

MALABAR TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7, 2005 7:00 PM

This meeting of the Malabar Town Council was held at Town Hall at 2725 Malabar Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Bobbi Moccia. The prayer and pledge were led by Chair Bobbi Moccia.

<u>ROLL CALL:</u>	MAYOR/VICE-CHAIR	TOM ESCHENBERG
	CHAIR:	BOBBI MOCCIA
	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	FRANK HICKSON
		BRIAN VAIL
		STEVE RIVET, excused
		PAT DEZMAN
	ADMINISTRATOR:	ED BOOTH
	ATTORNEY:	KARL BOHNE, excused
	TOWN CLERK/TREASURER:	SUSAN KABANA

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. ORDINANCE 2005-03, FIRST READING, 2005/2006 PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE

MOTION: Hickson/Eschenberg to read by title only. Council agrees.

Moccia read: ORDINANCE 2005-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MALABAR, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE MILLAGE RATE FOR THE TOWN OF MALABAR FOR THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1, 2005 THROUGH AND INCLUDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006.

Moccia states that that the proposed millage rate is 1.5994. The final levy of 1.5994 mills will result in a 9.9% increase of the rolled-back rate of 1.4553. The final millage rate of 1.5594 is to fund the expenses for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2005 and ending September 30, 2006

Moccia opened the public hearing and asked for public comment, there being none she closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Hickson/Vail to approve.

Eschenberg – states that despite the lowering of the millage rate taxes are being raised to the maximum

VOTE: Aye – Hickson, Vail, Moccia, Dezman.

2. ORDINANCE 2005-04, FIRST READING, 2005/2006 PROPOSED BUDGET

MOTION: Moccia requests unanimous consent to read by title only, Council agrees.

Moccia read: ORDINANCE 2005-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MALABAR, BREVARD COUNTY,
FLORIDA ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF MALABAR FOR THE
PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1, 2005 THROUGH AND INCLUDING SEPTEMBER
30, 2006.

Moccia states that the final budget of \$2,133,430.00 is to fund the proposed expenditures from October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006 and reflects the general operating millage of 1.5994 mills.

Moccia opened the public hearing and asked for public comment.

Bill Withers, Candy Lane – knows that this budget contains the purchase of two vehicles. Withers feels that we should not purchase any vehicle unless it is a 4X4. All vehicles should be able to do double duty.

Moccia asked if there were any more comments from the public, being none she closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Hickson/Dezman to approve.

Eschenberg – has questions regarding some line items: why are some budgets so low when the actual spent this year is more – such as office supplies. Kabana – unusual expenses this year. Eschenberg – equipment? Kabana – phone system. Eschenberg – legal, especially with the Gentile issue. Booth – the issue may not be as big as thought. Moccia – instead of budgeting more we should wait for any additional expense. Eschenberg – building maintenance? Booth – hurricane expense. Eschenberg – service contracts? Kabana – she needs to add up, will have for next meeting. Eschenberg – beautification? Booth – that has changed, we will use the money for other projects. Eschenberg – Public Works overtime? Booth – hurricane related. Eschenberg – surveyor? Booth – the surveyor is in the process of working on the large comp plan change. Eschenberg – equipment repair in public works? Booth – we are buying new equipment, repair costs will go down. Eschenberg – traffic light maintenance? Booth – hurricane related. Eschenberg – equipment public works? Booth – there was an unexpected mower purchased this year. Eschenberg – telephone expense, fire department? Booth – we are putting more control on their phone. Eschenberg – county alert system? Rowan – an item is in the wrong line item.

Moccia – asks about the line item for spraying the ditches, feels this is working out good, wants to make sure there is enough money in the new budget to cover this. Booth – there is.

Dezman – are some of the discrepancies in Public Works due to how we are changing the way we do business in Public Works? Booth – yes. Dezman – states that since we looked at how we've done business in the Fire Department and the budget reduced, now we have changed the way we've done business with Public Works and sees the budget reducing next year.

Eschenberg – states that there were explanations for each item he questioned and now he has the answers.

VOTE: Aye – Hickson, Vail, Moccia, Dezman.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

ATTEST:


Susan Kabana, MMC
Town Clerk/Treasurer

BY: 
Chair Bobbi Moccia

DATE: 10/3/05