

**CITY OF BROOKSVILLE
FINAL PUBLIC HEARING
FISCAL YEAR 2009/10 BUDGET
MINUTES**

September 23, 2009

6:00 P.M.

Brooksville City Council met in workshop session with Mayor Joe Bernardini, Vice Mayor Lara Bradburn and Council Members Joe Johnston, David Council Member Pugh and Richard E. Lewis. Also present were Derrell McAteer, City Attorney; T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager, Janice L. Peters, City Clerk; Steve Baumgartner, Finance Director; Jim Delach, Assistant Finance Director; Bill Geiger, Director of Community Development; Will Smith, Public Works Superintendent; George Turner, Police Chief and Tim Mossgrove, Fire Chief. Members of the St. Pete Times and Hernando Today were present.

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Mayor Bernardini, followed by an invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING - PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR STARTING OCTOBER 1, 2009

Mayor Bernardini read the following public announcement into the record.

Public Announcement - Ad Valorem Tax Rate (TRIM Notice)

Pursuant to Section 200.069, F.S., "Notice of Proposed Property Taxes" (TRIM NOTICE) the proposed ad valorem rate for the Fiscal Year 2009/10 was advertised to be a maximum of 7.0000 mills. This millage rate would be a 5.8874% decrease over the rolled back rate of 7.4379 mills. After reviewing revenue projections and proposed expenditure levels for the 2009/10 Fiscal Year, the General Fund budget is balanced at a proposed rate of 6.0690 mills, which is 18.4044% less than the current year's rolled-back rate.

Public Hearing – Fiscal Year 2009/10 Proposed Budget

Consideration of the Recommended 2009/10 Fiscal Year Budget

Review of balanced budget, together with consideration of additional proposed changes.

City Manager Norman-Vacha indicated Council has been provided a CD of the FY2009/10 budget, which can be updated if necessary. Further, she and City Clerk Peters provided Council with an example of staff's efforts to reduce storage. Four (4) years of Agenda packets, minutes, etc., have been reduced to the storage space of four (4) CD's. She further indicated that an additional thirty-nine (39) boxes of the same will be reduced to eighteen (18) CD's in the coming year. Vice Mayor Bradburn commended staff on their efforts to reduce paper storage.

Steve Baumgartner, Finance Director, reviewed the special revenue funds on page 105, changes have been made to the Red Light Camera fund and other funds as directed by Council at the First Budget Hearing on September 9, 2009. This included a \$250,000 allocated to Capital Improvements, and \$100,000 transferred to the General Fund.

He indicated the 18% roll-back rate reflects a reduction in taxes for the citizens. Council Member Pugh advised it will not affect all the residents participating in the Save Our Homes program.

Mayor Bernardini asked for Public input; there was none.

APPROVED BY BROOKSVILLE

CITY COUNCIL

ON 11/16/09 INITIALS [Signature]

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Approval of Resolution No. 2009-10 for FY2009/10

Consideration of proposed resolution levying a General Fund Ad Valorem Millage Rate of 6.0690 mills.

City Clerk Peters read Resolution No. 2009-10 by title as follows:

A RESOLUTION LEVYING AN AD VALOREM MILLAGE RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 FOR THE OPERATION OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND FUNDS OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Lewis and seconded by Vice Mayor Bradburn for approval of Resolution No. 2009-10 establishing the FY2009/10 ad valorem tax rate at 6.0690 mills.

Mayor Bernardini asked for Public input; there was none.

Motion carried 5-0 upon roll call vote as follows:

Council Member Johnston	Aye
Council Member Pugh	Aye
Council Member Lewis	Aye
Vice Mayor Bradburn	Aye
Mayor Bernardini	Aye

Ordinance No. 778 - Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2009/10

Consideration of second and final reading of proposed budget effective October 1, 2009.

Steve Baumgartner, Finance Director indicated the millage rate is included in the Ordinance.

Council Member Pugh expressed concern for the funds collected for the red light camera violations. He does not agree for the funds (as discussed in the First Budget Hearing), to be used for funding other projects in the City. Vice Mayor Bradburn reviewed safety issues addressed by the cameras and her hope that the revenue will come down via decreased violations. Discussion continued.

Concerning long-term disability benefits, Mayor Bernardini indicated he would like to see that included in next year's budget.

Motion:

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Bradburn and seconded by Council Member Johnston for approval.

City Clerk Peters read Ordinance No. 778 by title, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING CERTAIN MONIES FOR THE GENERAL OPERATIONS OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA, FROM ITS SEVERAL FUNDS FOR THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2009 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010.

Mayor Bernardini asked for Public input; there was none.

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Motion carried 4-1 upon roll call vote, as follows:

Council Member Pugh	Nay
Council Member Lewis	Aye
Council Member Johnston	Aye
Vice Mayor Bradburn	Aye
Mayor Bernardini	Aye

Council Member Johnston advised that next year's budget will be even leaner and urged staff to work on the use of creative ways to not let Reserves fall to as low a level as this year. City Manager Norman-Vacha stated staff is already working to save more dollars and being more conservative for next year. The Property Appraiser's Office has indicated in 2009 there was a 14% decrease countywide in property values as paralleled with the 2008 decrease of 15% for property values countywide causing a reduction of revenues. She also relayed that, according to an economist, Florida has endured more than its share of the downturn and will be the last to show an increase coming out of the downturn, with a prediction of 2011-2012 before the City sees a turnaround. There are still businesses willing to invest in the community which reflects a positive sign.

Proposed Ordinance No. 777 - Ad Valorem Tax Abatement Application

Approval of application for a ten year period with an exemption of 100% of the improved property value assessment for the first 5 years and an exemption of 75% for the second 5 years, beginning 01/01/09 and providing for compliance guidelines.

Bill Geiger, Director of Community Development, briefly reviewed the proposed Ordinance.

Council Member Lewis asked if the abatement stays with the property or the owner. City Attorney Rey indicated it stays with the property and any new owner would be held to the meet the obligations of the job requirements.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Pugh and seconded by Council Member Lewis for approval of the abatement.

City Clerk Peters read Ordinance No. 777 by title, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR QUALIFIED TAX ABATEMENT FOR UP TO TEN YEARS FOR THE EXPANSION OF A QUALIFIED MANUFACTURING BUSINESS ON PROPERTY OWNED BY FLAGSTONE PAVERS, INC., LOCATED AT 9070 OLD COBB ROAD, BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA 34601-9300; PROVIDING THAT THE EXPANSION OF THIS BUSINESS HAS CREATED THIRTY AND MUST MAINTAIN A MINIMUM OF TWENTY-SIX ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME JOBS; PROVIDING A SUMMARY OF THE ESTIMATED VALUES AND PROPOSED ABATED TAX REVENUE; PROVIDING FOR RESTRICTIONS, CONDITIONS AND TERMINATION; PROVIDING FOR THE EXEMPTION THROUGH THE HERNANDO COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Bernardini asked for Public input; there was none.

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Motion carried 5-0 upon roll call vote, as follows:

Council Member Lewis	Aye
Council Member Johnston	Aye
Council Member Pugh	Aye
Vice Mayor Bradburn	Aye
Mayor Bernardini	Aye

Proposed 08/09 Budget Amendments

Consideration of budget amendments due to the Red Light Camera Program and the award of the JAG Direct Laser Grant.

Steve Baumgartner, Finance Director, reviewed the changes related to revenue received because of the acceptance of the Red Light Camera Program. He projected \$162,000 in revenue from the Red Light Camera Program. He indicated the first amendment included the confiscation of deposit due to two (2) red light cameras not being installed timely. The second amendment is the JAG Direct Laser Grant which was presented to Council to apply for the grant and award to a sole source.

Red Light Camera Program Amendment

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Johnston and seconded by Vice Mayor Bradburn for approval. Motion carried 5-0.

JAG Direct Laser Grant Amendment

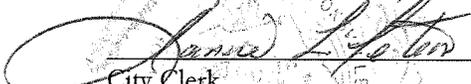
Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Pugh seconded by Council Member Johnston for approval. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment

There being no further business to bring before Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Attest: 
Mayor


City Clerk

