



TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT
TOWN COMMISSION MINUTES OF FINAL BUDGET MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2016

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The Town Commission of the Town of Sewall's Point met on Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Morris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Dan Morris, Vice Mayor James W. Campo, Commissioner Vincent N. Barile, Commissioner Paul Luger, Commissioner Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch, Town Manager Pamela M. Walker, Town Attorney Glenn Torcivia and Town Clerk Lakisha Burch.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Commissioner Barile asked if Resolution No. 839 opposing the proposed Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination and Planning Area reform be added to the agenda. Mayor Morris stated it could be item number 5.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Millage Rate Increase Discussion

F.S. 200.065(2)(e)1 requires that the first substantive issue to be discussed must be the percentage increase in millage over the rolled-back rate necessary to fund the budget and specific purposes for which the ad valorem tax revenues are being increased.

- a. Presentation by Town Manager regarding purposes of millage increase

Town Manager Walker presented an overview of the budget and there was a discussion among the Commission, Town Manager Walker, Town Attorney Torcivia and Town Clerk Burch.

- b. General Public Comment regarding the proposed increase.

Public comment was received regarding the budget.

2. **Public announcement:** per F.S. 200.065(2)(d) & (e), the following announcement must be made:

“The Town of Sewall’s Point, Florida’s rolled back rate is 2.7868. The percentage increase in property taxes for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 is 2.99% and the Town’s millage rate to be adopted is 2.8700 mills.”

3. **Resolution No. 837 adopting the final FY 2016-2017 millage rate.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Luger, seconded by Commissioner Thurlow-Lippisch, to approve Resolution No. 837 adopting the final FY 2016-2017 millage rate of 2.8700; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Morris, Vice-Mayor Campo, Commissioner Barile, Luger and Thurlow-Lippisch. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Resolution No. 838 adopting the final FY 2016-2017 operating budget.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Luger, seconded by Mayor Morris to approve the adoption of the final FY 2016-2017 operating budget and for the vision insurance as proposed by the Town Manager to include a raise to Town Clerk for 55,000 dollars and not to approve the raise of the Town Assistant; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Morris and Commissioner Luger; Nye: Vice-Mayor Campo, Commissioner Barile and Thurlow-Lippisch. Motion failed 3-2.

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Campo, seconded by Commissioner Thurlow-Lippisch to approve passed budget as agreed upon two weeks ago with the following three exceptions: change of property and liability insurance to absorb the saving, change in health insurance because of open enrollment difference, and change to 2000.00 dollars for vision and suggest we convert to a vision insurance plan so it is administratively straight forward and revisit Town Clerk and Town Assistant salary 6 months from October 1 with comparison to job duties and anticipated and actual revenue received; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Morris, Vice-Mayor Campo, Commissioner Luger and Thurlow-Lippisch. Nay: Commissioner Barile. Motion passed 4-1.

5. **Resolution No. 839 opposing the proposed Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination and Planning Area reform.**

Commissioner Barile gave an overview of the item.

Motion was made by Commissioner Barile, seconded by Vice-Mayor Campo to approve Resolution No. 839 opposing the proposed Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination and Planning Area reform; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Morris, Vice-Mayor Campo, Commissioner Barile, Luger

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was public comment.

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSION OR STAFF

Police Chief Ciechanowski stated that the Town had received the Message Trailer and Laser Device from the grant that was awarded to the Town.

Town Manager Walker stated that the Town had received the first matching grant for the South Sewall's Point Road project from the South Florida Water Management District.

Commissioner Thurlow-Lippisch stated she would be no longer on the Treasure Coast Regional Council and hopes someone will jump on this and Joe Negron's plan with the 60,000 acres is an incredible plan and made a comment about the landscaping and fertilizer. Commissioner Barile asked should we follow-up with a resolution.

Town Manager Walker mentioned the schedule of the upcoming Town Commission meetings. Town Clerk Burch provided the dates and times for the upcoming meetings as follows: October 25 at 7:00 pm, November 15, 2016 at 7:00 pm and December 13 at 5:30 pm.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

APPROVED:

Mayor Dan Morris, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Lakisha Q. Burch, Town Clerk