposed tax rate of 3.1 mills, stated the rate is 0.1838 mills or 6.3% greater than the rolled-back rate of 2.9162 mills, which generates about 9 million dollars in property taxes and represents about 14% of all revenue. Mr. DeBord presented

a brief outline of the recommended budget explaining how the City focused on capital improvements over the past five years, all of which was done without borrowing money. The budget presented continues the conservative approach.

Mayor Bates opened the public hearing. No members of the public appeared before the Commission. Mayor Bates closed the hearing to the public and asked for Commission comments, to which no one replied.

Motion: by Commissioner Batman, seconded by Commissioner Cushman, to adopt a rate of 3.1 mills as the Tentative Final Millage Rate for fiscal year 2018/2019. Commissioner Batman – For; Commissioner Cushman – For; Commissioner Reece – For; Commissioner Turney – For; Mayor Bates – For. The motion carried 5-0, after a roll call vote.

Motion: by Commissioner Reece, seconded by Commissioner Batman, to adopt the Recommended Budget, with amendments, as the Tentative Annual Budget for fiscal year 2018/2019. Commissioner Batman – For; Commissioner Cushman – For; Commissioner Reece – For; Commissioner Turney – For; Mayor Bates – For. The motion carried 5-0, after a roll call vote.

Mayor Bates announced the City has adopted a property rate tax of 3.1 mills as the tentative millage rate for fiscal year 2018/2019. This rate is 6.3% greater than the rolled-back rate of 2.9162 mills. The City Commission will hold a final public hearing on Wednesday, September 26, 2018, 7:00 pm at City Hall. At the conclusion of that hearing, the City Commission intends to adopt a final millage rate and budget for fiscal year 2018/2019. All interested parties are invite to attend. City Manager Martz thanked Mr. DeBord, his department and the Department Directors for putting this budget together. He indicated it is a matter of pride for us to remain the only government in the County with no debt at all and that we have been able to maintain the same millage rate, which provides a level of consistency for the residents and businesses. Mr. Martz thanked the Commission for their support of him and the Department Directors as the budget was compiled. Mayor Bates noted the prior workshop, where the proposed budget was reviewed.

2. PUBLIC HEARING Application for funding from the State Aid to Libraries Grant

Mayor Bates opened the Public Hearing. No members of the public appeared before the Commission. Mayor Bates closed the Public Hearing.

Motion: by Commissioner Reece, seconded by Commissioner Batman, to pass and adopt Resolution No. 1364 approving the submission of the application requesting State Aid to Libraries Grant funding for library services. Commissioner Batman – For; Commissioner Cushman – For; Commissioner Reece – For; Commissioner Turney – For; Mayor Bates – For. The motion carried 5-0, after a roll call vote.

3. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL Top Ten Work Priorities for 2018/2019

Motion: by Commissioner Reece, seconded by Commissioner Cushman, to approve the Top Ten Work Priorities for 2018/2019 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION Appointment of Citizen Board/Committee Members

Commissioner Turney appointed Russel Hauck to the Planning Board and Michael Brunscheen to the Code Enforcement Board.

5. **FINANCE ITEM** Solicitation Award – ITB-18-051-CE – Construction of Floating Docks & Gangway for Lake Lotus Park

Mayor Bates read the item title into the record.

Motion: by Commissioner Reece, seconded by Commissioner Cushman, to award solicitation ITB-18-051-CE to Ravens Marine, Inc. in the amount of \$34,883. The motion carried unanimously.

INFORMAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR: None

REPORTS:

CITY CLERK ANGELA APPERSON noted the qualifying period for the November 6th Municipal Election ended Tuesday, September 4th at 4:30 p.m. Commissioner Cushman qualified for Seat 2 and will be re-elected without opposition. Commissioner Batman qualified for Seat 4 and will be re-elected without opposition. Those present extended congratulatory wishes and appreciation for their service.

CITY MANAGER FRANK MARTZ:

- Reported on the Tunnel to Tower run, which is a commemorative event for 9/11 attacks. The Police Department participants were Alison Smolarek, Brittany Perry, Evelyn Estevez, Tony Vancleave, Marcos Ramirez, Glen Cobb, Annabelle Arciniega, Josue Torres, Christin Berges, Jackson Athaide, Alex Sierant, Terry Nicolas and Dan Smutz. Mr. Martz indicated the Police Department was the “Fastest Law Enforcement Team”, Alison Smolarek was the fastest on the team; Terry Nicolas receive the trophy for the fastest man running in gear over 50 and Dan Smutz received the trophy for the fastest Law Enforcement Officer running in gear. Congratulatory wishes were extended to the team. Mr. Martz expressed how proud he is of the Police Department and state should anything ever happen in Altamonte, he knew our staff would run toward it.
- Congratulated Shelly Nooft, Jerry Sullivan and their team for the excellent Volunteer Banquet. Mr. Martz gave a special “shout out” to Richard Handwerk, Ryan Thompson, Daniel Yarborough and Steve Falk for doing an outstanding job on the baseball programs. There has been about a 20% year over year increase in participation, which is extraordinary. Sam Vincent and Lem Reed are doing a great job with Basketball. AS21 is also doing well.
- Thanked Mark DeBord and the Department Directors for their work on the budget. He indicated that over the next few years it would be harder and harder to provide all the services to our residents at an affordable price. The upcoming constitutional amendment, if passed, would significantly curtail our revenue by about \$900,000.00 a year forever. The challenges will then be what to fund and how to fund it and seeking alternate revenue sources. He expressed his pride of the team and how they work through the struggles. He thanked the Commission for their support.

COMMISSIONER BATMAN inquired as to those who desired to attend the EverGreen Cemetery and The Brawner House Fund raising event. The event and obtaining a table was discussed. Mr. Martz spoke of city efforts to assist in providing x/y coordinates for the cemetery and how the Library helps preserve history by accepting photographs.

COMMISSIONER REECE:

- Stated last Saturday, she saw the Tunnel to Towers participants running in their gear and expressed her appreciation of the participation in the event. She indicated it helped her to reflect on the sacrifices that many people have made during our lifetime.
- Reported on the opening of fall Buddy Ball last Saturday. She indicated they have eight new players and noted the need for individuals to serve as “Buddies” to the participants. Mr. Martz provided an update

related to the creation of a school for autistic children, which would provide medical practitioners in the location to alleviate caregivers from driving all over to obtain care. Mr. Martz indicated Dr. Ansara has indicated Florida Hospital has signed a letter of intent to create the facility at their downtown facility.

COMMISSIONER TURNEY encouraged attendance at the EverGreen Cemetery and The Brawner House Fund raising event.

COMMISSIONER CUSHMAN thanked staff members for the wonderful Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Thanked the volunteers and sponsors for their work they do in the City.

MAYOR BATES:

- Expressed her appreciation for the Volunteer Night event, which helps the volunteers to know just how much they are appreciated.
- Thanked Staff members for another great budget and expressed appreciation for the hard work that it takes to prepare the document.
- Explained how honored she was to speak at the Tunnel to Towers event and expressed appreciation for the event participants.
- Extended an early happy birthday to Dan Smutz and Frank Martz.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST:



MAYOR



CITY CLERK

