

TOWN OF MALABAR
BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR 2016/17 FISCAL YEAR
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2016
8:00 AM
2725 MALABAR ROAD
MALABAR, FLORIDA

This meeting of the Malabar Town Council was held at the Malabar Town Hall, 2725 Malabar Road, Malabar, Florida.

A. CALL TO ORDER, PRAYER AND PLEDGE

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Chair Phillip R. Crews. Prayer and Pledge were said by Council Member Dick Korn.

B. ROLL CALL

COUNCIL CHAIR:

MAYOR PHILLIP R. CREWS

VICE-CHAIR:

BRIAN VAIL

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

GRANT BALL

DON KRIEGER

DICK KORN

RICHARD KOHLER

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

DOUGLAS HOYT

TOWN ATTORNEY:

KARL BOHNE, excused

TOWN CLERK/TREASURER:

DEBBY FRANKLIN

Clerk stated for the Record, the Fire Chief Christopher Robinson was also present, BUT GOT A CALL.

C. WORKSHOP ACTION: 2016 / 2017 Budget

Chair explained the recent referred to revised budget and the memo he had done to Council.

CM Ball, explained he is on the dock committee for his yacht club. He went over story from that meeting. Re: RR crossing, repair, this should have been planned. Two issues in park, cover over playground and ADA restroom. To balance the budget, why can't we go with the FLC on bond issue and get a lower percentage. For a ten-year period and use that money for those planning our budget for the fixed expenditures. He would like to get the money and does not want to take it out of reserves. Why not specify what those reserves are for; for what we are going to do with the reserves. If we continue the way we are going we will go bankrupt.

Chair explained CRA's and how they work. Then he described special assessment. They both require a referendum. We could do a special election. Borrow through the FLC and get a good rate. That is something to explore. CM Korn agrees with CM Ball. He was on Park Board – came in wrong color to begin with. The playground equipment itself has held up. Bathroom at Trailhead is the other issue. He doesn't like special assessments. There are some communities that live on special assessments. He would support a bond for ten years. If we do it right on the shade structures and perhaps down the road there will be a grant available to help pay it back. Re: RR crossing work, there may be FDOT grant money available – even for the ADA restroom.

CM Vail agrees with CM Ball – it is not kicking the ball down the road. Total of about 200K. TA said we are going to be moving some money into the reserve fund. This year will end in the black and put some back into reserves.

Chair said the issue is to choose the millage. CM Ball said everybody has a new tax or fee. Battery fee, tire fee, Dept. of Ag pay 200 every two years. When you add all the \$5 dollar fees together it becomes a lot of money. He asked Council to keep that in perspective. Chair said if we go with RBR we get the same revenue but costs go up so we can't buy as much.

CM Korn explained why he thinks they don't support increasing the taxes is because someone may be up for reelection – that should not be the reason. CM Korn said it is our responsible to be fiscally prudent but budget for needed improvements.

CM Korn supports the 2.110, CM Vail agrees, CM Ball is on the fence there. He is good with the 2.026. CM Krieger is good with the 1.8422.

CM Krieger said re: fiscal responsibility – it does not have to do with the elections. CM Krieger has a whole new set of budget numbers.

TA said we may get the proposed amount of money anyway. The last 9 of the 10 years we have had to take out of reserves. Rebuild reserves if there is some extra. CM Krieger said the budget will change after the election. Franklin said it will only change if approved by Council.

TA said if we take the 40K and the 130K out, we have actually reduced the budget to 1,300,322 and that gives us absolutely nothing to increase any services. Did TC get his email about the expenses GV pays for their outsourced expenditures. Yes.

Chair said the determination of what the citizens really want is difficult as there are only 3 persons in audience. Put these questions to voters. We are trying to work from the Gen Rev fund and if Council is trying to do what the citizens want they need to know what that is.

CM Korn said they are all business owners, all very different but all things being equal he is 50% below where he was ten years ago. He met with HOA and found that they didn't want taxes raised for the sake of raising them. They want the Town to provide services without being extravagant. He could live with the 2.026.

CM Vail said he got his 21 signatures and spoke with 30 people. 25 were ok with 2.5 and some with the 3.5 and the remaining said leave it alone. He said the proposed 5 mils was intended to get your attention. The millage needs to be increased in order for us to be financially healthy and put some money back into reserves and fund some capital projects. CM Vail said of all he has spoken with the average was ok with 3.0 mil. Due to the increase in his costs he had to increase his labor costs by 10%. It was a decision he had to make to stay financially healthy. CM Ball talked to three people and they said they would support it if their roads would be paved. Chair said Smith Lane the residents voted to pay to pave it themselves.

CM Krieger asked about the single district voting. CM Krieger asked if the current millage was a 10% increase. Franklin said yes, over the prior year rollback. CM Krieger asked if last year's millage was a 10% increase. Franklin said yes, over the prior year rollback.
Set mil at 2.026 per CM Vail.

CM Krieger asked for the actuals every month. Start doing budget reviews earlier in year. Chair said he can ask to put it on agenda every month.

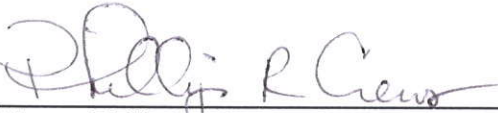
CM Vail asked if our revenues for this year will be ok. Overall we will be in black. But is it a believable number. TA said as Clerk said the numbers are the State's estimate are their best guess. Don't second guess them. CM Vail wanted to know how the estimates compare to the actual receipts. Franklin said most will be below the budgeted amount but will still overall be in black.

CM Korn said of the 7 of them up here, 5 were here last year. We artificially raised the revenues so we had a balanced budget last year. This year we were more honest. Should congratulate themselves. CM Krieger stated the consensus was to go with the 2.026 but he supports keeping it at 1.8422.

D. ADJOURNMENT

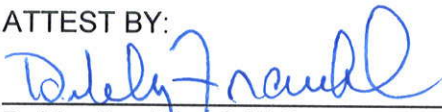
Chair stated without objection, workshop adjourned.
This meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.

BY:



Mayor Phillip R. Crews, Council Chair

ATTEST BY:



Debby Franklin, C.M.C.
Town Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: _____

9/6/16