

CITY OF MELBOURNE, FLORIDA  
MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING BEFORE CITY COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2004



A special meeting of the City Council was held in the City Council Chamber, 900 East Strawbridge Avenue, and was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor John A. Buckley.

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call.

Present:	John A. Buckley	Mayor
	Richard Contreras	Council Member, District 1
	Ed Palmer	Council Member, District 2
	Pat Poole	Council Member, District 3
	Grace Walker	Council Member, District 4
	Cheryl Palmer	Vice-Mayor, District 5
	Loretta Isenberg-Hand	Council Member, District 6
	Jack M. Schluckebier, Ph.D.	City Manager
	Paul R. Gougelman, III	City Attorney
	Cathleen A. Wysor	City Clerk
	Amy W. Elliott	Assistant City Manager
	Cindy Dittmer	Planning & Economic Development Director

3. PUBLIC HEARING: Tentative 2004-2005 Budget

Assistant City Manager Amy Elliott reported that this is the second public hearing for the 2004-2005 budget. She stated that the City's fiscal year begins on October 1 and ends on September 30. At the first public hearing on September 14, the City Council tentatively approved a \$136.1 million budget. The proposed budget provides for all general City functions and is less than the current budget.

Continuing, Ms. Elliott said that this budget provides the same millage rate that we currently have, which is 4.7856 mills. This is 4.17% above the rollback rate of 4.5941 mills. The additional revenue will be used to fund increased personnel and operating costs.

Ms. Elliott reviewed the handout, which highlights the budget and the budget process. She concluded by saying that at this meeting Council can take action to amend the budget or approve as presented. The staff recommendation is to adopt the millage rate and approve the budget.

Mayor Buckley opened the public hearing. There were no comments.

4. COUNCIL ACTION RE: Adoption of Resolution No. 1901 establishing the 2004-05 Millage Rate.

City Attorney Paul Gougelman read Resolution No. 1901 by title. Ms. Elliott noted that this resolution provides for the adoption of the final rate of 4.7856 mills, which is 4.17% above the rollback rate of 4.5941 mills.

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Moved by Poole/E. Palmer for approval of Resolution No. 1901 adopting the final millage rate of 4.7856. The roll call vote was:

Aye: Contreras, E. Palmer, Poole, Walker, Hand and Buckley

Nay: C. Palmer

Motion carried.

Vice Mayor Cheryl Palmer voted nay because although the current millage rate is being adopted, it provides for a 4% increase in revenue.

5. COUNCIL ACTION RE: Adoption of Resolution No. 1902 establishing the Fiscal Year 2004-05 Budget.

From the agenda report: Tentative approval was given for the 2004-05 Budget of \$136,113,595 at the public hearing on September 14. At that meeting, Council approved an additional grant-in-aid of \$12,500 to the Brevard Museum of Art and Science. Funding for this grant was taken from the General Fund contingency. The balance remaining in General Fund Contingency is \$282,089. There was no change to the total General Fund Budget.

The Tentative Budget, as adopted, is as follows:

<u>Fund</u>		<u>Tentative Budget</u>
General		\$54,514,456
Special Revenue:		
Downtown Redevelopment CRA	\$462,462	
Babcock Street Redevelopment CRA	842,385	
Olde Eau Gallie Riverfront Redevelopment CRA	90,934	
Housing and Community Development	582,566	
Community Development Block Grant	697,196	
HOME – Home Assistance Program	284,422	
SHIP – Housing Assistance Program	570,784	3,530,749
Water and Sewer		38,890,459
Stormwater Utility		1,113,933
Golf Course		2,642,153
Insurance		4,004,191
Capital Improvement		22,846,930
Airport		8,570,724
TOTAL		\$136,113,595

The City Attorney read the resolution by title.

Moved by Hand/Walker for approval of Resolution No. 1902.

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Mrs. Palmer said that she approves of most of the items in the budget; however, because of the \$3 million in renovation for City Hall and the \$100,000 for grants-in-aid, she is going to vote no. She added that the City will have to rely on its contingency funds for emergencies and Council needs to be careful with its decisions.

The question was called. The roll call vote was:

Aye: Contreras, E. Palmer, Poole, Walker, Hand and Buckley

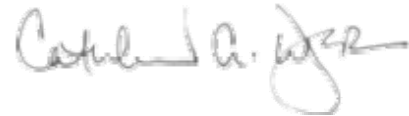
Nay: C. Palmer

Motion carried.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Poole/Walker to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.



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City Clerk – 10/5/2004

Approved by Council: October 12, 2004