

**CITY OF DELTONA, FLORIDA
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 13, 2015**

A Workshop Meeting of the Deltona City Commission was held on Monday, July 13, 2015 in the City Hall Commission Chambers, 2345 Providence Blvd. Deltona, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor John Masiarczyk, Sr.

2. ROLL CALL:

Mayor	John Masiarczyk	Present
Vice Mayor	Nancy Schleicher	Present
Commissioner	Heidi Herzberg	Present
Commissioner	Mitch Honaker	Present
Commissioner	Chris Nabicht	Present
Commissioner	Diane Smith	Present
Commissioner	Brian Soukup	Present
City Manager	Jane K. Shang	Present
City Attorney	Becky Vose	Present
City Clerk	Joyce Raftery	Present

Also Present: Deputy City Manager Dale Baker; Planning & Development Services Director Chris Bowley; VCSO Captain Eric Eagan; Finance Director Robert Clinger; Parks & Recreation Director Steve Moore; Fire Chief Mark Rhames; and Public Works/Deltona Water Director Gerald Chancellor; and Information Technology Director Steve Narvaez.

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Masiarczyk led everyone in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

5. BUSINESS:

A. Presentation, discussion and review of proposed draft of FY 2015/2016 Annual Budget.

City Manager Jane Shang stated she would like to give an overview of the FY Budget 2015/2016 and identify the highlights, that in FY 2014/2015 there could be some overages that could be utilized immediately as well as identifying those needs within a vision or with regards to moving the community forward and after the summation, open the floor for any questions the Commission may have.

Ms. Shang stated the proposed budget for FY 2015/2016 is a fiscally sound budget which addresses the needs of the community and is a little different from prior years. The common theme is that the City needs to make an investment to move the community forward, an investment for the future of Deltona. Deltona needs to diversify its tax base by bringing in and attracting businesses whether it is retail, commercial, or industrial. A better Deltona means offering choices, so to provide those choices the City needs to attract people and business and

that means that the City needs to be branded and beautified. This will be a common theme that will be heard in regards to the FY 2015/2016 budget. Deltona's greatest assets are the children and people of Deltona and everyone needs to come together but, to do this the City needs to offer facilities and programs that bring everyone together. She stated she believes the City has the resources and she truly believes now is the time to invoke those resources, not to pull back but, to invest in the City's future. For FY 2014/2015 staff believes there will be an overage of about \$2 million that reflects some additional revenues as well as decreases in operating expenses.

Ms. Shang stated she will be bringing before the Commission a proposal to utilize approximately \$1 million to address what she believes are needs to brand and beautify Deltona as well as offering facilities that will bring the City to the future for the citizens and children of Deltona. The \$1 million proposal will relate to parks such as improvements to Dwight Hawkins and Manny Rodriguez in order to increase the capacity for football, baseball and soccer needs. Also, gateway beautification because the appearance to others is important, it is the front doors to the City which give the impression of what the City is about and this could be done with accent arrangements and major landscaping on Howland Blvd., HW 472 and I-4 and Saxon Blvd. Additional funding would be devoted to address the issue of sidewalks. There is the need for a community center and a stadium which will take proper planning, a business performer, identify the competition, and identifying things like capital, operating and maintenance costs which will all be part of putting together a business performer. There will need to be a discuss about the Comprehensive Plan and updating it because it is the vision of what the community has for the future of Deltona and she has funding identified for that. She stated she would like to address classification issues within the organization and with that in mind her proposal for FY 2015/2016 is to maintain the current millage rate of 7.99%. The projected revenues for FY 2015/2016 are approximately \$36.2 million which is approximately a \$2.1 million increase.

Ms. Shang gave a presentation on the highlights of the FY 2015/2016 budget to include City beautification which includes a demolition budget for things like vacant homes; economic development and redevelopment to include contracting with an economic development firm and utilizing Team Volusia and the City Lobbyist; financial sustainability to include funding for a grants writer under contract, a GIS Coordinator and funding for the Firefighters' Pension and both the MUNIS and Granicus Systems; infrastructure to include road resurfacing, sidewalks and Howland Blvd. and Ft. Smith Blvd. improvements; internal and external communications to include customer service satisfaction surveys, the moving of the Fire Inspectors under the Fire Department, a refresh of computers, the 20th Anniversary Celebration and funding for D-TV to market the City, for midterm elections, implementation of the Ordinance Review Committee, the employee merit and health insurance, and employee development programs; overall development to include a discussion of a stadium which needs to have a business performer and an update of the Comprehensive Plan including a Strategic and Economic Development Plan; and for public services to include improvements to parks, the completion of the Lakeshore Loop Trail, Dupont Lakes and Vann Park baseball and softball fields, overall Citywide equipment needs, converting analog systems to digital, security improvements at City Hall, installation of fiber optic cables or at least the conduit and funding for the renewal of the Volusia County Sheriff's Office (VCSO) Contract.

Ms. Shang stated it is her opinion to use this time to address the needs of the community, the need to make an investment within the community to move the community forward which the budget addresses, the budget is fiscally sound, and this is not the time to go backwards but, it is

the time to make that investment in the community in order to move the City forward. There has been some dialog with regards to some modifications of the FY 2015/2016 budget which included the need for a grants writer, improvements to IT, funding for a Fire Reserve Team which would cost \$51,230, license plate recognition which is included in the budget for two (2) or more license plate readers, funding for the 20th Anniversary Celebration, VCSO contract but, all in all the comments have been that this is a good budget and she will utilize this year to review the outside contracts the City has. The budget was initiated the second week she was here so her hands were tied in regards to making major decisions but, she has been able to devote resources where she thinks they should be and to maintain the level of service. She stated she will utilize the next six (6) months to really analysis and determine whether other major changes need to occur.

The Commission and staff discussed two (2) license plate readers at a cost of \$35,000, maintaining the upkeep of Dupont Lakes Park until the possible sale of the property and include the property on the inventory list of City owned property, having a discussion regarding all City properties and leaving Dupont Lakes Park on the market, the budgeted funding is to continue maintaining Dupont Lakes Park, staff is putting together an inventory of City owned property and the City Manager contracting with a consultant to review the list and to determine the best use, Dupont Lakes Park needing about 10-12 loads of clay and laser grading for better drainage and to address safety issues at a cost of \$12,000, making sure that if the money is budgeted it is used on the park, having the inventory list of City owned property ready within six (6) months and that the City has a list of property that has already been looked at.

The Commission concurred to keep the funding in the budget for a consultant to review the inventory list of City owned property and determine the best use for each.

The Commission and staff discussed what the VCSO breakdown is for Deltona's deputies, operations and overhead; Captain Eagan provided a breakdown of costs and a breakdown letter from the VCSO Administrative Services Director, the increase to the VCSO contract being 2.5%, how much of the City's County tax dollars go to the VCSO's General Fund, that the City's County tax dollars go toward court services and civil infrastructure, the City budgeting more for fire than police and there being 25 fireman who make more than the highest paid police officer, the City being a training ground for deputies, the comparison of fire personnel salaries to police personnel salaries not being an even comparison and having no control over what the Volusia County Sheriff pays its deputies and fire and police being two (2) separate entities, two (2) separate union contracts and two (2) separate employers.

The Commission and staff discussed how the license plate readers will be deployed and it depending on how many are purchased, considering purchasing four (4) instead of two (2) so one (1) is in the City 24/7, and Captain Eagan provided a basic concept of how the license plate readers work and the difference between a two (2) and four (4) camera system.

The Commission and staff discussed that the City of Deltona be referenced on the VCSO's website and update the VCSO portion of the City's website with a picture of Captain Eagan, that the issue with the afterhours non-emergency number for the Sheriff's department has been fixed, and that the indirect costs for the VCSO should be worked into the county's taxes that everyone is paying throughout the county.

The Commission and staff discussed that the VCSO had recovered \$312,000 in things like stolen property and using those funds to purchase more license plate readers for the City, to see if Sheriff Johnson would be willing to use money confiscated from Deltona to match the two (2) license plate readers that Deltona is willing to purchase, what the budget for fire and police is for surrounding cities, having a breakdown of direct and indirect for both fire and police, the City benefits because it has all the resources of the VCSO readily available and a great response time, State Statute limits what the contraband forfeiture can be spent on, the VCSO contract cannot be compared to other City Police Departments, and not being able to draw the comparison between police and fire because VCSO is a contracted service and would have to look at specific levels of service to find somewhere else in the State that has a similar type of arrangement.

The Commission concurred to have Captain Eagan provide a report of what is achieved with the two (2) budgeted license plate readers and to see if Sheriff Johnson would match the City and purchase two (2) more.

Captain Eagan stated a two (2) camera license plate reader system is \$15,000, a four (4) camera system is \$21,000 and a single camera stationary unit radar system is \$30,000. He stated he would recommend a four (4) camera system to get the optimum benefit which is about \$6,000 more. He stated if two (2) systems were to be purchased one (1) would be deployed to a specialized unit and one (1) to a patrol shift, however, there are four (4) patrol shifts so four (4) systems would be optimal.

Commissioner Nabicht stated he had brought up a Fire Reserve Team last year which was cut from the budget and the Fire Chief brought up a new proposal for 10 Reserve Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) to handle in-house. The reserve program is used in DeBary, Orange City and several other agencies throughout Central Florida. This does not replace overtime, the firefighter/EMTs would augment and assist. An example would be if there are three firefighters on an engine normally, a reserve person would be a fourth on the engine. The advantage to having this type of program is it is an increased cheaper manpower, it helps out when there is a heavy workload, the Battalion Chief can make decisions on what apparatus he wants sent where based on some additional manning, and it would give the Fire Department the additional bodies that could be potential future employees. To have 10 extra people that the Fire Chief can call on at a very limited cost of \$50,000 a year which is the cost for physicals and bunker gear, it is a "big bang for our buck." He stated he would like the Commission to allot that \$50,000 to the program with an evaluation period where the Fire Chief would come back before the Commission with a report of how beneficial or not beneficial the program has been and the Commission could at that time decide to either maintain it, cancel it or expand it.

Fire Chief stated a lot of departments use reserves either in a combat situation or an administrative situation. There could be a reserve for administrative that do not have a combat rating, to assist the department in times of need whether its projects or during hurricanes. Having a reserve program does have its advantages, it can be used for a basis to hire people and it allows for the probation period if someone is a reserve. He stated the cost is estimated at \$51,230 for the first year, for 10 people, which includes workers compensation, physicals and bunker gear. The reserve firefighters would be required to have the firefighter minimum standards like a regular firefighter employee, as a base EMT like new hires, are required to go through the agility test all at their expense, and a background check like current employees.

The Commission and staff discussed Edgewater uses reserves and has sworn in two (2) volunteer firefighters recently, the reserves come in certified and are evaluated as they are serving the community, the reason the reserves cannot be used to cut back on overtime is because of the Union contract, the reserves not having salaries or retirement and are volunteer, and the current cost for 10 reserves is the entry level physicals \$5,000, gear is \$18,230, uniforms at \$12,000 and workers compensation at \$16,000. Also discussed that Orange City has 25 reserves, that a reserve cannot take the place of a firefighter but, can augment, the \$50,000 is in addition to the Fire Department's budget, that there are no vacancies in the Fire Department, doing a pilot program with five (5) reserves instead of 10, last year 20 reserves was proposed and there being no scientific reason for the number, the Commission not having enough information on the program, the item was cut by the City Manager and Commissioner Nabicht explained to Ms. Shang that he would be fighting for the program, that the Fire Department's staff has been cut considerably over the last few years, the reserve opens up operational personnel and the opportunity to have some administrative people to put on training classes or to work in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), colleges are turning out certified firefighters and EMTs who have no opportunity to gain experience and this program will provide that experience, that the program is a stepping stone for the explorer program who once they graduate has no place to go, the Union contract states the reserves must meet the same level of training and cannot supplement existing staff, not wanting an issue with morale, no discussion taking place with the Union regarding the program and a request that the Fire Chief have that discussion, having a mutual aid agreement with Volusia County and automatic aid agreements with DeLand and Orange City, there being reoccurring costs that would include uniforms, if gear gets damaged and workers compensation, and the Fire Chief would set a minimum amount of hours for the reserves to work every month.

Commissioner Smith asked why the reserve program was removed from the budget and Ms. Shang replied she looked at the Fire Department's portion of the budget, one of her concerns is with overtime, the Fire Department's budget being a great percentage of the overall budget and although the program is nice to have it is not a necessity but, if the Commission directs she will find funds for the program. Ms. Shang clarified that \$185,000 in the Fire Chief's budget was as a result of moving the Fire Inspectors from Code Enforcement to the Fire Department's budget.

Mayor Masiarczyk stated in regards to the 20th Anniversary Celebration, staff pulled the records from the 10th Anniversary Celebration which came to about \$130,000, however, that included snow and all kinds of things. He stated there are some people who want to do certain things but, it comes nowhere near that kind of money nor would he ever support spending that amount of money. The only things that have been discussed were an art show at City Hall where an employee would need to open and close the building. There has been some talk about a fashion show and about a battle of the bands but, none will be elevated to anywhere near the budgeted amount. He stated he did not want to move forward with the planning of the event until there was a budget. He stated at the most, depending on if a new idea comes up, would the event get close to \$25,000 based on what he knows today.

The Commission and staff discussed that the Mayor had a meeting with residents and businesses but, the Commission did not hear any feedback from the meeting, the big anniversaries being the 25th and 50th, the event not being necessary especially if there really is no interest, a dollar amount needs to be set for planning purposes, no more than \$25,000 for five (5) year events, no

money had been expended for the event yet, Mr. Pizza wanting to provide a \$1,000 scholarship to the winner of the battle of the bands, that there was a lot of waste spent on the 10th Anniversary Celebration, leaving the funds in the budget but, use it to lower the millage rate, buy more license plate readers and to start the Fire reserves, needing direction, the events planned not being done until October, November and December so there is time to change the plans, rolling the event in with the Christmas Parade or Santa's Village or have a music event at the Amphitheater, a three (3) day event being too much, having a whole day on a Saturday, not spending money on entertainment when local talent would jump at the opportunity, possible low turnout if the event was on December 31st, tying the event in with the Christmas Parade as the theme and adding an additional \$25,000 to that event, making it the theme for the entire year for all events during this budget year cycle and being willing to put \$25,000 towards the events, doing something the week of the actual anniversary and have a cake or something at the Commission Meeting, having those people that have planned events get sponsorships from the private sector and the City could offer in-kind services like promoting their events, promoting the history of the City in the City Newsletter, how the events will affect staff, having a logo contest with the local school kids, being against bringing in snow, and trying to get the community excited about the 20th Anniversary by coming and promoting ideas.

After discussion, the Commission concurred to reduce the \$150,000 in the budget to \$25,000, to notify the interested organizations that they should work their events around the City's current events and that the City will not put on a 20th Anniversary event but, will promote the 20th year and tie it into current events.

Mayor Masiarczyk stated the preliminary ad valorem tax rate is 7.99% which is what the proposed budget is based on, any additions or deletions to the current budget have to be taken into account and thus far the budget has been reduced by \$150,000.

The Commission and staff discussed it is owed to the residents even if it is just \$1 or \$2 a year, the suggestion of a rate of 7.95% which would mean a loss of revenue in the amount of \$68,800, making tax dollars work for the City, to lower the rate to 7.89% and lowering the rate each year one tenth of a percent, there being a million dollar surplus last year and a two (2) million dollar surplus this year, \$12 million in reserves that is not earmarked for anything, making the budget work at 7.89 and what that would do for the residents when everything around them is going up, at a rate of 7.90 on a home that pays \$335 in taxes it is a savings of \$3.77 a year and at a rate of 7.8 it is a tax savings of \$7.99 a year, if the City goes under the rollback rate the maximum amount saved would be a maximum of \$25 on a tax bill of \$335, passing a stormwater rate increase of \$40, Commissioner's wish lists in and not in the budget, there being about 4,500 residents that do not pay any City taxes and get all the services the City provides, there being no funds for transportation, roads or infrastructure, the Commission making a decision and standing by it, if the millage is lowered it will be harder to raise in the future, a 10th of a point being a feel good thing, there being \$35,000 budgeted for a salary study but, no money to implement the study, needing to have enough money in the pot as possible, some of the reserve funds being mandated by the covenants of the bonds, home values are going up but, save our homes limits that to 3% a year, the proposed increase to the health insurance was 34% and 20% was negotiated so far with no change, fuel costs possibly going back up and needing a cushion for that, and now not being the time to cut back on funding.

Mayor Masiarczyk asked if there was any interest in a short recess, there was none and he passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Schleicher at 7:38 p.m.

The Commission and staff discussed the stormwater rates went up to save the residents from paying a large amount of interest over several years, at the end of last fiscal year there was \$7.7 million unreserved, unassigned and undesignated but, the rest of the reserve funds are earmarked, the total General Fund Reserve is \$23.8 million, the salary study being done cheaper and the last salary study being done in 2008, the health insurance going out to bid next year and the City having its own health clinic like surrounding cities, and doing a fire assessment fee to help offset the Fire Department's costs.

Mayor Masiarczyk returned to the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

The Commission and staff continued to discuss the millage rate to include looking at having the numbers run for a fire services fee and then look at recalculating the millage rate, the residents who are complaining do not care about the long run and only care about right now, the Commission looking for a perception that it saved the residents a few dollars over several years, that most of the residents would rather improve the City, try to get a Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) to attract more economic development, the basing the revenue on figures by the Property Appraiser who is usually conservative, a millage rate of 7.90% would cost the City \$154,000 in revenue, whether \$4 is going to make or break the residents, a couple of years ago the President gave \$20 back and the vast majority said keep money to provide services, and residents wanting real true improvements that are going to bring infrastructure and economic development in the City.

Mrs. Vose stated with regards to the fire assessment fee she has recently seen some information on the City Attorney blog about challenges to those fees, she believes a Central Florida City lost a law suit on that and she would like to research it before the Commission discusses it.

Commissioner Nabicht stated the Commission took a vote earlier this year regarding a program that would be done with grant funds to do hurricane windows and storm mitigation (Hurricane Mitigation Grant) and he asked if money was put in the budget for the matching grant funds because that is important in order to get the grant for the residents. Mr. Clinger replied he was not aware of any.

Mayor Masiarczyk stated there is money in the budget to match grant money but, it has to be specific to the grant. Commissioner Nabicht asked that the City Manager check that the City is going to comply with the Hurricane Mitigation Grant by specifically earmarking the funds as he believes it takes effect in January. Ms. Shang stated there is \$500,000 set aside for matching grant funds.

Commissioner Nabicht stated there is money in the budget earmarked for the Latin Festival, he is not in favor of budgeting money for this event, money was put in the budget for a Multi-Cultural Festival and he will not support this budget with funds going toward the Latin Festival. Mayor Masiarczyk replied that the event falls within the guidelines of the City's policy and the line item can be removed.

Ms. Shang stated what is in the budget is a list of events or events the City has been involved in, there is no line item for the Latin Festival and what is listed is the best estimate of what it would take to put that festival on in regards to City services. There is a policy where the City has the right to provide in-kind donations such as the permit fee or the use of a facility. In regards to any true cost to the City such as overtime, supplies or equipment the intent was that the applicant would pay for those costs. One way to address the issue according to policy is to donate the soft costs up to \$2,500.

The Commission and staff discussed leaving soft costs in the budget for events so it is clear what was donated or what the City is co-sponsoring, the City's logo going on all promotional items when it donates or co-sponsors an event, soft costs not having any money involved, the soft cost would also relate to events like Relay For Life and God and Country, the City not initiating certain events as a City and the organizations who put those events on following City policy, the Commission making it very clear last year it was not going to sponsor the Latin Festival and the organization brought the costs down to the donation amount, the Latin Festival not providing a followup report within the 30 day time frame, waiving fees for events being the same as funding the events, the money raised from the Latin Festival going to purchase school supplies, a nonprofit organization (Healthy Start) utilizing a room at City Hall and them not being listed in the budget, and the issue is every year this event has been a contentious issue.

Commissioner Honaker suggested that the City every year donate \$15,000 to the Boys and Girls Club, the Council on Aging and to the William S. Harvey Deltona Scholarships under aid to private organizations.

The Commission discussed instead of having the Boys and Girls Club apply for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds each year that \$15,000 be taken from the William S. Harvey Deltona Scholarship Funds and provided to that organization each year instead, that CDBG has an application process, out of all the organizations that help the kids of Deltona why single out the Boys and Girls Club, the Commission not penalizing the Boys and Girls Club for missing a meeting, if the City funds the Boys and Girls Club out of the General Fund there would be an additional \$45,000 in CDBG going to someone else, and by budgeting funds for the organization all the other organizations such as the Hispanic American Youth Group of Deltona (HAYGOD) and Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) will be coming to the Commission for funding also.

Commissioner Honaker stated House Bill (H.B.) 41 passed, it is effective July 1st, it relates to hazardous walking conditions which are sidewalks and the term "student" now means that any public elementary school has to have sidewalks. It also requires that only roads within two (2) miles that have 180 vehicle count per direction an hour have to have sidewalks and it requires a member of the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), a member of the City and another group getting together to look at the roads and to agree on which ones are hazardous roads. He stated the School Board looks at the list, writes a letter to each municipality stating it agrees the designated roads are hazardous and then the City needs to place the funding in its' Five (5) Year Capital Plan.

The Commission concurred to have Commissioner Honaker provide the information on H.B. 41 to the entire Commission, that the Mayor and/or Commissioner Nabicht will discuss the issue at a TPO meeting but, in the meantime it is business as usual.

Commissioner Herzberg stated Healthy Start is at City Hall; it serves the residents all year long and was located in the craft building. She stated she would support keeping all the items in budget including the special events and the City should consider co-sponsoring all of the events because it brings the community together. She suggested having some flexibility to increase the \$500,000 in grant matching funds once a grant writer starts and the City has to generate money with money.

Mr. Clinger stated the Residential Construction Mitigation Grant does not require matching grant funds. It covers windows, roofs and garage doors and staff expects to have the application in on August 3rd. He stated the \$500,000 is not a budget line item; it is a piece of reserves.

The Commission and staff discussed missing out on two (2) grants last year because funds were not allocated for grant matches, as long as the grant funds are set aside they can be designated by moving it to a specific line item, cannot juggle grant money to be the match for other grant money, setting aside a portion of the grant money, once the City has a grant it wants to go apply for then move the funds to a specific line item at that time and that action may need to be done before the City applies for the grant, and the City is looking to do an Environmental, Cultural, Historic and Outdoor (ECHO) Grant for the Thornby property.

Mayor Masiarczyk suggested the City apply for and designate matching grant money of \$100,000 for the Veterans Memorial Museum/Park, \$100,000 for Thornby Park and \$100,000 for a phase 2 ECHO Grant for the Community Center for a Trailhead and that the amounts can be changed later if necessary. Commissioner Herzberg suggested requesting the maximum amount of \$400,000 for the phase 2 ECHO Grant to the Trailhead.

The Commission and staff discussed leaving the \$500,000 in reserves until someone is ready to move forward with an application, the City Manager bringing on a contract Grant Writer, one of the application questions being "has the money been set aside" and the City losing grant funding because the answer is "no" and the City Manager to get a clear understanding of the process for an ECHO Grant.

Ms. Shang stated to create a list of potential grants and the grant matches the City will go after and review it to figure out the likelihood of the City moving forward on a grant. She stated normally as long as the City has a budget item that states the City has grant matches that is usually sufficient. She stated once the City is ready to move forward authorize the grant funds to be moved from the grant funds to a specific project and she will research the regulations for an ECHO Grant and she will come back with a list to make sure there is sufficient funding. She stated there is \$8 million in unassigned reserves that could be used for grant matches and there is \$1.9 million in the economic development fund which should be utilized by any projects related to economic development.

Mayor Masiarczyk stated the ECHO Grant application submitted for the Veterans Memorial Museum/Park was not reviewed or recommended to move forward because there were no matching grant funds in the budget and was directed to have the funds in the budget this fiscal year. He stated he thought the grant was just waiting for the money to be moved to a line item in the budget, there was no direction to resubmit the application and he asked if a letter needed to be written to request the grant move forward and the matching grant funds set aside.

Commissioner Herzberg stated if the homeless thing goes through with the county and the City is asked to participate it will be at a reoccurring cost of \$350,000. She stated she was in favor of using the \$68,800 the City would save by reducing the millage rate to 7.95% to create a fund. She stated the City Attorney several years ago created something that offered direct assistance to residents by application and she would have no problem creating a separate fund of \$100,000 to be used to directly help citizens for things like utility assistance and rental assistance but the check would go directly to the provider and not to the resident.

Mayor Masiarczyk stated he did not think Deltona or the Commission would ever agree to \$350,000 on an annual basis to maintain a site located on the west side of Interstate 95 (I-95) until there is a much greater need and the Commission concurred.

Commissioner Nabicht stated the City needs to partner with the Community Life Center if it is going to put tax dollars into a program, enter into an agreement with them, there is a tremendous amount of money that leaves the City and goes to the east side for those social service type programs and the City does not need to get into the social services business but, have a designated staff member to oversee that relationship or contract. Mayor Masiarczyk spoke about the history of the Community Life Center, the City stepping up and making sure the Community Life Center does not fail, putting more money in Deltona and the City not having a homeless problem and if it does it is minor.

Mayor Masiarczyk summarized the consensus for the City Manager to include Mrs. Vose preparing the proposal for the ad valorem rate at 7.99%; have Ms. Shang check on the ECHO Fund and that outside organizations would plan events in line with the City's events, \$25,000 set aside for the 20th Anniversary Celebration which will include the ceremonial coins, an event with a cake and the anniversary night to showcase the history of the City in the Chambers.

Ms. Shang thanked staff for working hard to put the budget together, she appreciated the comments received by the Commission, she believes the City has a good budget, she appreciates the support, she will utilize the resources effectively, the City will see some big changes in the future and she thanked the Commission for its support.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Joyce Raftery, CMC
City Clerk