

**ORMOND BEACH
BUDGET ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**May 25, 2022
Commission Conference Room
22 South Beach Street
Ormond Beach, FL**

5:00 P.M.

Call to Order – Roll Call

Ms. McGuire called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Members present were: Joe Hannoush, John Olivari, and Josh Pringle. Excused was Rafael Ramirez. Absent was David Romeo.

Staff present were: Finance Director Kelly McGuire, Assistant Finance Director Chris Byle and Recording Secretary Ida Hop.

Call for Nominations for Chairman by Secretary

Mr. Pringle moved, seconded by Mr. Hannoush, to nominate Mr. Olivari as Chairman. The motion passed unanimously.

Call for Nominations for Vice Chairman by Chairman

Mr. Hannoush moved, seconded by Mr. Olivari, to nominate Mr. Pringle as Vice Chairman. The motioned passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – June 23, 2021

Mr. Pringle moved, seconded by Mr. Hannoush, to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2021 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Amendments to the June 23, 2021 Minutes.

Page 5: 'First there is \$500,000 in property tax dedicated. That amount does not have the value that it did ten years ago. The transportation fundd is funded by the local options gas tax.'

Page 8: This cost has not been passed to the customers. ~~and not it is adding out.~~

Page 9: Mr. Ramirez moved, seconded by Mr. Olivari that the Budget Advisory Board agrees with staff's recommended directive to the City Commission as outlined in the presentation. The motion passed ~~unanimously~~ with one opposition from Mr. Hannoush.

Mr. Pringle moved, seconded by Mr. Hannoush, to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2021 meeting as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

None

Discussion of FY 2022-23 Operating Budget process and tentative meeting dates

Ms. McGuire stated the next meeting is on June 29, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. and after a discussion among the members a tentative meeting was set for July 6, 2022. She noted the meeting with the City Commission is on July 19, 2022 at 5:30p.m.

Ms. McGuire stated with the budget completed by the next meeting we will discuss the tax rate, water rate, solid waste rate and anything else that may come up regarding the budget and then give a recommendation to the City Commission. She explained with the price of everything going up, an additional million dollars was added to the budget for operating items in the general fund. These dollars are allocated toward items due to the rising cost of fuel, the CPI adjustment for Yellowstone, Water and Sewer, and Waste Pro.

Mr. Olivari questioned with the pension fund investments down, will the city need to add dollars to it. Ms. McGuire responded the actuary report for September 30, 2021 projected the contribution rate effective October 1, 2023. The investment gains/losses we are seeing now will impact the budget in October 2024 because the City utilizes smoothing returns over four years so that any gains or losses in any one year will carry forward.

Ms. McGuire explained there has not been a utility rate study in over 15 years and the plan is to get a professional study by a consultant to review our existing rates, our operating budget and our five-year capital plan to provide recommendations on how much the City should be charging each year over the next five years.

Mr. Hannoush commented the benefit of the consultant should outweigh the cost to tell us what we already know.

Mr. Pringle stated to properly explain to citizens the reason this independent study is necessary through a consultant who has a better idea of industry standard is prudent.

Mr. Hannoush suggested purchasing hybrid vehicles for public safety to save on cost of fuel.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING DATE

Ms. McGuire stated the next meeting will be June 29, 2022 at 5:00 pm.


ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,



Ida Hop, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



John Olivari, Chairman