

**CITY OF ANNA MARIA
CITY COMMISSION BUDGET WORK SESSION
MEETING HELD AT ANNA MARIA COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10005 GULF DRIVE – ANNA MARIA, FL
THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2008
5:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Quam called the Budget Work Session to order at 5:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL: Mayor Fran Barford, Commissioner Jo Ann Mattick, Commissioner Dale Woodland, and Chair John Quam.

Absent w/excuse: Deputy Commission Chair Christine Tollette and Commissioner Duke Miller.

Staff present: City Clerk Alice Baird, Finance Director/Deputy City Clerk Diane Percycoe, Public Works Director George McKay, and Minutes Clerk Stacey Johnston.

Press present: Sun.

1. Continued Review – FY 2008-2009 Proposed Budget.

Finance Director/Deputy City Clerk Percycoe reviewed the Proposed FY 2008-2009 Budget (draft # 2) and noted the changes made since the July 22, 2008 Budget Work Session. She pointed out that a revised Budget Calendar was included.

Ms. Percycoe advised that the following changes had been made:

- Revenue Side – include actual revenues as of 8-5-08. Revisions were also made to the projections.
- Pier Rent – Increased revenue by \$1,000 and Contingency Fund (Summary Expense Fund – Line # 35) by \$1,000.
- Line # 48 – Subtotal added – Operating revenues have been separated out from the non-operating revenues in order to assist in keeping track of the Stormwater Utility Grant Revenues separate from the operating revenues.
Commissioner Woodland suggested Line # 55 – Stormwater Utility Revenue is moved above Line # 48 Subtotal in order to tie into the Reserve sheet.
- Proposed budget total remains the same.
- Correction made to the Departments/Projects Total.
- Explanation followed by Ms. Percycoe relating to the separation of the Stormwater Maintenance and Stormwater Grant projects.
- The balance in the Capital Improvement fund account was also explained. The \$1 million draw should be arriving in the next three weeks. Once received, the General Fund will be reimbursed the amount of \$77,389.78. Explanation followed relating to costs involving the Stormwater Projects – Phase I and Phase II.
- Ms. Percycoe informed that approximately 50% of the Phase I project should be completed before the end of this fiscal year and 50% in the new fiscal year. She explained that was the challenge in order to determine the carry-over to the next year. A better projection should be determined by the September public hearing dates.

Trolley Expense and Reimbursement by County

Finance Director/Deputy City Clerk Percycoe informed that the Manatee County Commission is requesting that the three Island Cities advance an amount of \$8,000 for the operation of the Trolley. The County plans to reimburse the \$8,000 paid by each of the Cities once they have collected revenues from businesses providing advertising on the Trolley.

Ms. Percycoe informed that both Bradenton Beach and Holmes Beach had already budgeted the \$8,000, however, Anna Maria was not aware of the request. She suggested Anna Maria also budget the \$8,000 and that the amount be taken out of the Contingency Fund.

Mayor Barford said she looks at it as a “partnership” between the City and Manatee County. Mayor Barford attended the recent County Budget Recalculation meeting and it was acknowledged by County Commissioner Whitmore at that meeting that the City’s \$8,000 contribution last year was to be a one-time only expense. She stated that Commissioner Whitmore had taken ownership of the project and that three of the four Trolleys’ now have advertising on them.

County Commissioner Carol Whitmore addressed the Commission reminding that last budget year she had requested the City contribute a one-time amount of \$8,000 in order to provide free Trolley service on the Island. Advertising on the Trolley’s was then pursued and screens for the advertising is now in place. Three of the four Trolleys’ that travel to Main Street in Sarasota currently have 60 to 70 businesses receiving free advertising. Businesses will be given the opportunity to pay for their advertising after the trial period. After the County collects the first \$24,000 in advertising dollars, the \$8,000 contributed by each of the Island Cities will be reimbursed to them. Commissioner Whitmore informed that it was the County Administrator’s suggestion that each of the City’s contribute the \$8,000 up front.

The Commission agreed that Anna Maria budget the \$8,000 both as an expense and as revenue.

Mayor Barford questioned why the other Island Cities were aware of the Trolley expense and Anna Maria was not advised of it.

Commissioner Whitmore said to her knowledge the County had not advised Bradenton Beach or Holmes Beach of the plan that they just had budgeted for it on their own.

2. Reserve Calculations.

Ms. Percycoe informed she reviewed the Reserve Calculations with Auditor Ed Leonard. She informed that the beginning Reserve estimation is 38.79% and at the FY end (9/20/2009) will be 38.8%.

Chair Quam asked if the no-parking areas and beach accesses were included in Line # 52 – Roads/Sidewalks/Beach Walkovers. He pointed out there had been complaints relating to the clarity of the parking signs. Parking designation during the renourishment will also be required.

Ms. Percycoe explained that the five-cent fuel tax could be used for signage. Public Works Director McKay will be using the revenues received this fiscal year for that purpose. Additional tax funds will be received next year.

Chair Quam suggested the signage be placed regardless of whether the renourishment project occurs. He said he would volunteer his time.

Future Budget Work Sessions

It was the consensus of the Commission that no additional Budget Work Sessions would be needed. The Work Session originally scheduled for August 19, 2008 will be canceled.

3. General Public Comment – None.

4. Press Comment –

Laurie Krosney, Sun Newspaper, complimented the Commission on the 2008-2009 Budget process.

Mayor Barford announced that Auditor Ed Leonard spoke highly of the new Budget format.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Chair Quam and seconded by Commissioner Woodland, the meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

The first Budget Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2008, 5:30 p.m.

The final Budget Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2008, 5:30 p.m.

Alice Baird, CMC, City Clerk