



MINUTES

**FORT MYERS BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2523 ESTERO BOULEVARD
FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA 33931**

WORKSESSION - BUDGET

AGENDA

June 21, 2010

9 AM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kiker called the meeting to order at 8:57 a.m. Present with Mayor Kiker was Vice Mayor Raymond, Council members Babcock, List and Mandel along with Town Manager Stewart, Community Development Director Shockey, Finance Director Evelyn Wicks, Public Works Director Cathie Lewis and Town Clerk Michelle Mayher.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. FY 2011 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mayor Kiker voiced his disapproval with receiving items for review any later than the Wednesday before a meeting with Councilmember Babcock and Vice Mayor Raymond in agreement.

Town Manager Stewart offered his apologies indicating the packet goes out on Wednesdays, however, at times due to additional information received by outside entities that Town Hall had no control over there are information sheets added past the Wednesday deadline.

Town Manager Stewart reviewed the packet of materials noting first the number of items Council had accomplished during the year followed by the projects that lay ahead of Council.

Mr. Stewart indicated some of the items that needed to be addressed:

- Revenue Diversity
- Support of Public
- Stable Revenue
- Property Values/Decline
- Millage Rates
- Economic Impact on Revenue

Mr. Stewart then reviewed revenues and expenditures noting the \$809,000 gap.

Discussion with Evelyn Wicks regarding the general fund, emergency fund and execution continued. It was indicated the town was near a 47% or 6 month operating expense reserve.

Town Manager Stewart stated all the items staff listed for the budget warranted being done, with no frivolous additions in his view.

Before Council began their discussion, Evelyn Wicks pointed out on page 12 the estimated revenue by source, showing what each department was bringing in; however, they had not included the short term rental program.

A discussion ensued regarding the need for an additional code enforcement officer for the short term rental program as well as the time of year to start the program.

Town Manager Stewart stated Risk Analysis needed to be looked at since the decisions made affected how the town evolved for years to come.

Vice Mayor Raymond and Councilmember Babcock indicated they felt a staff raise would be in order since it had been at least 3 years since the last one with Mayor Kiker voicing his disapproval.

Recess: 10:10 AM

Reconvene: 10:25 AM

Mayor Kiker brought up the issue of the oil spill and the possibilities for obtaining needed funds should there be a disaster with thoughts of asking the library and fire department for a share of the funds.

Councilmember Mandel indicated he did not feel the \$500,000 emergency fund was enough and suggested the town obtain a line of credit for such events as well as determining the appropriate emergency response avenues and claim applications to BP.

Town Manager Stewart began reviewing the packet information starting with

Council's expenses. Questions arose concerning advertising costs, minutes as well as the lobbyists expenses, laptop computers for Council and cell phone service for Council.

Discussion continued with Committee expenses and the Town Manager's Department, Town Clerk, general expenditures, animal control and legal services.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Adopted _____ With/Without changes. Motion by _____

Vote: _____

Michelle D. Mayher, Town Clerk

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