

CITY OF BRADENTON
CITY COUNCIL – BUDGET PREVIEW MEETING
July 25, 2012
8:30 A.M.
MINUTES

The City of Bradenton City Council met in the City Hall Council Chamber, 101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, Florida, at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 25, 2012 for a preliminary meeting on the budget.

Present: Mayor Wayne Poston; Vice Mayor/Councilman Ward I Gene Gallo; Councilwoman Ward II Marianne Barnebey; Councilman Ward III Patrick Roff, and Councilman Ward V Harold Byrd, Jr.

City Officials: Carl Callahan, City Clerk & Treasurer/Chief of Staff; Claude Tankersley, Public Works Director; Chuck Edwards, Fire Chief; and Michael Radzilowski, Police Chief.

Councilman Bemis Smith, Tim Polk, Planning & Community Development Director, and Bill Lisch, City Attorney, were out with excused absences.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Poston.

Carl Callahan, City Clerk & Treasurer/Chief of Staff

Mr. Callahan presented for review a preliminary budget. The format of the preliminary budget appeared different in order to comply with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board requirements (GASB). Some items formerly under Special Revenues were now under the General Fund.

He stated that numbers had been received from the Manatee County Property Appraiser's office and reflected a 4.5% decrease in property values which would result in a decrease of approximately \$560,000 in ad valorem tax revenues.

City operating budgets are consistent with prior years, but decisions will need to be made on major purchase items such as a fire truck, police cars, computer servers, and Police Pension costs. The City currently has 497 funded positions, but is operating with 476 filled positions.

Other major projects included in this budget include:

- ❖ McKechnie Field Renovation – final numbers pending
- ❖ Sidewalk Grants – will be forthcoming
- ❖ Utilities Improvements (Meter Program)
- ❖ Ware's Creek Bridges
- ❖ Lift Stations Improvements
- ❖ Street Repaving Plan
- ❖ Insurances – Property, Medical, and Workers' Comp
- ❖ Possibility of looking at bond issue for infrastructure needs over a 10-year plan (\$30-\$40 million)

More detailed information will be provided at future workshops or hearings.

Mr. Callahan stated that the tentative millage rate and dates for the public budget meetings would need to be set today so that proper notifications could be done.

To begin with a starting point for budget discussion purposes, Mr. Callahan recommended to Council that the tentative millage rate be set at the roll-back rate of 5.4356. It currently was at 5.2002. The new rate would be an increase of \$23.54 per \$100,000.00 of property value. The millage rate cannot be easily increased, but can be lowered, and could be reviewed before a final vote.

MOTION TO SET THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE AT 5.4356 was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Roff, and approved 4:0. (Councilman Smith Excused)

MOTION TO SET THE BUDGET HEARINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH AND WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH AT 5:01 P.M. was made by Councilwoman Barnebey, seconded by Councilman Roff, and approved 4:0. (Councilman Smith Excused)

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 9:29 a.m.

NOTE: This is not a verbatim record. An audio CD or DVD recording of the meeting is available for a fee upon request.