



TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT
TOWN COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

The Town Commission of the Town of Sewall's Point met in special session for its Initial Budget Public Hearing on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Busha called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

b. ROLL CALL

Mayor Pamela M. Busha, Vice-Mayor Paul Luger, Commissioner Vincent N. Barile, Commissioner Thomas P. Bausch, Commissioner Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch, Town Manager Pamela Mac'Kie Walker, Town Attorney Glen J. Torcivia and Town Clerk Lakisha Burch and out-going Town Clerk Ann-Marie Basler.

c. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Busha asked that the agenda be amended to include a Proclamation to honor Ann-Marie Basler upon her retirement as Town Clerk.

Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Thurlow-Lippisch, seconded by Vice-Mayor Luger, to approve the amended agenda; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Busha, Vice-Mayor Luger, Commissioner Barile, Bausch and Thurlow-Lippisch. Motion therefore carried unanimously.

2. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

There were no public comments.

3. BUDGET ADOPTION:

a. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Town Manager Walker stated the purpose of today's special meeting was to give a financial overview of the Town's budget and why there should be an increase in the millage rate. A copy of her presentation is attached and incorporated to these minutes.

b. PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED BUDGET

Town Manager Walker proposed an increase of the millage rate 2.84 mills as shown in the budget presented at the meeting.

c. DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were received by Ms. Marcela Camblor, Mr. Bill Reeves, Mr. Scott Wade, Ms. Phyllis Castro and Ms. Lelia Kerry.

d. MOTION TO ADOPT TENTATIVE BUDGET

Discussion was had by the Commission regarding the need for a millage rate increase, Commissioners Bausch and Thurlow-Lippisch spoke in support of the recommended budget with other Commissioners asserting that the reserve balance should be used to offset current expenses so that a millage rate increase to 2.6 mils would be adequate.

Motion for approval was made by Vice-Mayor Luger, second by Commissioner Barile, to adopt the tentative 2014-2015 budget of 2.6 mills; therefore it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Busha, Vic-Mayor Luger, Commissioner Barile, Bausch and Thurlow-Lippisch. Motion therefore carried unanimously.

4. NOVEMBER MEETING CALENDAR

- a. Certification of election at Commission Meeting at 10:00 a.m. November 5.
- b. Cancellation of Workshop Meeting on November 11 (Veteran's Day).
- c. Election of Mayor on third Tuesday in November.

Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Thurlow-Lippisch, seconded by Commissioner Bausch, to approve the November meeting calendar; therefore it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Busha, Vice-Mayor Luger, Commissioner Barile, Bausch and Thurlow-Lippisch. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Resolution changing date of September meeting to Wednesday, September 24, 2014.
- b. Appointment of "Inspector of election."

Motion to approve the following Consent Agenda, was made by Commissioner Thurlow-Lippisch, seconded by Commissioner Barile; and it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Busha, Vice-Mayor Luger, Commissioners Bausch, Barile and Thurlow-Lippisch. Motion therefore carried unanimously.

6. COMMENT FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Thurlow-Lippisch confirmed Commission support for a one-time contribution of up to \$2,500 for "Be Floridian."

Commissioner Barile commented on the issue of local regulation of dispensaries of medical marijuana.

Commissioner Bausch commented on the Tourist Development Board.

Mayor Busha asked if we have been asked to participate in the Fire Rescue Committee to which the Town Manager responded that Commissioner Barile had been appointed by the Commission to serve on the Committee at the last meeting.

7. ADJORNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

APPROVED:

Mayor Pam Busha, PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

Lakisha Q. Burch, TOWN CLERK