

CITY COMMISSION  
CITY OF WILDWOOD, FLORIDA  
SPECIAL MEETING  
APRIL 19, 2010 – 5:30 P.M.  
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBER

The City Commission of the City of Wildwood met in Regular session April 19, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Chamber.

Present: Mayor Wolf; Commissioners Allen, Bivins, Clark, and Strickland. Also present: City Manager Smith, City Clerk Jacobs, Police Chief Reeser, AVT Law, and Public Works Director Kornegay,

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Wolf, with Commissioner Allen giving the invocation and audience joining in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

The purpose of the meeting was for:

2009-2010 Budget Mid Year Report & 2010-2011 Preview  
(see attached)- (Complete Power Point Presentation) by City Manager Robert Smith)

Other handouts for meeting- Street Inventory and Maintenance Schedule  
(prepared by Gene Kornegay-Public Works Director)

Discussion and/or Actions Taken:

**2009-2010 Budget:**

(General Fund) City Manager anticipates a surplus at mid point after certain adjustments and at the end of the fiscal year. Revenues should increase with new developments; Expenditures will have to be cut short in order to lower the Enterprise Fund Transfer in; Professional Services to be authorized by City Manager prior to contact.

(Enterprise Fund) The Loss reflected for the first half will be reversed by the second half.

This encompasses no new capital enhancements; opened positions to remain unfilled; professional services curtailed and must be approved by the City Manager; only necessary or cost neutral utility projects will be approved.

**2010-2011 Budget:**

No Cost of living increases will be proposed in the first budget presentation. Health care costs examined closely. Road maintenance schedule to be adhered to so that the public can be aware when certain streets are up for attention although the City Commission may opt to re-prioritize if they so choose. City Manager stated he will have the County's Capital Improvements List also which will reflect if any of the selected roadways are to be addressed by the County. It was noted that sidewalks are not included as part of this road maintenance schedule. It is separate issue.

Improvements from the CRA funds were discussed in connection with the road maintenance schedule. City Manager stated he will probably have an overall study done. Commissioner Allen Asked that the CRA area be looked at to make sure that growth will be covered in connection

With the West side. Commissioner Bivins also queried the Drainage Study and drainage concerns on the West side.

NO revenue will be budgeted from red light cameras. Because of the current debt service, Enterprise fund will remain the same. City Manager had wanted to make sure each department was operated like it was a stand alone business, but due the way current debt was approved; it can't be implemented at this time.

**ISSUE 1-** Consolidation of Police dispatch services (pages 34-39) City Manager asked for Direction

Does the City want to pursue the consolidation of dispatch services and if so, does the City want to negotiate the consolidation with or without the consolidation of other services.

City Manager reports that the Police Department is totally against consolidation. They believe they provide a better service. The dispatchers are pretty much their life line and they are familiar with the officers. City Manager reported that currently Wildwood is the only Municipality that is paying for 911 services. All others are provided this service by the County at no cost. The city is paying out approximately \$233,000 for dispatching which the City could use to put on a minimum of 3 additional officers. City Manager reported that consolidation of dispatch would generate some costs to the City in regards to changing to a different frequency. The police station would no longer be a 24 hour, 7 day a week. Administrative services would be provided between 8 A.M to 5 P.M., Monday thru Friday. City Manager stated that he has assured the Department that he will not pursue turning over the full operation to the Sheriff's Dept. if that is what their concern is.

Mayor Wolf noted that the letter was very troubling to him in that it reflects that the County can't afford to provide this service for Wildwood when it is providing for all the other Cities, whether this be the desire of the Commission or not. City Manager stated he is asking for documentation from the County to show that Wildwood must provide its own service. He is only asking for the County to be fair to the City of Wildwood and provide the same service provided to everybody else at no cost, and he will not agree to what they are asking us to do since they are holding the same standards for the other cities.

Commissioner Clark stated there are a lot of issues that need to be talked about and After much discussion by all the Commissioners including reduced hours; and safety,

**By Common consent of the Commission, the City Manager as directed to not investigate the consolidation of dispatch services at this time. (Wolf, Allen, Bivins, Strickland and Clark-all voicing yea.**

**ISSUE 2-** Consolidation of Code Enforcement From Building Services to Police Department (pages 40-42)

Would Commission Consent for Staff to consolidate Code Enforcement into the police Department.

City Manager reported that Officer Kelly is duly trained in Code Enforcement and as a police Officer. She can address Code Enforcement matters while on duty which will generate a lot more

cases before the Special Master and a lot more phone calls to the Commissioners from out commercial businesses.

Mayor Wolf cautioned that we should be enforcing those codes that address the blighted look of the City first before we go after the business trying to make a living about a non-conforming sign.

The Commission noted that night time code enforcement is also needed regarding lighted parking lots.

**By common consent of the Commission the City Manager was authorized to consolidate Code Enforcement into the Police Department. (Allen, Wolf, Bivins and Clark- voicing Yea) (Strickland- voicing nay)**

**ISSUE 3- Creation of Fleet Maintenance Department (Page 43-45)**

Does the Commission Consent to the Creation of a Fleet Services Department in the upcoming Budget, and if so, the transition would take place in October 1, 2010 with internal staff changes and no layoffs.

**By Commons consent of the Commission the City Manager was authorized to pursue the creation Of a fleet services department in the upcoming budget as of October 1, 2010. (Wolf, Allen, Bivins, Strickland and Clark- All voicing yea.)**

**ISSUE 4- CPI increase for Utility Rates (page 46-47)**

Resolution NO. 981 authorize the City Commission to amend Utility rates per the Construction Price index on an annual basis. City Manager asked authorization to increase the rates by 2.1%, effective October 1, 2010.

**By Common consent of the Commission the City Manager was authorized to impose a 2.1% increase to the Water and Wastewater Rates effective October 1, 2010. (Wolf, Allen, Bivins, Strickland and Clark- All voicing Yea)**

**ISSUE 5- Connection and TIE Fee CPI Increase. (Page 48-49)**

Three resolutions allow for the City to amend the cost for connection and Tie Fees for water And Wastewater. In 2008-2009 there was a CWCCIS decrease of 1.9%. For 2009-2010 there was a CWCCCIS increase of 1.9%, therefore the rates will remain the same as of October 1, 2010.

**By Common consent of the Commission there will be NO increase in Connection Fee and TIE fee rates for the upcoming year beginning October 1, 2010. (Wolf, Allen, Bivins, Strickland and Clark, All voicing yea)**

**ISSUE 6- Privatization of Refuse Services. (Page 50-52)**

Does the City Commission consent to City Staff beginning the negotiation of a contract to bring back to the Commission at a later time to formalize the privatization of Refuse Services.

The City Manager reported that in looking at different ways to help the City out as far as controlling costs and generating revenue privatization of the refuse services came up. He has been in negotiation with a local provider of refuse services as a fact finding mission. He found that a local provider could provide the same, if not, better service to our residential and commercial customers at the same rates we apply now and that the City could have some say in what future rates are implemented. The City could generate revenue from this transaction to utilize in General Fund depending on whether the City decided to continue to do the billing. We could collect either 10% of gross receivables if we continue to bill or 10% of collected amount if we don't. The local provider would agree to hire those employees of the City affected and will also agree to purchase our existing equipment.

Mayor Wolf asked the City Manager to look very closely and determine if it is worth it before agreeing to do the billing.

City Manager reported that the employees in the Refuse Department are not in objection to the offer because it is possible that they would be looking at a 30% increase in pay.

City Manager asked for authority to continue negotiating with the local firm or for the Commission To authorize an RFP process to open it up to all providers.

Gene Kornegay commented that he was not in favor of privatization when asked by the Commission. Mayor wanted to know what the cost of new trucks would be. Commissioner Clark Wanted to know what the maintenance cost for upkeep on the vehicles were.

**By Common consent of the Commission the City Manager was authorized to continue to pursue the concept of privatization of Refuse services with the local company, but bring back more information for consideration by the Commission such as vehicle maintenance, billings versus collected information, cost of new replacement trucks and especially more contractual type information from the company. (Wolf, Allen, Bivins and Clark- voicing yea ; ) (Strickland voicing-nay)**

Commissioner Allen stated at some point the Company would need to meet with the City Commission for a better understanding. City Manager stated they actually wanted to do a presentation tonight but he told no because of it being a workshop.

Mayor Wolf noted that this company has provided the service in other surrounding cities and it will be easy to check out their service and reputation in these areas.

Commissioner Strickland expressed concern that the citizens may be interested in knowing why Waste Management other companies were not considered. City Manager again stated the Commission would need to decide which way they would prefer going considering this company is local and they say they can provide the service for the same rates the City is charging.

If a contract is brought back to the Commission it will be for a sole source. He will do whatever the Commission directs.

Commissioner Strickland voiced that he didn't feel that we would be able to get an air tight enough agreement wherein they would be able to keep rates where the City would keep them, because they are in business to make money. He doesn't believe they would take on a business that was not profitable and keep it the same. As far as he can see it, there only option is to raise rates especially if they are going to be paying the employees more. He would like to see other local businesses get the chance also if there any.

Mayor Wolf asked the City Manager to check with the Attorney to see if we went the RFP process if rates could be discussed. He knows that normally you wouldn't. You select the firm and then start negotiations.

City Manager states there is case law which indicates that you can sole source this and not have to go through the RFP process.

Mayor Wolf asked that when the City Manager brings back the information relative to the local company that he also bring back some information reflecting that they are a large company and is probably able like Wal-Mart, to maintain their costs a little better that the smaller guy, such as tipping fees and lift stations and transfer stations that are owned.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

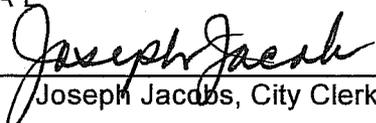
Commissioner Allen asked the City Manager to make sure that someone from the City is present at the County meetings when CR 139 is discussed. City Manager stated he will be attended himself.

Mayor Wolf encouraged any local resident present to make sure they attend also.

**ADJOURN**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Allen, second by Commissioner Strickland that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried. All voting yea.

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SEAL  
ATTEST:   
Joseph Jacobs, City Clerk

  
Ed Wolf, Mayor