

CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF WILDWOOD, FLORIDA
SPECIAL MEETING
DATE: July 6, 2010 TIME: 9:00 A.M.
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBER

(Meeting taped)

The City Commission of the City of Wildwood met in Special session July 6 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Hall Commission Chamber.

Present were: Mayor Wolf; Commissioners Strickland, Clark, Bivins and Allen. Also present: City Manager Smith, City Clerk Jacobs, Sgt. Poitevant, replaced by Chief Reeser.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Wolf.

1. TIMED ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS:

*Quasi-Judicial

2. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INPUT:

- SPECIAL PRESENTATION: 2010- 2011 budget by City Manager Smith
City Manager Smith presented a power point presentation (see files) addressing The objectives, budget highlights and an analysis for the General Fund and Enterprise Fund. The session was FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

City Manager explained that we should receive our ad-valorem tax estimates by the Next meeting scheduled for July 19, 2010. What is reflected now is what was received the last year. Health care benefits and the fleet maintenance program will also be talked about at the next meeting.

Some of the budget related specific questions and/or comments were:

1. Mayor Wolf asked if it was the City Manager's intent to maintain the Position of Wastewater Director for the person hired to replace Pete Bennett as a Senior Management position. City Manager responded that He believes through prior city action it requires that unless you want to change the whole senior management. Mayor Stated he didn't believe that we could change it for anybody that is currently with us.

Clerk Jacobs stated that if the new hire is given the same job title then it will be part of senior management. If a different job title is used then it does not have to be included in the senior management classification. City Manager responded that is why we now have coordinators instead of directors. The fleet maintenance person will be a coordinator. The new Human resources person will be a coordinator. Jason Hargrove is Parks & Recreation Department Coordinator.

City Manager stated he could bring this back on July 19 as well. He can show them what is required by FRS and what we currently have. We had this discussion last year and he believes the Commission direction was to keep it the same but any new hires into the positions would be considered coordinators and not receive the senior management benefit.

2. Track hoe- City Manager informed the Commission of his intent to sell the equipment. Mayor Wolf and the Commissioners expressed their feelings that we may get more out negotiating for some kind of in-kind service than we would get by just outright selling. Commissioner Clark suggested getting some of the street paving done as a suggestion. City Manager stated he will talk with Attorney Blair and the City Clerk to make sure we can do such.
3. City Manager Smith informed the Commission of his intent lay off the operator/trainee positions. These people were hired for the purpose of getting their license within 24 months. We have 2 individuals right now that have only 1 more chance to pass the test. If they don't pass the test and become "C" operators, they will be in lay off status because he needs "C" operators.

Commissioner Allen asked if the City Manager had considered privatizing water and wastewater as he has done the Refuse Department. City Manager responded that he is leery of privatizing our utilities because there is certain things that control your growth. Utilities are one of those major factors and his recommendation would be to not do so.

Commissioner Strickland expressed favor for maintaining the operator/trainee Positions as he feels that there wouldn't be a problem to get someone who could be trained and pass the test. City Manager Smith stated that it is easier To the C license now than it was when the operator/trainee position was created. Commissioner Strickland voiced that he feels that we should at least let the local kids know that that particular job area is wide open with only the requirement of getting a license. The tests are more frequent than in the past and the educational opportunities are more frequent as well. All along the 2 years these employees have been encouraged to pass the test.

City Manager stated that if he keeps the operator/trainee program he will be Reducing the 2 year time frame for obtaining a license down to 1 year.

4. Mayor Wolf asked the City Manager concerning efforts to reduce the amount of professional services being paid out to the Attorney, expressing, right now it seems like it is open ended. City Manager reported that he has tried to control it to the best extent possible. The Department Heads and staff have been directed to make sure that the Attorney is only contacted when necessary. He does not want to impact her opinions as to what may or may not benefit or hurt the City. Commissioner Allen asked what the retainer fee covers. City Manager responded it just depends on how many hours she works. She has a set fee for her staff and herself and if something goes to trial it is at another fee. City Manager states she is on an hourly rate. Commissioner Allen asked if it would be more cost effective if we went on a retainer basis and knowing what we will be paying.

Mayor Wolf expressed that the City of Wildwood to the point now, or we will be getting there in the near future, where we will "out grow" her office and will need to look at a firm that has a broader base of expertise as a cost savings.

City Manager stated he would just need direction from the Commission either now or in the future as to how they wish him to proceed because again the Charter does provide the Attorney a lot of fluctuation and lee way.

Commissioner Bivins asked whether it is just a cost issue because a firm would be just as expensive or more. City Manager explained that with a larger firm with a set fee we would have maybe 15-20 different attorneys who may specialize in 15-20 different things or we could have a firm that is specific to local governments. Right now we have an attorney who is the sole firm but have a lot of other clients as well. He will look at the cost savings and also look at additional services that might be provided. Mayor Wolf noted he would like to see what has been paid in attorney fees in the last 12 months. City Manager stated he will have the Clerk's Dept pull this information.

City Manager concluded that he will talk with the Attorney to see what the cost effectiveness would be on setting up a retainer and having restrictions within that retainer to make sure that she is comfortable in providing the adequate legal advice that the Commission needs. City Manager stated he will make sure that she understands that this is not concerning representation of her services. It is only a cost savings issue and long range planning.

4. City Manager informed the Commission that he has a three (3) year plan To get a new police department at the King Park Court Site. He will be using Impact fees to get started with the work.

- a. City Manager
- b. City Attorney
- c. City Clerk
- d. Commission Members
- e. Public Forum (10 minute time limit)
- f. Notes, Reports, and items for the file as attached

3. NEW BUSINESS – ACTION REQUIRED:

- a. MINUTES
None
- b. ORDINANCES FIRST READING ONLY (READ ONLY – NO VOTE):
None
- c. RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL:
1. None
- d. APPOINTMENTS:
1. None

e. CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS:
1. None

f. FINANCIAL:
None

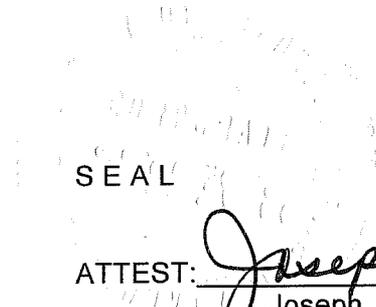
g. GENERAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

3. ADJOURN:

Motion by Commissioner Bivins, second by Commissioner Clark to adjourn.
Motion carried. All voting yea.

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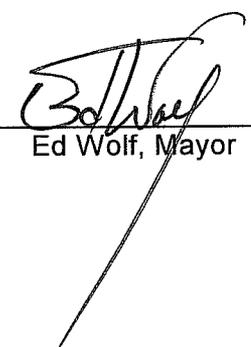
ATTEST:


Joseph Jacobs

Joseph Jacobs, City Clerk

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BY:



Ed Wolf, Mayor