



MINUTES OF THE SECOND BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BRINY BREEZES, FLORIDA HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2012 AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE TOWN HALL, 4802 NORTH OCEAN BOULEVARD, BRINY BREEZES, FLORIDA.

### **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & ROLL CALL**

Council President Sharon Kendrigan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. Roll call was taken by Deputy Town Clerk Cindy Corum.

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Mayor Roger Bennett, Council President Sharon Kendrigan, Alderman/Town Clerk Pro Tem Nancy Boczon and Alderman Pete Fingerhut. Alderman Sue Thaler participated via tele-conference. Also present were Deputy Town Clerk Cindy Corum, Town Bookkeeper Linda Harvel and her daughter, Lesa Shoeman, and Briny Breezes Inc. General Manager Steve Best. Alderman Lowen Poock and Town Attorney Jerome Skrandel were absent.

### **ADDITIONS, WITHDRAWALS, DELETIONS AND ARRANGEMENT OF AGENDA**

None

### **DISCUSSION**

Council President Sharon Kendrigan went over some of the changes made at the last Budget Workshop. Town Bookkeeper Mrs. Harvel confirmed that the 5 cent Gas Tax revenue was indeed restricted to use for Capital Improvements only as it relates to the transportation element in the Town's Comprehensive Plan. She noted that she had created a new "Restricted" account on the books.

Alderman Sue Thaler asked Mrs. Harvel about the Alternative Fuel User Fee Tax. Mrs. Harvel said she had researched it and could find nothing to show that it existed on the Palm Beach County website. Lesa Shoeman said she could find no terminology to date called 'Alternative Fuel User Fee'. Both bookkeepers thought it may be part of the Local Option Gas Tax. Alderman Sue Thaler also asked Mrs. Harvel about State Sales Tax revenues and wondered if there was any confirmation that there are planned increases in State Sales Tax revenues to municipalities in the upcoming fiscal year. Confirmation on this increase was still unclear.

Deputy Clerk Corum said she called FMIT to check on the anticipated liability insurance premium payment for next year and reported the estimated premium would be approximately \$5000. It was decided to budget \$5400 as the new Bookkeeper contract was not factored into the equation yet.

The budget for Office Supplies was increased as there is an anticipated increase in printing expenses once the Comprehensive Plan updates are completed.

It was decided the number for building permitting expenses and revenues for same should match.

Sales Tax Revenue was changed from \$35,000 to \$40,000 as per official revenue estimates. Alderman Thaler pointed out that Auditing Services was budgeted as a 50/50 split in previous year budgets. It was agreed the line item for Auditing Services was to be changed from a 50/50 split between the General & Enterprise Funds to a 70/30 split respectively. Telephone and Electric expenses were both to be adjusted to reflect a 70/30 split between the two funds. It was decided that all expenses which fall under the 70/30 split will be paid with two separate checks in future to make bookkeeping easier. (70% with a General Fund check and 30% with an Enterprise Fund Check)

Auditing Services expense was set at \$9000 and Contingency Fund expense was changed to \$1,320 to balance the budget. The account for Repairs and Maintenance in the Enterprise Fund was increased to \$15,000 due to the age of the equipment and the figures from previous year's expenses. The Sewer Utility Service expense was set at \$30,000. There are no budgeted net transfers to or from Reserves at this time.

The Scheduled Third Budget Workshop for July 19<sup>th</sup> was deemed unnecessary and cancelled.

Mayor Bennett said he wanted it on the record that he was not happy with Alderman Lowen Poock's absence. He said Mr. Poock stated he had a plan to reduce the budget to be disclosed in future. The Mayor said this was the second budget meeting Mr. Poock was absent from and he felt it was unconscionable.

**Public Comment**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made and seconded (Boczon/Fingerhut) to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:06 P.M.

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Mayor Roger Bennett

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ATTEST:

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Cindy Lou Corum, Deputy Town Clerk

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President Sharon Kendrigan

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Alderman Nancy Boczon

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Alderman Sue Thaler

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Alderman Pete Fingerhut

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Alderman Lowen Poock