

Detailed Minutes - Final

City Commission

Lamar Fisher, Mayor
Charlotte J. Burrie, Vice Mayor
Rex Hardin, Commissioner
Barry Moss, Commissioner
Beverly Perkins, Commissioner
Michael Sobel, Commissioner

Gregory P. Harrison, City Manager
Mark Berman, City Attorney
Asceleta Hammond, City Clerk

Thursday, May 25, 2017

9:00 AM

Commission Chamber

Preliminary Budget Workshop

CALL TO ORDER

The Honorable Lamar Fisher called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Rex Hardin
Commissioner Barry Moss
Commissioner Beverly Perkins
Commissioner Michael Sobel
Vice Mayor Charlotte Burrie
Mayor Lamar Fisher

INVOCATION

The Honorable Lamar Fisher offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Hardin, seconded by Vice Mayor Burrie, that the AGENDA be APPROVED. The motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA**17-435** Presentation and discussion of the Fiscal Year 2018 Estimated Budget.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

Mayor Fisher introduced the item on the regular agenda, a presentation of the fiscal year 2018 estimated budget. He then turned the floor over to City Manager Greg Harrison.

Mr. Harrison informed the Commission that staff has been working since last fall on the preparation for presenting the budget to them. He then stated that there would be multiple session, between now and when a vote would be cast regarding the budget, including one on one meetings to discuss the budget in detail, as well as, public meetings. Mr. Harrison then turned the meeting over to Budget Officer Erjeta Diamanti to begin the presentation.

Ms. Diamanti explained that the purpose of the presentation was to introduce the Commission to the estimated General Fund budget for fiscal year 2018, and to seek Commission direction on the millage rate, in order to balance the General Fund.

The presentation began with Ms. Diamanti informing that overall in the City, there are 23 funds. The General Fund and the General Capital, 6 Internal Services, 5 Special Revenue, and 10 Enterprise, but for the purpose of the presentation, the focus will be only on the General Fund.

The outline for the presentation was given by Ms. Diamanti, thereafter she gave the fiscal year 2018 policy recommendations, which were to maintain service levels, minimize the use of fund balance, and propose fire assessment fee increases.

Ms. Diamanti then moved on to the General Fund expenditures. She stated that in fiscal year 2017 the City adopted approximately \$125 million. The estimated budget for fiscal year 2018 is approximately \$130 million. Overall, from the previous fiscal year, the City is experiencing a 4% increase. Ms. Diamanti explained where each increase was being seen and why the increases are expected to be incurred.

Next, non-ad valorem revenues were discussed. Ms. Diamanti informed that in fiscal year 2017, the City adopted approximately \$73 million. The estimated revenues for fiscal year 2018 are approximately \$75 million. Ms. Diamanti explained the areas where the increase in revenues would be coming from. She stated that overall, there is a 1% increase from the previous fiscal year.

In regards to variances, Ms. Diamanti clarified that the focus would be on the use of fund balance and fire assessment fees. She reiterated that one of the

policy recommendations is to minimize the use of fund balance in order to build up undesignated reserves and address “pay as you go” capital initiatives outside of the Capital Improvement Plan budget.

The increase in fire assessment fees was discussed in detail by Ms. Diamanti. In summary, the fire assessment fees made up 37% of the total fire budget in fiscal year 2017. The last increase was made in 2013, and at that time, it made up 31% of the total fire budget. Ms. Diamanti informed that the current residential rate is \$134, however, they are proposing a new residential rate of \$163. The increase would not just be to the residential rate, but in all fire assessment rates across the board. With this increase, the City is estimated to collect \$50 million, this will then cover 45% of the total fire budget. Furthermore, compared to the other Broward County municipalities, Pompano Beach is rated the 3rd lowest, with the current fire assessment rate of \$134, while the new, proposed, rate of \$163 would rank the City the 5th lowest.

In addition, the amount of property tax that needs to be levied in order to balance the General Fund was discussed. Ms. Diamanti explained in detail how this amount is calculated. The proposed millage rate for fiscal year 2018 is 4.9865, which is the same millage rate that was adopted in fiscal year 2016. This will be an overall 3% increase from fiscal year 2017. Compared to all other Broward County municipalities, Ms. Diamanti clarified, the City’s ranking will not change with the new proposed millage rate. The City will maintain the position of the 10th lowest millage rate in the county.

Moreover, she stated that residents in Pompano Beach, with the proposed rates, would have a total annual cost of living of \$4744.

Lastly, Ms. Diamanti listed all important dates for any upcoming meetings pertaining to the budget through the rest of the fiscal year. During the months of June and July, there will be scheduled, individual meetings with the City Commission to answer any questions or concerns. July 17th will be the Budget Workshop and July 25th will be the adoption of the proposed fire assessment fee. In September, there will be two public budget hearings, which will be held on September 13th and September 20th. Lastly, during the first Commission meeting in October, they will be adopting the five year CIP for fiscal year 2018 through 2022 and the non-profit funding for fiscal year 2018.

Mayor Fisher closed the meeting by stating that the Commission looked forward to the individual meetings that will be taking place in June and July, and thanked Ms. Diamanti for her presentation.

The Presentation was READ AND PRESENTED INTO THE RECORD.

A. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Lamar Fisher, Mayor

Asceleta Hammond, City Clerk