

September 14, 200
Budget Hearing

Palmetto City Council
Budget Hearing
September 14, 2000 6: 00 PM

Elected Officials Present:

Pat Whitesel, Mayor
Tamara Cornwell, Vice Mayor
Shirley Groover Bryant, Council Member
Donna Keefer, Council Member
Mary Lancaster, Council Member

Elected Officials Absent:

Brian Williams, Council Member

Staff and others present:

Alan Prather, Attorney
Chief Ken Bright, Palmetto Police Department
David Meng, City Clerk
Don Patterson, Interim Director Public Works
Mary Jean Forrester, Deputy City Clerk
Diane Ponder, Administrative Assistant

Mayor Whitesel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m and opened the public hearing.

Attorney Prather advised Council of the required process for adopting the proposed millage and budget.

1. PUBLIC HEARING – RESOLUTION NO. 00-20

Attorney Prather read Resolution No. 00-20 in its entirety.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO,
FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING A PROPOSED TENTATIVE
MILLAGE FOR THE TAX YEAR 2000.**

Mayor Whitesel opened the public hearing; no public comment, hearing closed.

**MOTION: Mrs. Keefer moved, Ms. Bryant seconded and motion carried
unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 00-20.**

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2. PUBLIC HEARING – RESOLUTION NO. 00-21

Attorney Prather read Resolution No. 00-21 in its entirety.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING A PROPOSED TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001.

Mayor Whitesel opened the public hearing; no public comment, hearing closed.

MOTION: Mrs. Keefer moved, Ms. Cornwell seconded and motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 00-21.

3. FIRST READING & APPROVE FOR ADVERTISING ORDINANCE NO. 00-69

Attorney Prather read Ordinance No. 00-69 by title.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING, ADOPTING AND ENFORCING THE FINAL MILLAGE, BUDGET AND THE RECEIPT AND COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM TAXES ON PROPERTY WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO FOR THE TAX YEAR 2000; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO CERTIFY COMPLIANCE AND THE MILLAGE; AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR OF MANATEE COUNTY TO COLLECT SAID AD VALOREM TAXES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Mrs. Keefer seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 00-69 for advertising and schedule a public hearing September 25, 2000.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL MILLAGE AND BUDGET HEARING DATE

The proposed tentative millage rate adopted, which will be the millage rate to be discussed at the public hearing to determine the final millage, is 4.1645 mills per \$1,000 which exceeds the rollback rate by 3.1%. The public hearing to adopt the 2000-2001 budget is set for September 25, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

Chief Bright requested Council consider a proposed 2.9% merit pay raise, along with the cost-of-living raise for non-union employees of the Police Department. Chief Bright explained how the funds could be appropriated from his budget. Mayor Whitesel advised this issue could be addressed at a later date, giving Council an opportunity to study the proposal. Attorney Prather advised Council the

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adopted tentative millage rate remain at the adopted level. Any discussion on this issue must involve revision of the tentative budget.

Mrs. Keefer inquired about the Tomato Festival Grant. Mr. Meng will revise the tentative budget to reflect removal of the grant funds, as it was not awarded to the City.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Approved:

City Clerk

Audio tapes of the meeting are on file in the city clerk's office.