

Minutes of a special City Council meeting held on September 7, 2011, at 5:15 p.m., in the City of Apopka Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Mayor John H. Land
Commissioner Billie Dean
Commissioner Kathy S. Till
Commissioner Marilyn U. McQueen

ABSENT: Commissioner Bill Arrowsmith

PRESS PRESENT: John Peery - The Apopka Chief

OPENING, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Land called the meeting to order and gave the Invocation. He said Sunday, September 11, 2011, we will be gathering at the Amphitheater to remember those who died and to reflect on those who serve to keep us protected in the war on terror. He asked everyone to remember and reflect on them as he led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. ANNOUNCE AND ADOPT THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE OF 3.5164, WHICH IS A 6.18% DECREASE OVER THE ROLLED BACK RATE OF 3.7480 - Mayor Land announced the tentative millage rate of 3.5164 for FY 2011-12, which is a 6.18% decrease over the rolled back rate of 3.7480.

Motion was made by Commissioner Till, and seconded by Commissioner McQueen, to approve the tentative millage rate of 3.5164, which is a 6.18% decrease over the rolled back rate of 3.7480.

Mayor Land opened the meeting for a public hearing. With no one wishing to speak, Mayor Land closed the public hearing.

Motion carried unanimously, with Mayor Land and Commissioners Dean, McQueen, and Till voting aye.

B. ADOPT TENTATIVE BUDGET WITH ANY BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS -
CAO Richard Anderson provided the following comments regarding the proposed budget:

- There is no reduction in the workforce.
- The Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) will be removed, and a new performance based merit system will be put in place.
- Most increases are capital based.
- Prior years' Budgets were decreased by cutting items normally being rolled out, such as

vehicles. This can no longer be delayed, so nine (9) police cars and two (2) ambulances are included in the proposed Budget. Two fire trucks will be purchased later in the year.

- Changing the renewal date of health insurance to allow time to review our coverage and evaluate how the City can bring in cost savings.

Finance Director Edward Bass gave a presentation on the proposed budget for FY 2011-12. A copy of the presentation and summary handout is included into, and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Bass and CAO Anderson responded to questions from the City Council.

CAO Anderson said there are no Budget adjustments to be presented, and he then thanked the Mayor and City Council for their input on the budget during preparation. He added that, in many cases, a comparison of some Home Owner's Association (HOA) dues and the City of Apopka's ad valorem taxes, find the HOA dues to be higher than to the City's property taxes.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dean, and seconded by Commissioner McQueen, to adopt the tentative budget for FY 2011-12 at \$55,441,340, as recommended.

Mayor Land opened the meeting for a public hearing.

Barbara Zakszewski, 3674 Rochelle Lane, asked if there was a proposed reduction in the City's workforce.

CAO Anderson said that the figures depicted in the Per Capital graph of the presentation, are based on the increase in population and no change in personnel.

No one else wishing to speak, Mayor Land closed the public hearing.

Motion carried unanimously, with Mayor Land and Commissioners Dean, McQueen, and Till voting aye.

C. ANNOUNCE FINAL BUDGET MILLAGE RATE HEARINGS - September 21, 2011, at 8:00 p.m. - Mayor Land announced the Final Millage Rate and Budget hearing is scheduled for September 21, 2011, at 8:00 p.m.

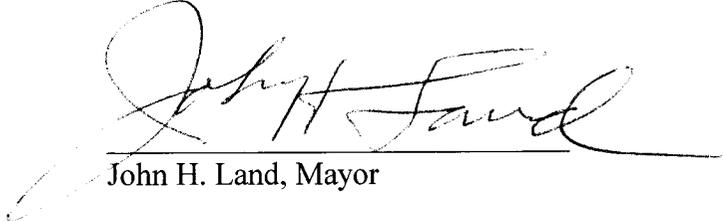
Mayor Land reminded everyone of the 9-11 service being held Sunday at the NWRC Amphitheater, at 9:00 a.m. He encouraged all to attend.

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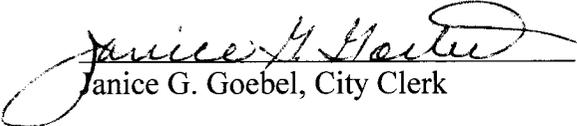
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D. ADJOURNMENT - With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.



John H. Land, Mayor

ATTEST:



Janice G. Goebel, City Clerk