

## **Recommendations to the Board of Commissioners**

**By: Budget Advisory Committee**

**As of: July 12, 2010**

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### **September 10, 2009: In re: Millage Rate:**

1. That Commissioners in the future, when they make their decision on the millage rate, that it be done based on the itemized deductions or increases that are a result of examining the budget.
2. That the Budget Advisory Committee is against reducing the millage rate below 5.000, as it would endanger the fiscal and social future of the City of Tarpon Springs.

### **November 19, 2009: In re: City Attorney and Internal Auditor:**

1. To recommend that any legal questions from volunteer board members and/or citizens be directed through the City Manager for legitimacy.
2. To recommend reviewing the need for an attorney to attend City volunteer board meetings.
3. To recommend the Board of Commissioners put an item on an agenda to make a final determination on the Internal Auditor Position
4. To recommend an internal audit of franchise fees and utility taxes paid by Progress Energy.

### **December 10, 2009: In re: Sale of Old Fire Station**

- To recommend the Board of Commissioners seek to aggressively sell the Old Fire Station/Jail on Lemon Street and Grosse Avenue and place any proceeds in a restricted account for the Capital Improvement Plan and purchase of hard assets.

### **January 21, 2010: In re: Budget Reductions/Process:**

1. Commission additions/deletions be identified by consensus or vote (if necessary) for each division during the budget process; and
2. Staff to incorporate those changes in preparation for the next budget meeting; and
3. The total dollar change plus or minus would be noted at each step of the budget process.

**March 11, 2010: In re: Rental of City Properties:**

- Recommend establishing a contract to allow rental of Sunset Beach, Craig Park, and Other city property; and associated rentals for special events such as weddings.

**April 8, 2010: In re: Self-sustaining Volunteer Organizations:**

- That a meeting with volunteer organizations (such as the Train Depot; Historical Society) be planned to review ways to become self-sustaining.

**May 20, 2010: In re: Staff City Attorney vs. Contract City Attorney:**

- That the Budget Advisory Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners explore City Attorney Models offering potential savings over the current outside attorney model.

**June 3, 2010: In re: Police Chief Position:**

- That the Budget Advisory Committee supports the Board of Commissioners recommendation that City Manager LeCouris conduct an applicant search beginning with internal applicants then select and appoint a Chief of Police.

**June 17, 2010: In re: Accreditation of Police Department**

1. That any plan to acquire Tarpon Avenue from FDOT should include a plan to fund all maintenance.
2. That the Budget Advisory Committee supports a plan for accreditation of the Tarpon Springs Police Department.

**July 1, 2010: In re: Proposed Millage Rate**

- That the Budget advisory committee supports the proposed millage increase of .5%.