



MICANOPY, SEMINOLE CHIEF

Minutes

Town Commission Tentative Millage/Budget Hearing – F/Y 2017-2018 Monday • September 25, 2017 • 6:00 pm

1. Call to Order: 6:00 pm
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance to Flag
3. Roll Call
Commissioners Attending:
 - Virginia Mance, Mayor Present
 - Joseph Aufmuth, Mayor Pro-Tem Present
 - Timothy Parker Present
 - Mike Roberts Present
 - Troy Blakely Absent

 - Debbie Gonano, Town Administrator Present
 - Patty Polk, Deputy Town Clerk Present
 - Dave Wagner, Attorney Present
4. Agenda Approval
Motion made and seconded (Aufmuth/Roberts) to accept the consent agenda as submitted; passed 4-0
5. Open Public Hearing: Mayor Mance opened the public hearing at 6:02 pm
6. Mayor announces Tentative Millage Rate and Reads Resolution 2017-03 by title only
 - A. The F/Y 2017/2018 millage rate is 5.8114 mills, which is the rollback rate
Mayor Mance read Resolution 2017-03 on short title. Discussion ensued.
7. Motion to Accept Tentative Millage Rate
Motion made and seconded (Aufmuth/Parker) to adopt Resolution 2017-03 setting the Tentative Millage Rate at 5.8114 mills, which is the rollback rate.
8. Mayor Mance and Town Commission Comment on F/Y 2017/2018 Tentative Millage Rate
No Comments.
9. Public Comment on F/Y 2017/2018 Tentative Millage Rate
Public present: Cheryl Roberts and Sandy Tyson were in attendance. No Comments.
10. Commission Vote on Resolution 2017-03 Setting Tentative Millage Rate at 5.8114 (rollback rate)
Passed 4-0
11. Overview of F/Y 2017/2018 Tentative Budget and Read Resolution 2017-04 by title only
 - A. Setting Tentative Revenue and Appropriations in the Amount of \$930,196
Mayor Mance read Resolution 2017-04 on short title.
12. Motion to Accept Tentative Budget
Motion made and seconded (Aufmuth/Parker) to adopt Resolution 2017-04 setting the Tentative Budget at \$930,196.

13. Mayor and Town Commission Comment on F/Y 2017/2018 Tentative Budget
Mayor Pro-Tem Aufmuth asked if the line item adjustment for the charitable 501(c)3 in the amount of \$20,000 had been made and it was confirmed as being made by Town Administrator Gonano. Mayor Mance asked if the Commission had any interest in increasing a line item for Hurricane debris cleanup and expense in the upcoming 2018 budget. And Commissioner Parker wanted to include an expense line to cover costs for a generator for Town Hall. Mayor Pro-Tem Aufmuth thought that professional advice should be sought for those kinds of line items and that we could always adjust the budget if warranted. Commissioner Parker wanted to know if the additional \$6,000 allocated toward hurricane debris removal during the September 12 emergency meeting would be sufficient. Town Administrator Gonano voiced her understanding that concerning hurricane debris, the Commission wanted to pick up the Town's debris on the Town's right-of-way and that no debris would be picked up off private property. Further, it was her understanding that private property owners who contracted for tree services should pay for removal. The County will be cleaning up County-owned portions of Tusawilla Road and the debris dumped out at the ballpark (which had been collected and dumped there by Micanopy public works, so as to open the downtown commercial district for business). With these understandings, the additional \$6,000 should be sufficient to clean the rights-of-way.
14. Public Comment on F/Y 2017/2018 Tentative Budget
No Comments.
15. Commission Vote on Resolution 2017-04 Setting the Tentative Budget for F/Y 2017/2018
Passed 4-0
16. Announce
The Second Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Millage Rate & Budget Hearing setting the Final Millage Rate and Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018 will be held on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the Commission Chambers at Micanopy Town Hall, 706 NE Chokolka Blvd, Micanopy, Florida 32667. Town Administrator Gonano stated that she will be on vacation during the final millage/budget hearing, so if there are any questions, she is now available to answer them. The public hearing portion of the meeting was closed.
17. Town Commissioner Reports
- Commissioner Aufmuth complimented staff on the 2017/2018 Annual Budget & Budget Message Report stating that the document is probably the nicest document that the Town produces.
 - Commissioner Roberts wanted to know the procedure for disbursement of the \$20,000 to the Willie Mae Stokes Community Center. Town Administrator Gonano suggested that the Attorney be consulted for the correct procedure. Attorney Wagner answered that a contract must be prepared between the Willie Mae Stokes Community Center and the Town of Micanopy showing a service for which the Town of Micanopy will pay. The Board was looking for \$5,000 for site work, \$5,000 for design engineering and permits, \$5,000 for restroom construction costs, and \$5,000 for a security system totaling \$20,000. The Center has agreed to provide and coordinate services that will identify the needs of the community and to service those needs through social, educational and recreational programs that are beneficial to all residents of Micanopy. Attorney Wagner agreed that it was possible to contribute money up front, but it might not work out well for the Town if the Community Center was not able to provide services that it had promised. The matter will be discussed at additional length at the October 10, 2017 regularly scheduled meeting. Commissioner Parker was still concerned that the property title issue needs to be cleared.
 - Mayor Mance wanted to know about the status of the Hurricane Irma debris cleanup. Town Administrator Gonano answered that contractor, Jason Perry, has been removing debris for only three days. Most of the large debris had been hauled away. Mr. Perry will have two separate crews working in Town tomorrow. As mentioned before, the County will dispose of the debris at the ballpark. The Mayor was concerned about residents piling large amounts of debris on the right-of-way which comes from private property. It was suggested that we should try tagging the piles to let residents know it would be their responsibility to have such debris removed. Town Administrator Gonano suggested staying the course of current action and to have the property owners hire a contractor to remove debris generated from personal property. Cheryl Roberts suggested that the Town's *Facebook* crowd were 'not liking' Town Hall's hurricane debris cleanup measures. The Town Administrator responded that some residents didn't appreciate the Town's past efforts to trim trees, either; and it seemed to her that these same residents wanted it both ways...for the Town not to touch the trees unless they fall, then it becomes the Town's problem. Sandy Tyson complained that there is a large tree trunk on the Seminary right-of-way which might be dangerous to vehicles (*which was later found to have fallen from private property and had been cut safely from the Town's right-of-way by Public Works*). Gonano repeated that cleanup has only been ongoing for three days; it would be wise to stay the course of action and

determine what additional cleanup needs might be required later. The Administrator stated that one last cleanup sweep might be required when all is said and done.

Mayor Mance complimented the Administrator on the Annual Budget Message.

- Commissioner Parker liked the Annual Budget presentation and *History* introduction included in the message.

17. Close Meeting: 6:45pm

18. Adjourn: 6:46pm

MINUTES APPROVED:

As submitted _____ as amended _____ at Town Commission Meeting _____

Virginia Mance, Mayor

Debbie Gonano, Recorder