

CITY OF MELBOURNE, FLORIDA
MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING BEFORE CITY COUNCIL
JULY 25, 2005



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 Harry C. Goode, Jr.

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call.

Present:	Harry C. Goode, Jr.	Mayor
	Richard Contreras	Vice Mayor, District 1
	Mark LaRusso	Council Member, District 2
	Kathy Meehan	Council Member, District 3
	Grace Walker	Council Member, District 4
	Cheryl Palmer	Council Member, 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

3. COUNCIL ACTION RE: Review of the 2005-06 Proposed Budget

From the agenda report: As a result of the City receiving updated assessed valuation information from the Property Appraiser, staff revisited the expected increase in property tax revenue. At the proposed 4.7415 millage rate, it is expected that property tax revenue will increase by \$245,900. The change will increase the total proposed budget to \$119,705,071. The following funds will be revised as follows:

General Fund	\$58,951,299
Downtown CRA	584,874
Babcock Street CRA	419,462
Olde Eau Gallie CRA	90,331
Capital Improvement	8,645,552

Assistant City Manager Amy Elliott provided an overview for Council. The purpose of this meeting is to review the City Manager's proposed 2005-2006 fiscal year budget. The budget was distributed to Council on July 1. Staff has had several meetings with individual Council Members and responded to a number of questions. Some of these questions have been included in the agenda package. This \$119 million budget is the operating program for the next fiscal year. It includes all major funds and operations of the City, except for the Airport. It includes all traditional municipal services, such as police, fire, streets and recreation and a regional water and sewer system, storm water utility, two golf courses and various internal service funds. The Airport budget will be reviewed by the Airport Authority next month and then submitted to Council for its review in September.

The proposed budget is about \$12.7 million less than the current year budget. This is largely due to a decrease in capital improvements. A large number of bond-funded water

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and sewer system improvements in the current budget are not being repeated in next year's budget.

The City Manager's transmittal letter summarizes the nearly 300-page document and provides highlights of the major issues that are discussed in the budget.

In terms of the revenues, probably the most important consideration the City is faced with at this meeting is adoption of the proposed millage rate. Staff is recommending a property tax rate of 4.7415 mills, which is expected to generate nearly \$17 million. This amount reflects the improved assessed valuation reported by the Property Appraiser. The proposed millage rate is 1% less than the current millage rate of 4.7856; however, in accordance with the TRIM Legislation, must be reported as a 9.63% increase over the roll back rate of 4.325 mills.

Melbourne's proposed millage rate compares favorably to other full service cities in the County. The increased property tax revenue is proposed to be used to fund increased personnel and operating costs and for enhancement of our street resurfacing program. Other General Fund revenues have been adjusted to reflect growth trends. The Water and Sewer Fund contains the previously adopted 5% water and sewer rate increases and reflects increases in other fees as recently approved by Council. The golf courses continue to suffer losses. A rate review was recently completed by the National Golf Foundation consulting group and will be presented to Council next month. No specific rate adjustments have been included in the proposed budget.

With regard to expenditures, the single biggest change is to add 19 new positions – 12 of those are firefighting personnel to staff the new Eber Road fire station. Additionally, six police officers previously hired under grant programs will be redeployed now that the grant programs are ending. The General Fund will be picking up the total cost for these positions. Other new positions are recommended in support of the Water and Sewer System and to assist with increased capital projects and development issues.

Funding has been proposed for salary adjustments to all employees consistent with union contracts and for increased health insurance and pension costs. Operating expenses, transfers and capital outlay decrease slightly from the current budget. This is largely due to decreased transfers for capital improvements. Finally, capital improvements decreased \$14.4 million from the current budget. Again, this is because we are not proposing bond-funded projects next year.

With the increase in property tax revenues associated with the improved valuation, staff recommends a \$200,000 increase in the street resurfacing program from what was originally presented in the budget document.

The recommendation is to tentatively approve the 2005-2006 proposed budget of \$119,705,071.

From the budget document: Because of the recent change in State law regarding growth management, this will be the last time the Five Year Capital Improvement Program will be

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presented in its current format. Currently all projects are listed for each of the next five years, but only the first year is realistic because those projects can be funded from available revenue sources. There are not sufficient revenues to fund the remaining four years' projects at current levels. Listing projects that do not have realistic funding sources is technically incorrect.

The City is substantially under-funded with respect to its capital needs. The table outlined in the budget document takes into consideration new requirements of future Council priorities, as well as changes State or Federal law may impose. Just one example of that will be new requirements for concurrency to be effective in new areas. Additional ongoing revenue sources need to be identified to generate enough money to fund the capital improvements. Examples of likely prospects would be:

- One-cent sales tax, requiring Countywide referendum
- Local Option Gas Tax (second set of 1 – 5 cents), requiring Countywide referendum
- One mill City property tax, requiring City referendum

Mr. Schluckebier stated that Mrs. Elliott and the budget staff did a good job putting together the various requests by departments. He added that he believes we have a balanced budget that meets our needs within the available revenues.

With regard to the capital needs outlined in the budget document, he noted that he is bringing that to Council's attention – not because it demands immediate action, but to lay the groundwork for the choices that will be coming.

Mayor & Council reviewed and gave preliminary approval to the following tabbed sections of the budget:

BUDGET SUMMARIES

Includes summary of revenues and expenditures for all funds, Capital Improvement Fund sources of funds, and Capital Improvement Fund uses of funds.

As a result of the change in valuation, the following adjustments were made:

GENERAL FUND REVENUES

ACCOUNT/DESCRIPTION	CHANGE	NEW ACCT. TOTAL	NEW DEPT. TOTAL
200014-01000 Real & Personal Property Tax	\$245,900	\$16,990,409	
Total Taxes			\$34,824,409
Total General Fund	\$245,900		\$58,951,299

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SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS REVENUES

ACCOUNT/DESCRIPTION	CHANGE	NEW ACCT. TOTAL	NEW DEPT. TOTAL
710500-03810 Tax Increment Revenues (Downtown Redevelopment)	\$49,544	\$566,874	\$ 584,874
710550-03810 Tax Increment Revenues (Babcock Street Redevelopment)	33,297	415,212	419,462
710590-03810 Tax Increment Revenues (Olde Eau Gallie Riverfront Redevelopment)	2,993	87,831	90,331
Total Special Revenue Funds	85,834		3,201,880

Additionally, the General Fund portion of the Capital Improvement Fund *sources of funds* will increase to \$650,625 for a total Capital Improvement Fund of \$8,645,552. The roadway and storm water improvements portion of the Capital Improvement Fund *uses of funds* will increase to \$1,330,000 for a total Capital Improvement Fund of \$8,645,552.

ADMINISTRATION

Mayor and City Council; City Attorney; City Manager; City Clerk; and Public Information.

Mayor Goode referenced the agenda material, which indicates that a change in automobile allowance will return to Council in the form of an ordinance. The proposal will be to increase the Mayor's monthly reimbursement from \$200 to \$415 and Council's monthly reimbursement from \$100 to \$255.

Additionally, the Mayor said he plans to return with a proposal to increase the salary of Mayor & Council. He would like to propose that Mayor & Council receive the same increase each year as the general employees. If the employees receive a 2% raise, then Mayor & Council should receive a 2% raise. Mayor Goode pointed out that any increase in salary (per the City Charter) would not become effective until after the November 2006 election.

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Management Services; Personnel; and Information Technology.

Council Member Cheryl Palmer asked if the vacant Internal Auditor position will be filled. Mrs. Elliott replied yes.

City Manager Jack Schluckebier added that the focus of that position will be reviewed. Mrs. Palmer asked for clarification. Mr. Schluckebier said that there should be a set of standards, a performance list and a list of items to be studied. To expect success in those

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areas, the City should hire a person who has succeeded in those areas or who has a background in those areas. In the past, the focus has been more of across the board studies without real focus.

In response to questions, the City Manager assured Council that the duties and responsibilities of the position will not be diminished.

Council Member Grace Walker asked if Council would have an opportunity to review the job description before the position is advertised, and the City Manager replied yes.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Financial Services; Purchasing; Utility Billing and Collections; Workers' Compensation; and Risk Management.

LEISURE SERVICES

Recreation; Pools Operations; Melbourne Auditorium; Crane Community Center; Eau Gallie Civic Center; Carver Community Center; Grant Street Community Center; Lipscomb Community Center; Parks Maintenance; Cemeteries; Melbourne Golf Course and Harbor City Golf Course.

Council Member Loretta Hand asked if \$35,000 is included for a "Future Use Study" of the Melbourne Auditorium. Mr. Schluckebier said that the funding for the study is listed in the Capital Improvement Program; however, it is related to this item.

Mrs. Hand said that the Auditorium has been studied throughout the years; the building can't support the events that people want. She added that we would be throwing good money into an old building. Mrs. Hand stated that Council should consider working something out with the Airport to relocate the Auditorium.

Mayor Goode replied that this is a good idea and added that we need a nice piece of land large enough to provide parking.

Council Member Kathy Meehan asked when the most recent study was done on the Auditorium and said she would like to review it. Vice Mayor Contreras said that the Auditorium was one option for a City Hall site.

Mr. Schluckebier said that outside architectural and engineering firms have commented on the age and suitability of the building; however, he does not believe that they included the concept of updating, expanding or relocating the building. He added that since this is not something that the City does often, staff thought that additional outside consulting experts could help us. Buildings are expensive and the City wants to get this right. Although we are not set on the answer of expanding the building, there is probably widespread agreement that the building has seen its better days and needs change – whether expanding, demolishing or relocating.

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A brief discussion followed regarding the Wells Park property and whether it is limited to public purposes. Mr. Contreras said that he recalls that the deeds for the property did not contain a reverter clause. In fact, the background material looked as if the property was traded in exchange for the City paving roads in the area. Attorney Gougelman said that he recalls that the reversionary language folks thought existed was not made a part of the public records.

Mrs. Palmer said she is confused how the Auditorium got separated from City Hall. And, we are now proceeding with \$4 million in improvements to City Hall and discussing moving the Auditorium to the Airport. Mrs. Palmer said she believes that Council needs an update on everything involved with this issue. She would also like information regarding the referendum that was held. (November 1998 – Non-binding referendum regarding construction of a new City Hall complex.)

Following a brief discussion, Mr. Schluckebier said that he would provide Council with the referendum results and the history on the City Hall expansion/relocation. He clarified that the Auditorium site was never considered for a complete relocation of City Hall, but rather for limited administrative functions on that site.

Mrs. Palmer said she is concerned that we are discussing moving the Auditorium to the Airport and paying a long-term lease. Mr. Schluckebier stressed that no decisions have been made – the budget contains funding for a study.

Mayor Goode asked the City Manager to include information about the Wells Park property and whether there is a reverter clause.

Mrs. Palmer referenced the “replacement big screen television” in the Capital Outlay for the Lipscomb Community Center. She asked what will be done with the old television.

Leisure Services Director Mary Ann Bowman said that any equipment no longer used that is operable is sent to the warehouse to be included in the City’s auction. She added that equipment is not replaced until it is completely gone or beyond repair.

POLICE

Police Administration; Police Operations; Police Support Services; and 2003 COPS UHP Grant.

Mr. Contreras referenced the question/answer in the agenda material related to the communications network. He said he was inquiring about communications (radio) but the answer relates to the City’s 911 system. Mr. Schluckebier said that Police and Fire staff were asked if there are difficulties with the police/fire communications system and that answer is no.

Police Chief Don Carey said that the City’s 800 MHz radio system has some spots where reception is not optimal; however, that is like any other megahertz system. The replacement of equipment and upgrade of towers comes from the \$12.50 surcharge money.

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Mr. Contreras said he met with the communications company that is trying to work with the County. He learned that the Sheriff doesn't want to own the system anymore; there are dead spots; there is a potential for failure; and the system is being cannibalized for upkeep.

Chief Carey pointed out that the people who administer the system also sell the system. He added that we've had pretty good service.

Deputy Chief Joe Hellebrand said that Communications International originally built the system in 1989. The system was sold to and is owned by Brevard County. According to Communications International, it will require approximately \$10 million to fix the problems.

A brief discussion followed regarding the Communications Surcharge Advisory Committee (which makes recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners as to how the County will expend the surcharge money); the City's equipment; and changes that would be made if a \$10 million project were approved.

Mr. Schluckebier noted that he is a member of the advisory committee. He added that the funds are insufficient to solve the greatest problems. In the past the greatest problems were considered to be in Melbourne and the South Brevard area; however, we have had a better share of solutions than perhaps other parts of the County. The City Manager stated that the information he received is that our equipment is satisfactory and that we are not having difficulties.

Mayor Goode asked how this affects our budget. Mr. Contreras assured the Mayor that this does affect our budget. He asked the City Manager about potential costs regarding this problem. Mr. Schluckebier said that the County has not made cost sharing or cost information known to any agency.

Deputy Chief Hellebrand confirmed for Mr. Contreras that we do have dead spots in some buildings and in some areas. He added that there are some places and buildings in the City that we will never be able to transmit from. Mayor Goode pointed out that this is not unique to Melbourne. He added that he has such a building because of the way it was constructed.

Mayor Goode asked Mr. Contreras what he proposes to do. Mr. Contreras said he would like to determine whether the City is going to have a budget impact with regard to the RFP with the County (the proposal from Communications International to the County to upgrade the system).

Discussion continued.

Moved by Contreras/Palmer for the City Manager to return with an agenda item on the \$12.50 surcharge process, where the RFP is, and whether the City has any input. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Palmer referenced the grants that are being phased out and the transfer of those officers to the General Fund. She asked if the cost will be the same. Mr. Schluckebier

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replied that it is the same cost and in accordance with any provisions of the union agreement.

FIRE

Fire Administration; Fire Emergency Medical Services; Fire Operations; and Code Compliance.

ENGINEERING

Engineering; Traffic Engineering; and Storm Water Utility.

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Planning and Economic Development; Downtown Redevelopment; Babcock Street Redevelopment; and Olde Eau Gallie Riverfront Redevelopment.

As a result of the change in valuation, the following adjustments were made:

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS EXPENDITURES

ACCOUNT/DESCRIPTION	CHANGE	NEW ACCT. TOTAL	NEW DEPT. TOTAL
710500-90340 Reserve-Future Projects (Downtown Redevelopment)	\$49,544	\$265,920	\$ 584,874
710550-90340 Reserve-Future Projects (Babcock Street Redevelopment)	33,297	363,295	419,462
710590-90340 Reserve-Future Projects (Olde Eau Gallie Riverfront Redevelopment)	2,993	22,383	90,331
Total Special Revenue Funds	85,834		3,201,880

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Housing and Community Development; Community Development Block Grant; HOME Funds; and SHIP Funds.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

Utilities Administration; Utilities Operations; Utilities Customer Service; Water Production; Water Distribution; Environmental Community Outreach; Wastewater

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Collection; Wastewater Treatment; Streets Management; Local Option Gas Tax; Facilities Maintenance; and Fleet Management.

Mrs. Palmer referenced the study for Apollo Road alternative (Capital Improvement Project in the Local Option Gas Tax). She stated that Council did not initiate this study and she would like to discuss how these studies come to fruition before any discussion by Council.

Mr. Schluckebier said that the item in the budget is a proposed expense for the study to be undertaken.

Mrs. Palmer said that the City Manager previously indicated to her that he, the Airport Director and a few other people decided that the Apollo extension is not a good idea, although it has been approved by the City Council and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

Mr. Schluckebier stated that the existing Apollo extension has been forwarded to the MPO as one of the City Council's highest priorities. The Apollo alternative listed in the budget is a new idea. If Council does not wish to proceed, the funding should be stricken. He stressed that it does not replace the existing Apollo extension. Additionally, Mr. Schluckebier added that if he gave the impression that the current one is not needed, then he was wrong. However, it is his belief that the extension will unlikely be funded by any governmental agency in the near future.

Mrs. Palmer said it troubles her that discussions between the MPO Director, Airport Director and City Manager result in a study being placed in the budget. The City Manager assured Mrs. Palmer that the alternative is not in lieu of the existing extension and that Council's priorities have not been changed.

Following a brief discussion, Mr. Schluckebier said that the extension has been on the MPO list for over a decade. And, it is still a long way from receiving funding. Mrs. Palmer said she instigated bringing the project out of mothballs. Mr. Schluckebier said that from the City's perspective, both projects are needed. Mrs. Palmer said she will support this item because we need at least one of the projects.

Mrs. Hand said she interpreted this item the same way – that it is a replacement for the extension. She expressed concern that if a new project is inserted, members of the MPO may bump the existing item from the priority list

Mr. Schluckebier said that this is a separate, not quite equal, opportunity for improvement of transportation in the area.

Mrs. Palmer stated that she would like to see the proposal for the study.

AIRPORT

The Airport budget was not part of Council's preliminary review. It will be submitted to Council in September for consideration.

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NON-DEPARTMENTAL

General Fund; Water and Sewer Fund and Golf Course Fund.

As a result of the change in valuation, the following adjustments were made:

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

ACCOUNT/DESCRIPTION	CHANGE	NEW ACCT. TOTAL	NEW DEPT. TOTAL
900100-49480 PMT-Downtown Redevelopment	\$26,486	\$303,049	
900100-49485 PMT-Babcock Street Redevelopment	17,814	221,985	
900100-49490 PMT-Olde Eau Gallie Riverfront Redevelopment	1,600	46,954	
900100-91080 Inter to 316 LOGT	200,000	200,000	
Total Non-Department General Fund			\$ 4,871,680
Total General Fund	245,900		58,951,299

That concluded Council's review of the budget document.

Moved by Hand/Walker for tentative approval of the 2005-2006 proposed budget of \$119,705,071. The roll call vote was:

Aye: LaRusso, Meehan, Walker, Palmer, Hand, Contreras and Goode

Motion carried unanimously.

Note: The public hearings on the budget will be held September 13 and September 27, 6:30 p.m.

4. COUNCIL ACTION RE: Allocation of funds for Grants-in-Aid to Local Non-profit Organizations.

From the agenda report: In fiscal year 2005, grants of \$103,073 were awarded from the General Fund operating funds. The same amount of funding has been proposed for the upcoming year. Non-profit organizations have requested \$203,747.

The amounts do not include the \$26,083 awarded for the current year and requested for next year for the Space Coast Area Transit. Funding in the past has been provided from an

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allocation of the City's Local Option Gas Tax revenue. Funding from this source is again proposed in the 2005-2006 budget.

In response to questions, Mrs. Elliott confirmed that \$103,073 has been set aside in the budget; however, the specific organizations and funding amounts have not been identified. Mr. Schluckebier added that we allocated the same assuming Council wished to sustain that level.

Additionally, the City Manager pointed out that the \$50,000 for Melbourne Main Street in the current year budget has not been included in the 2005-2006 budget. That organization did not make a request. The initial request was for a three-year period and that will end after the current budget. He noted that the Downtown Melbourne CRA fund has sufficient assets if a request is submitted.

A brief discussion followed regarding the process that would be followed.

Moved by Palmer/Contreras that Council stay with the \$103,073 funding level.

Mrs. Hand noted that the cost of doing business has gone up greatly and she does not know how we can stop at this level for the organizations. Mrs. Meehan agreed and said many groups have increased the amount of their requests. Mayor Goode said he is looking for a number to work towards.

Mrs. Walker's motion to amend the amount to \$120,000 did not receive a second.

Mrs. Palmer said that this is tax payer money and the tax payers like to make decisions about charitable donations on their own at home.

A brief discussion followed on the history of funding non-profit groups and whether any of the current groups making requests are receiving CDBG funding. Housing and Community Development Director Melinda Thomas confirmed that none of the groups requesting funding is receiving CDBG money for funding their operation. The Brevard Neighborhood Development Coalition will receive CDBG money for capital funding for the youth center on Masterson Street.

The question was called. The roll call vote was:

Aye: LaRusso, Palmer, Contreras and Goode

Nay: Meehan, Walker, and Hand

Motion carried.

Moved by Palmer/Hand that we not exceed \$10,000 for any one organization.

Mrs. Hand said that this action would allow Council to fund a few more organizations.

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The question was called. The roll call vote was:

Aye: LaRusso, Meehan, Walker, Palmer, Hand and Goode

Nay: Contreras

Motion carried.

Council began its review and took the following action:

AARP – Chapter 219

Moved by Hand/Contreras to provide \$3,568. Motion carried. Council Members Walker and Palmer voted nay.

Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Brevard, Inc.

Moved by Palmer/Walker to provide \$5,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Boys & Girls Club of Brevard*

\$2,000 adopted without objection.

*Note: The application and agenda backup material indicate Boys & Girls Club of Central Florida. The Boys & Girls Club of Brevard dissolved its organization and the Boys and Girls Club of Central Florida will be providing services in Brevard County. The matrix in the backup material contained a typographical error by listing “of Brevard.”

Brevard Museum of Arts and Sciences

Moved by LaRusso/Hand to provide \$10,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Brevard Neighborhood Development Coalition

Moved by Palmer/Walker to provide \$5,000.

Mrs. Hand disagreed and said that the Booker T. Washington neighborhood needs all the help it can get to restore quality of life.

The question was called. The roll call vote was:

Aye: Walker and Palmer

Nay: LaRusso, Meehan, Hand, Contreras and Goode

Motion failed.

Mayor Goode said if there are no objections, the funding will remain at \$6,000.

Brevard Regional Arts Group

Without objection, the funding remained at \$10,000.

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Brevard 2-1-1

Without objection, the funding remained at \$5,000.

Community Services Council

Without objection, the funding remained at \$9,815.

Florida Wildlife Hospital & Sanctuary

Without objection, the funding remained at \$3,000.

Honor America, Inc.

Moved by LaRusso/Walker to provide \$10,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Junior League of South Brevard, Inc.

Moved by Palmer/Walker to provide \$2,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Melbourne Art Festival, Inc.

Mr. Contreras stated that the Art Festival brings a lot to the City. Mayor Goode said they could charge bigger entry fees; people fight to get into the Art Festival. Council Member Mark LaRusso said he would like to know how many slots are available, the number of applicants, the cost per slot, etc. He agreed there is a tremendous benefit from the event; however, this is a business operation. If there are 800 applicants and 250 slots, then the fee could be raised by 50%. If half the applicants dropped out at this point, the event would still be over-booked.

Moved by Hand/Walker to provide \$10,000.

By consensus, Council agreed that they would like representatives from the Art Festival to attend the budget public hearing to provide information and answer questions.

The question was called. Motion carried unanimously.

Melbourne Community Orchestra

Mrs. Palmer said she objects to paying the maestro's salary when he does not work for the City. Mayor Goode pointed out that they provide free concerts for the City. Mrs. Palmer replied that many of their patrons are not City residents.

By consensus, Council agreed to leave the funding at \$6,200.

Melbourne Municipal Band

Moved by Goode/Walker to provide \$10,000.

Mrs. Hand said she does not like that this budget is being reduced from \$12,240 to \$10,000. She said that this is an organization that the Council said it would support.

Mrs. Palmer said that we are running a City government and we are here to pay for things the government must provide. She loves the band and is glad that they are here; however, they are not part of City government.

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The question was called. Motion carried. Mrs. Hand voted nay.

WFIT Radio

Without objection, the funding remained at \$2,000.

Mrs. Elliott stated that \$8,490 is left to spend. Council went back through the list to review the organizations that did not receive funding in the current fiscal year.

American Cancer Society

Moved by Contreras/Hand to provide \$500. Motion carried unanimously.

Greater Melbourne Police Athletic League

Moved by Walker/Hand to provide \$7,990.

Several members indicated that this would take the remaining funding, and they have other organizations on the list that they would like to support.

The question was called. The roll call vote was:

Aye: Walker, Palmer, and Hand

Nay: LaRusso, Meehan, Contreras, and Goode

Motion failed.

Moved by Contreras/Palmer to provide \$5,000 for PAL. Motion carried unanimously.

Native Heritage Gathering, Inc.

Moved by Contreras/LaRusso to provide \$490. Motion carried unanimously.

Space Coast Early Intervention Center

Moved by LaRusso/Contreras to provide \$1,000. Motion carried unanimously.

The Master's Workshop

Moved by Hand/Contreras to provide \$1,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Rolling Readers Space Coast, Inc.

Moved by Contreras/Hand to provide \$500. Motion carried unanimously.

5. COUNCIL ACTION RE: Adoption of proposed millage rate

Moved by Hand/Goode to establish 4.7415 as the proposed millage rate.

Mrs. Palmer stated that she usually pushes for the roll back rate. She noted that we do have a lot of extra funding and it is a larger budget; however, she is going to vote for it

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because we are spending a lot on capital and much needed personnel. Additionally, other than the previous grants-in-aid item, the budget does not contain a lot of fluff.

The question was called. The roll call vote was:

Aye: LaRusso, Meehan, Walker, Palmer, Hand, Contreras and Goode

Motion carried unanimously.

6. COUNCIL ACTION RE: Separate Capital Improvement Workshop Meeting Date

Moved by LaRusso/Hand to conduct a special workshop to discuss the capital improvements portion of the budget.

Mr. LaRusso said he believes that this will be a good process for Council. The Mayor said he believes the budget is in good shape and that a special workshop meeting is not necessary.

The question was called. Motion carried. Mayor Goode voted nay.

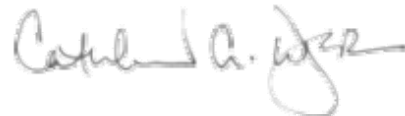
The City Manager recommended that Council pair this with the Zoning Code review or the Historic Preservation Ordinance review.

Moved by Goode/Walker to conduct a workshop meeting on August 30 to discuss capital improvements and the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Goode/LaRusso to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.



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Approved by Council: August 9, 2005