

CITY OF PALM COAST
COUNCIL SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING
160 LAKE AVENUE
PALM COAST, FL 32164
TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2021
9 A.M.

Acting Mayor Eddie Branquinho
Council Member Victor Barbosa
Council Member Ed Danko
Council Member Nick Klufas

MINUTES

City Staff

Denise Bevan, Interim City Manager
William Reischmann, City Attorney
Virginia A. Smith, City Clerk

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A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Branquinho called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

C. ROLL CALL

Records Coordinator Kaley Cook called the roll. Council Member Danko was absent.

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. PRESENTATION - OVERVIEW OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR UTILITY, STORMWATER, IT ENTERPRISE & BUILDING FUND

Mayor Branquinho mentioned potentially opening Public Comment if Council concurred. Council concurred this was fine.

Gwen Ragsdale, Budget and Procurement Manager, and Helena Alves, Financial Services Director, presented the Fiscal Year 2022 Overview to Council.

Topics included budget presentation timeline, presentation overview, fund position summary, and personnel changes for Water & Wastewater Utility, Stormwater, Building, and IT Enterprise Funds.

Jason Delorenzo presented to Council on the building permits fund and personnel changes.

Council Member Klufas -Is staff satisfied with the current provider? Ans: Mr. DeLorenzo-Yes, they are currently meeting the performance standards.

Council concurred to open Public Comment.

Annamaria Long, Executive Officer for Flagler Home Builders Association, spoke to Council regarding delays and concerns of overinflated budget. Additionally, Ms. Long spoke of concerns for gross increase in the budget, changes in appropriated funds related to Stormwater, and suggested having enterprise funds be reviewed by a third party.

Mr. Jason DeLorenzo responded to Ms. Long's comments to clarify staffing budget increases, Stormwater fund appropriation, and other Community Development efforts for improvement.

Mayor Branquinho thanked Ms. Long for her comments and explained that there will be another budget presentation at a future Council Meeting.

Steve Flanagan, Utility Director, presented to Council on the utility fund and expenses.

Council Member Barbosa- How many stations are currently without a generator. Ans: Mr. Flanagan-roughly 100 stations are without generators, but we do have portable generators.

Council Member Klufas asked about supply chain issues for pep tanks. Ans: Mr. Flanagan-There have been many supply chain issues for pep tank parts for water and wastewater.

Carl Cote, Director of Stormwater & Engineering, presented to Council on the stormwater funds, projects, and expenses.

Doug Akins, IT Director presented to Council on the Information Technology funds and expenses.

Ms. Ragsdale reminded Council and the public where the budget information can be found on the City website.

Mayor Branquinho asked if council had any additional comments.

Council Member Klufas thanked staff for their efforts and presentations.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Virginia A. Smith, MMC

City Clerk