

CITY COUNCIL TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING

SEPTEMBER 8, 2010

Mayor Joe LaCascia called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Mayor LaCascia announced this is the tentative budget hearing; the final budget hearing will be September 21, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor LaCascia.

Mayor LaCascia advised comments on Ordinance 1266 and Ordinance 1267 will be allowed by Polk City Taxpaying residents only. To make comments or ask questions, you need to come to the front of the room, wait to be recognized by the Mayor, and then speak into the microphone giving your name and address.

Mayor LaCascia advised that Councilor Mike Blethen's brother passed away, and to please keep him in your prayers.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Joe LaCascia, Vice Mayor Trudy Block, Councilor Nancy Adorno, Councilor Mike Blethen-absent, Councilor Don Kimsey-absent, and Patricia R. Jackson.

A quorum was established.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCE 1266, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF POLK CITY OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF POLK CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor LaCascia read Ordinance 1266 in short title. Vice Mayor Block read Ordinance 1266 in its entirety.

Mayor LaCascia opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 1266. Mrs. Schneider, 775 Teaberry Trail, thanked Council for lowering the millage rate from what was originally proposed.

Mayor LaCascia closed the Public Hearing and turned it over to City Council for review, discussion and action.

Vice Mayor Block advised the proposed millage rate was 9.6547, and it was reduced to 8.6547.

Mayor LaCascia thanked Vice Mayor Block for doing a good job in reviewing the budget and making the necessary cuts; he knows it wasn't an easy thing to do.

Councilor Adorno advised that the majority of us are in the business sector and it is different in the governmental sector; it is frustrating, and there are so many steps that are in place to make sure there is no abuse. It is a slow process when compare the two, and government is more time consuming. Councilor Adorno appreciates the work the Mayor and Vice Mayor has done; she knows they have made sacrifices.

A motion was made by Mayor LaCascia to accept Ordinance 1266; the motion was seconded by Councilor Adorno.

Roll Call: Vice Mayor Block-aye, Councilor Adorno-aye, Mayor LaCascia-aye

3-eyes

0-nays

ORDINANCE 1267, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF POLK CITY OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Vice Mayor Block read Ordinance 1267 in its entirety.

Mayor LaCascia opened the Public Hearing; there being no public comment, Mayor LaCascia closed the Public Hearing and turned the meeting over to City Council for review and discussion.

Mayor LaCascia made a motion to accept Ordinance 1267; the motion was seconded by Councilor Adorno.

Roll Call: Councilor Adorno-aye, Mayor LaCascia-aye, Vice Mayor Block-aye

3-eyes

0-nays

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Patricia R. Jackson, City Clerk

Joe LaCascia, Mayor

