

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH
Town Hall –Council Chambers
2523 Estero Boulevard
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

July 26, 2007

All councilmembers were present, as well as Town Manager Gary Parker; Town Attorney Anne Dalton; Finance Director Evelyn Wicks; Town Clerk Michelle Mayher; Community Development Director Jerry Murphy; Mound House/Newton Park Director Theresa Schober.

Mr. Parker began by suggesting a change in the format, but discussing the tentative millage rate first.

Mayor Boback called public comment.

Opened Public Comment.
Public Comment was heard.
Closed Public Comment.

Mr. Parker identified last year's millage rate was .6096, and this year's roll back rate is 0.6053.

Attorney Dalton read **Resolution 07-26**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE OPERATING AD VALOREM MILLAGE RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2007/2008 FOR THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; DETERMINING THAT THE PROPOSED OPERATING MILLAGE RATE MEETS/EXCEEDS/IS LESS THAN THE ROLLED-BACK RATE; ESTABLISHING THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR A FINAL HEARING TO ADOPT THE FINAL OPERATING AD VALOREM MILLAGE RATE AND THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE TAX YEAR 2007/2008; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Councilmember Acken moved to adopt a tentative millage rate of 0.6096; seconded by Vice Mayor Kiker. The rate exceeds the roll back rate, and requires a unanimous vote .

Motion failed with Councilmembers Shenko and Meador voting nay, Mayor Boback, Vicke Mayor Kiker and Councilmember Acken voting aye.

Councilmember Acken moved to adopt a tentative millage rate of 0.6053; Vice Mayor Kiker seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1, with Councilmember Meador dissenting.

Regarding discussion of Beach Renourishment, Council will set a special meeting to discuss this project.

Discussion ensued through the Administrative budget: Town Council, Town Manager, Administration, Legal and Special Events, IT, (including the Trakit system). Under Finance, a Contracts Manager has been budgeted in to oversee granting agencies' requirements. Additionally, Council discussed reviewing the auditing firm and going out to bid in the next budget cycle.

Community Development Director Jerry Murphy spoke to the loss of the County code enforcement, and the intent to bring code enforcement entirely in house, and covering seven days a week. Mr. Parker explained that Town will contract with Lee County for a portion of the upcoming year and phase in the building department with an inspector, permit clerk and building official. Community Development will prepare an RFP and look at outside contractor(s) for permitting services.

Mr. Murphy referenced the proposed fee schedule, pointing out a correction on the fee for Short Term Rentals; previous documents indicated a fee of \$500, which should have been \$100, and a proposed \$175.00 annual fee.

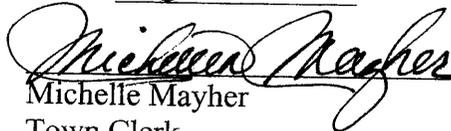
Staff is looking for Council direction whether to pursue the fee schedule, to increase fees to subsidize, or keep fees as is; staff does not recommend column four, it is provided for comparison purposes.

Councilmember Shenko moved to adopt option two of the fee schedule with the exception of short term rentals being adjusted to \$100. Council expressed a desire to have this item at a regularly scheduled Council meeting. Councilmember Shenko withdrew his motion.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM

Adopted 8-13-07 With/ Without Changes. Motion by Acken/Shenko
(Date)

Vote: 5-0


Michelle Mayher
Town Clerk

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