

City Council
Special Meeting
September 25, 2003

The City Council of the City of Titusville, Florida met in special session in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 555 South Washington Avenue, on Thursday, September 25, 2003.

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Mayor Swank called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Present were Members Chris Broome, Conrad Eigenmann, and Ken Ward. Also in attendance were City Manager Tom Harmer and City Attorney Dwight Severs. Vice-Mayor Jeff Rainey was absent due to an employment conflict.

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Mayor Swank asked for a moment of silence. The entire assembly stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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The purpose of the meeting was to conduct the second and final public hearing on the proposed City of Titusville Operating and Capital Improvement Plan budgets for Fiscal Year 2003/2004.

City Attorney Dwight Severs read, Ordinance 56-2003, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TITUSVILLE, FLORIDA AMENDING SECTIONS 21-241(a) AND 21-292(1)(a) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY REDUCING THE WATER RATE INCREASE THAT WAS TO BE EFFECTIVE WITH THE FIRST BILLING CYCLE BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2003; PROVIDING FOR A RECLAIMED WATER RATE INCREASE EFFECTIVE WITH THE FIRST BILLING CYCLE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2004; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE the second time by title only.

City Attorney Severs then read, Ordinance 57-2003, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TITUSVILLE, FLORIDA AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING SECTION 16-116 BY INCREASING THE RESIDENTIAL MONTHLY CHARGE FOR SOLID WASTE FEES AND ESTABLISHING A MONTHLY CHARGE FOR THE NEWLY CREATED MULTI-FAMILY CLASS; AMENDING SECTION 16-117 BY INCREASING THE COMMERCIAL MONTHLY RATE FOR SOLID WASTE FEES AND ESTABLISHING A MONTHLY CHARGE FOR DUMPSTER RENTAL FEES; AMENDING SECTION 16-118 BY DELETING THE MONTHLY CHARGE TO OPEN GATES ON ENCLOSURES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE the second time by title only.

City Attorney Severs then read, Ordinance 58-2003, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TITUSVILLE, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE MILLAGE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CITY OF TITUSVILLE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE the second time by title only.

City Attorney Severs then read, Ordinance 59-2003, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TITUSVILLE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE GENERAL AND RELATED BUDGETS OF THE CITY OF TITUSVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE the second time by title only.

City Attorney Severs then read, Ordinance 60-2003, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TITUSVILLE, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE ENTERPRISE FUND AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM BUDGETS OF THE CITY OF TITUSVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE the second time by title only.

City Manager Harmer presented council an overview of the proposed 2003-2004 budget process. He gave an example of how the rolled-back rate was established, as previously requested by council. City Manager Harmer then addressed the City Strategic Focus and fiscal challenges faced by the City in the future. He reported that the City was looking forward to 2004 and identified scheduled actions to be addressed over the next year. He said the total assessed property value of \$1.271 billion represented a ten percent increase in the tax base. City Manager Harmer then said the proposed 2003-2004 Operating and Capital Improvement Budgets were balanced and recommended council adopt a final millage rate of 5.8504 that was 6.45 percent over the rolled-back rate; adopt the general and related budgets of the City for fiscal year 2003-2004; and adopt the final operating and capital budgets for fiscal year 2003-2004, as presented.

City Manager Harmer then reviewed Ordinance 56-2003 reducing the previously scheduled water rate increase.

City Manager Harmer introduced Jim Herron, Public Works Director. Mr. Herron gave a presentation on the City Solid Waste Department's proposed Ordinance No. 57-2003 changing the rate structure for Solid Waste Services. He referenced the support of the consulting firm of R.W. Beck of Orlando, in the development of the Solid Waste Department's proposed rate changes within Ordinance 57-2003. He then reviewed the Solid Waste Department's Business Plan Objectives and the changes outlined in Ordinance 57-2003. His presentation included: Residential impacts of the proposed changes; Multi-family reclassification and rate changes recommended to begin January 2004; commercial impact for dumpster charges; and his department's customer notification plan to be conducted in October 2003.

City Manager Harmer concluded his review of the ordinances by outlining Ordinances 58-2003, 59-2003, and 60-2003. He then confirmed that all requirements outlined in *Florida Statutes* related to the budget and millage process were met.

Mayor Swank opened the public hearing.

Joan Wheeler spoke opposing the adoption of the millage rate as requested and felt the millage rate should be lower. She then asked whether or not the overall budget, including the CRA budget, had been changed. The City Manager addressed Mrs. Wheeler's questions and clarified that there were no changes in the budget from the first to the second public hearing. Finance Director Bob Erickson said that at its September 9, 2003 meeting, the CRA directed the transfer

of \$30,000 from undesignated funds, that had a balance of \$161,000, to capital funds for operating purposes. Mr. Erickson also explained the 5.8504 percent millage rate for Mrs. Wheeler and how 96 percent of Ad Valorem revenues were used in calculating the millage rate.

Woody Rice spoke stating he was proud of the city. He referenced the many fiscal problems of the City in 1990 as compared to 2003. He felt there were good management policies by council and staff. He appreciated city being good stewards of tax dollars and thanked council.

Mayor Swank closed the public hearing.

Member Broome moved to adopt Ordinance 56-2003 as presented. Member Eigenmann seconded the motion and the roll call was:

Mayor Swank	Yes
Member Broome	Yes
Member Eigenmann	Yes
Member Ward	Yes

The motion carried.

Member Broome moved to adopt Ordinance 57-2003 as presented. Member Eigenmann seconded the motion and the roll call was

Member Ward	Yes
Member Eigenmann	Yes
Mayor Swank	Yes
Member Broome	Yes

The motion carried.

Member Eigenmann moved to adopt Ordinance 58-2003 *providing for a millage rate of 5.8504 (representing an 6.45 percent increase over the roll back rate) for operation of the city for Fiscal Year 2003/2004. (Mayor Swank made correction at the October 14, 2003 meeting).* Member Ward seconded the motion and the roll call was:

Member Broome	Yes
Member Ward	Yes
Member Eigenmann	Yes
Mayor Swank	Yes

The motion carried.

Member Broome moved to adopt Ordinance 59-2003 as presented. Member Ward seconded the motion and the roll call was:

Member Eigenmann	Yes
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Mayor Swank	Yes
Member Ward	Yes
Member Broome	Yes

The motion carried.

Member Broome moved to adopt Ordinance 60-2003 as presented. Member Eigenmann seconded the motion and the roll call was:

Member Broome	Yes
Mayor Swank	Yes
Member Eigenmann	Yes
Member Ward	Yes

The motion carried.

Joan Wheeler spoke – stating that although the millage rate did not increase, taxes did raise due to the increased assessed value of property. She further opposed the purchase of an air conditioning system for the Police Department.

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City Manager Harmer outlined the award of contracts for various lines of liability insurance and that the funds for the contracts were within the budget. He recommended that council approve the award of contracts for an aggregated program of coverage from PGIT inclusive of TPA services and establish a Loss Fund at the same level as the current year’s contingency fund (\$577,726) with separate coverage for Workers Compensation and a stop loss of \$560,000 on Liability and Workers’ Compensation but no stop loss on Property and a Deductible (SIR) on each workers’ compensation claim, \$350,000. Member Broome moved to approve the award of contracts for various lines of liability insurance as recommended. Member Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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City Manager Harmer recommended that council approve the fiscal year 2003-2004 purchase of four Crane Carrier Chassis with Loadmaster Rear Loader Body refuse trucks for the Solid Waste Division in the amount of \$579,012, from the 2003-2004 Solid Waste Capital Outlay as previously approved, to Container Systems and Equipment Company of Daytona Beach, Florida and approve standardization on Crane Carrier Chassis with Loadmaster Rear Loader Body. Member Broome moved to approve the purchase as recommended. Member Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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City Manager Harmer recommended that council award proprietary purchase of an air-conditioning system, for retrofitting/upgrade/replacement of the existing system at the police department, to Johnson Control, Inc., Orlando, Florida for an estimated cost of \$339,000 and the recurring maintenance cost of \$25,801 the first year, \$37,198 the second year, with no more than

a three percent increase each year thereafter for a period of five years. This amount will be financed over a seven year period through use of MPRB funds. Member Broome moved to award proprietary purchase of an air conditioning system for retrofitting/upgrade/replacement at the Police Department to Johnson Controls, Inc. of Orlando, Florida for \$339,000. Member Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Comments from the public present - Joan Wheeler disagreed with the City's allocation of over \$300,000 of public safety referendum funds for a new fire station especially given the fact that this fire station was not originally contemplated in the referendum.

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There being no other citizens to speak, Mayor Swank adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Ronald G. Swank, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karan J. Rounsavall, City Clerk