

**CITY OF DELTONA, FLORIDA  
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015**

A Workshop Meeting of the Deltona City Commission was held on Monday, April 27, 2015 in the City of Deltona's 2nd Floor Conference Room at 2345 Providence Blvd., Deltona, Florida.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**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
Acting City Manager	Dale Baker	Present
City Attorney	Becky Vose	Present

Also Present: Finance Director Robert Clinger, Parks and Recreation Director Steve Moore, Public Works Director Gerald Chancellor and Utilities Director Mat Doan.

**3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:**

The City Commission and staff said the pledge to the flag.

Mayor Masiarczyk stated he and Mrs. Vose spoke with Ms. Shang to negotiate her contract and there were successful discussions today. He stated when Ms. Shang signs the contract he will call a special meeting or it will be placed on the next regular agenda.

Mayor Masiarczyk opened the meeting for public comment.

Larry Kent, 235 River Village Drive, DeBary, stated that the new City Manager Meet and Greet on April 25, 2015 went great and he was impressed with the amount of people that attended.

Mayor Masiarczyk closed the meeting for public comment.

**4. BUSINESS:**

**A. Discussion regarding FY 15/16 budget strategy.**

Finance Director Bob Clinger reviewed the City of Deltona Budget Approach handout with the Commission.

The Commission and staff discussed the rollback numbers, the millage rate, the firefighter's pension fund, property values, the amount of homesteaded homes, an operating surplus, the importance of a Strategic Plan, possible quarterly water bills, creating a sports center,

infrastructure and City parks and roads.

**After discussion, the Commission concurred to stay with the plan as presented by staff: The starting point for the FY2015/2016 Budget is Actual for FY2013/2014; To continue to make an extra \$250,000 contribution into the Firefighter Pension Plan until the Plan is at least 80% funded; To keep the mileage rate at the current 7.99; and Any resulting surplus should be considered available to fund Commission priorities unless otherwise directed.**

The Commission discussed beautification of the community, past budget cuts, moving forward with the Community/Senior Center, review and make changes to the current Strategic Plan, the City's needs verses wants, and working with the County on County roads, going out to bid on all contracts on major items such as solid waste.

**After Discussion, the Commission concurred to follow policy with regards to all bids and contracts.**

Mayor Masiarczyk confirmed that staffs direction is to follow through with the 7.99% millage rate and to bring forward ideas for capital improvements.

The Commission and staff discussed the three percent (3%) assessed value, homestead exemption, foreclosed homes, the millage rate, a civic center. healthcare cost, and implementing a fire services fee.

**B. Discussion RE: Proposed rate change in the Storm Water Special Assessment for FY 2015-2015**

The Commission discussed the storm water special assessment.

Public Works Director Gerald Chancellor introduced Andrew Whitcock from Tetra Tech who has been working on a Storm Water Rate Study and Utilities Director Matt Doan. He stated the current residential storm water assessment fee is \$76.11 annually, the last fee increase was in 2008, since 2008 there have been substantial storm water improvements in the amount of \$7.5 million which is how the City has been able to build new pump stations, rebuilding existing pump stations, and large storm water ponds. The City coming to a crossroads and needs to either consider increasing the storm water assessment fee or stop doing any further storm water projects.

Utilities Director Matt Doan provided background on storm water projects and the Storm Water Special Assessment fee.

Andrew Whitcock with Tetra Tech spoke about the Storm Water Rate Study, the projected funding with the current storm water rate, the goals of the rate study, the O&M, debt and other expenses, renewal and replacement, capital improvements, the total revenue requirements, rate determinants, calculated rates, rate comparison and recommendations.

The Commission, Mr. Whitcock and staff discussed the Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) for property, storm water projects, water quality, grants for storm water projects, grant matching, reserve funds, setting by policy a matching percentage for grants, FEMA funds not being available for construction grants until more areas of Deltona flood repeatedly, water quality grants and

facility hardening grants being the two (2) types of available grants, debt on a four (4), eight (8) or 12 year schedule verses cash only on an eight (8) year schedule, the I-4 project, calculating rates, Capital Improvement Projects (CIP), refinancing the existing storm water debt, storm water fees not coming from ad valorem tax, the projects that need to be completed, storm water rates, adding storm water projects to the website, the storm water fee and the transportation fee.

**After discussion, the Commission concurred to look into refinancing the current storm water debt.**

The Commission discussed the one (1) year anniversary of SunRail, Deltona's 20<sup>th</sup> celebration and the Deltona's 20<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee.

**5. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:**

Acting City Manager, Dale Baker stated that the Commission may not be able to get ahold of some of the staff because there is mandatory training for the new agenda software system over the next few days.

**6. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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Karissa Cook, Administrative Assistant