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VILLAGE OF GOLF

Second Public Budget Hearing Minutes

Date: September 19, 2017
Time: 5:02 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers, Village Hall

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Lynch called the meeting to order on the above date and time in the Village Hall Council Chambers located at Village Hall, 21 Country Road, Village of Golf, Florida.

Roll Call:

Present were: Mayor Lynch, Vice Mayor Botos, Council Members Buchanan, Duane and Windle. Also present were Village Manager Thrower, Village Clerk Lynn and Village Attorney Biggs and other interested residents.

2. Second Public Budget Hearing

- a. **Announcement that the Final Operating Millage Rate necessary to fund the Budget is 6.3849 mills which is 0.65% over the roll back rate of 6.3439 mills.**
- b. **Announcement of Proposed Millage Rate FY 2017/2018:** The Village Manager announced the proposed Millage Rate of 6.3849 for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.
- c. **Summary of Proposed Budget FY 2017/2018:** The Manager provided a summary of the budget.
General Fund:
 - Up to a 5 percent merit based increase for Village employees,
 - Funding to digitize the plans room to make building plans more accessible and create virtual storage.
 - Increase the efficiency of our security camera and computer operations. We will be replacing the existing internet system with a dedicated line through AT&T. The cost is essentially the same amount we are spending with Comcast but guarantees internet access if systems go down.**Utilities:**
 - Utility projects include: more gravity sewer pipe lining, lift station improvements, manhole rehabilitation and replacement of a diesel generator.
 - Utilities will begin the replacement of water meters throughout the service area. The new meters will be remotely read, increasing efficiency.
- d. **Mayor Lynch opened the floor for public comments:** Mr. Judson asked the following questions:
 - If it was appropriate for the Village to give up to a 5% raise to employees when COLA is less. Manager Thrower stated that the employees are evaluated and adjustments match the score of the employee's evaluations. Most employees will receive between 3 and 5 percent. Manager Thrower also commented that the Village wants to stay comparable with the surrounding cities salaries.
 - If the Village had looked into a dual fueled generator. He stated that the generator cost wouldn't be cost prohibitive. The Mayor explained that although the cost of the generator may be reachable, to run natural gas from the road to the water plant it would be very expensive.

- If AT&T would be putting fiber optics throughout the Village. Mayor Lynch explained that when the natural gas was put in the Village that the Village was told that they could not use the same gas conduit to run fiber optics. Staff periodically checks with AT&T about availability.

e. Mayor Lynch closed the Public Hearing

3. Adoption of Proposed Millage Rate of 6.3849 Mills for FY 2017/2018

- a. **RESOLUTION 2017-10:** A Resolution of the Village Council of the Village of Golf, Florida, adopting the Final Millage Rate for the Village of Golf for the Fiscal Year commencing on October 1, 2017 and ending on September 30, 2018; providing an effective date; and for other purposes.

Attorney Biggs read the Resolution by title only.

Action: Motion was made by Vice Mayor Botos, seconded by Council Member Windle that the proposed Millage Rate for the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 be set at 6.3849 Mills.

Voice Vote Showed:
AYES - 5
NAYS - 0

4. Adoption of Budget FY 2017/2018

- a. **RESOLUTION 2017-11:** A Resolution of the Village Council of the Village of Golf, Florida, adopting its Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018; providing that the budget hereby adopted may be adjusted or modified by subsequent resolution of the Village Council, or otherwise under certain circumstances; providing an effective date; and for other purposes.

Attorney Biggs read the Resolution by title only.

Action: Motion was made by Vice Mayor Botos, seconded by Council Member Windle to adopt the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Budget as presented.

Voice Vote Showed:
AYES - 5
NAYS - 0

5. Adjournment

Action: Mayor Lynch adjourned the Second Public Budget Meeting at 5:19 p.m.

Voice Vote Showed:
AYES - 0
NAYS - 0

Respectfully submitted,

Donn M. Lynn
Village Clerk