

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS
JULY 09, 2009

THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE CITY HALL SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, 324 EAST PINE STREET, ON JULY 09, 2009, AT 2:05 P.M. WITH THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

TOWNSEND TARAPANI	CHARIMAN
MARTY PETERS	VICE CHAIRMAN
CHRIS ANGELOU	MEMBER
ROGER SELLEW	MEMBER
MARILYN CHAPMAN	ALTERNATE

ALSO PRESENT:	PETER DALACOS	COMMISSIONER
	SUSAN SLATTERY	COMMISSIONER
	MARK LECOURIS	CITY MANAGER
	IRENE JACOBS	CITY CLERK & COLLECTOR
	K. MICHELE MANOUSOS	DEPUTY CITY CLERK & COLLECTOR
	JUAN CRUZ	PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR
	ARIE WALKER	FINANCE DIRECTOR
	ROBERT KOCHEN	ACTING POLICE CHIEF
	CHUCK WINSHIP	GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT
	MARGIE PRITCHARD	RECREATION SUPERVISOR

ABSENT/ EXCUSED:	IRVING MARGON	MEMBER*
	GERALD GOEN	ALTERNATE

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Tarapani called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Deputy City Clerk Manousos called the roll.

*Mr. Margon arrived at 2:10 p.m. and left the meeting at 3:25 p.m., during the Golf Course presentation.

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

Revenue Projections for Budget – Arie Walker, Finance Director

Arie Walker, Finance Director, explained she would not make a presentation on the Revenue Projections for 2010 until the Board of Commissioners received and reviewed the tentative Budget from staff. Ms. Walker distributed and reviewed the tentative 2009 Taxable Value from Pinellas County with revenue projections and an estimate of projected shortfalls for Fiscal 2009.

NEW BUSINESS:

2a. PRESENTATION – GOLF COURSE OPERATIONS/REVENUE/EXPENDITURES – JUAN CRUZ, PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR/STAFF

Juan Cruz, Public Services Director, introduced Chuck Winship, Golf Course Superintendent, and thanked him for his service and dedication to the City and said many improvements were made to the operation and grounds over the past several years and attributed all of the accomplishments to Mr. Winship. Mr. Cruz then gave a Power Point presentation and overview of the City's Golf Course Division (Exhibit 2), which explained the Golf Course was an enterprise fund that did not use any taxpayer funds for operational expenses; was financially self-sufficient; and contributed to the general fund each year. Mr. Cruz also reviewed recent buildings and grounds improvements at the course; current ways of controlling costs; and revenue history from Fiscal 2002 to Fiscal 2009. Mr. Winship continued the presentation by reviewing the daily operations at the course and its financial outlook for the future.

The Committee complimented staff for the improvements at the course and had the following inquiries: if a comparison could be made to private courses similar to the comparison Mr. Winship provided on public courses. Mr. Winship and Mr. Cruz made some basic comparisons, but discussed several difficulties of making comparisons to other courses, private, as well as, some public courses. The Committee questioned if the Golf Pro collected payment for private lessons in addition to his salary; and the Golf Course maintenance contract.

They also discussed the financial aspects of the capital improvements program and "loan" balance being paid by the Golf Course and Ms. Walker explained the transfer funds process used for paying for the capital improvements at the course.

NEW BUSINESS (Continued):

**2b. PRESENTATION – PARKS & RECREATION OPERATIONS/REVENUE/
EXPENDITURES – JUAN CRUZ, PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR/STAFF**

Juan Cruz, Public Services Director, introduced Margie Prichard, Recreation Supervisor and complimented her for her service and dedication to the City. Mr. Cruz gave a PowerPoint presentation of the City's Recreation Division (Exhibit 3). The presentation included an overview of all programs, attendance growth, revenue growth and history; and future revenue projections.

The Committee questioned: decommissioned vehicles and equipment disposal programs; if there was an analysis of the program costs to residents v. non-residents and Mr. Cruz and Ms. Prichard explained.

3. ITEMS FOR NEXT/UPCOMING AGENDA:

The Committee discussed the following items for future agendas:

- Feasibility of expanding reclaimed water lines (tentative)
- Impact of infrastructure tax (tentative) – Impact Fees
- Code Enforcement Infractions – Fines (tentative)

4. COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

City Manager LeCouris announced there was a Work Session scheduled for July 20, 2009 and said the new budget would be presented. The Committee said the 2010 Budget could also be reviewed at the next meeting.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Dalacos inquired about the benefits to a Golf Course membership and also questioned if any analysis was made of the advertising programs and Mr. Winship responded.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 3:49 P.M.


TOWNSEND TARAPANI
CHARIMAN


ATTEST:

K. MICHELE MANOUSOS, CMG
DEPUTY CITY CLERK & COLLECTOR

CITY CLERK'S NOTE: This meeting has been recorded in its entirety and the recordings are kept on file in the City Clerk's Office for the required retention period.