



CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP - MINUTES
Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hunschofsky called the Wednesday, August 16, 2017, City Commission Budget Workshop, being held in Commission Chambers, to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hunschofsky led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Commission members present were:

Stacy Kagan	Vice Mayor
Christine Hunschofsky	Mayor
Bob Mayersohn	Commissioner
Grace Solomon	Commissioner
Ken Cutler	Deputy Vice Mayor

Others Present were:

Bob Payton	City Manager
Andrew Maurodis	City Attorney
Jennifer Johnson	City Clerk

4. PRESENTATION

A. Presentation and Discussion of the FY2018 City of Parkland's Annual Budget

Assistant City Manager, Nancy Morando, provided the attached budget presentation. The following comments were made at the conclusion of the presentation.

Mayor Hunschofsky: She commended Ms. Morando on the presentation, and stated it is important to understand the amount of taxes being paid. If you bought a home in Parkland, versus another City for the exact same price, you would actually be paying less taxes in Parkland. The after-care program is a winner, and I thank you for being so flexible. With 30 kids

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on the wait list, that means something is going right over there. I want to also note the Facilities & Maintenance Plan was put in place a few years ago and many cities are getting caught because they were not maintaining or planning to replace aging equipment. This plan is to save, foresee, and replace those bug ticket items. This is extremely conservative and fiscally responsible budget. We have to add some people, but we have a certain level of customer service that is expected, and we can only add when we have the resources for it.

Vice Mayor Kagan: She commended Ms. Morando as well as stated, property values are going up and we are fiscally sound. Our reserves are good, and over the past 5 years we have lowered the millage rate. Would we be able to lower it by .002? Morando stated the .002, would be minimal. Kagan said we have lowered in the past by .007, .002, and .001, and asked Morando if we could do it without having an impact on the City services. Morando stated the decrease would be minimal, but it would be up to the Commission to decide.

Deputy Vice Mayor Cutler: Cutler stated the budget book the City put together is available to the public on the website. It is very clear and concise, and a comprehensive look at the City. Even if you don't have a financial background. The book is really set up for residents to read and understand. The book makes great sense and tells us where the City is going. Cutler asked that the charts inside the book be placed on the website as well.

Commissioner Solomon echoed the comments of her colleagues, and added that our City has come a long way. She did some research, and back in 1974, the millage rate here in Parkland was 2.7 mills. There is a huge difference now with the amount of people who are living here and the level of service we provide has gone up. However, we are again the 4th lowest millage rate in the County.

Commissioner Mayersohn concurred with everyone's statements regarding the budget. It is a very comprehensive report, but I would like to take a look at our Strategic Plan, especially when it comes to maintenance in our parks. As we grow, we will have a lot more people using our parks and I would like to make sure we recognize the need to maintain/improve them. Mayor Hunschofsky stated the Strategic Plan will outline what our objectives are, then staff will determine where funds will be best utilized.

City Manager, Bob Payton, asked if there was anything in the budget the Commissioners would like to see? Mayor Hunschofsky asked if any residents showed up to the 5 p.m. public discussion. Assistant City Manager, Nancy Morando, stated the 5 p.m. meeting was advertised through Facebook and the e-Blast, but there were zero responses. There were also zero responses to the online comment feature. Payton stated if residents do have a concern, this is the time to mention something. Now is the time to talk about the Terramar playground. Commissioner Mayersohn stated there are three playgrounds at Terramar. One particular playground had to have the flooring replaced, but it was replaced with wood chips rather than a like substance. What I am hearing is that there is money in this year's budget to replace the chips with a like substance. The other projects are something that we can take a strategic look at how are facilities and parks are evolving. Mayor Hunschofsky stated she has received calls regarding the playground, and there is an impression that we took something away and replaced it with

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something of lesser quality. There is always the assumption that everything is new out west, versus our east where they get whatever is left over. Commissioner Solomon stated she has done extensive research on the flooring material for playgrounds, and the mulch is the worst thing they could use. The artificial grass, or rubber, is better for the kids. Mayor Hunschofsky agreed that if there is extra money in the budget then we should move forward with replacing the chips. Vice Mayor Kagan asked if there was any idea what the price would be, but I am concerned with the safety of the kids. Payton stated that we will have Bill Evans [Public Works] bring back some prices for the next meeting. The only thing we need to consider, is if we do the pour-in-place, we will have to replace the playground two years earlier than expected. Mayor Hunschofsky sked staff to put it together and have it ready for the next meeting.

Deputy Vice Mayor Cutler asked what the anticipated Library completion date is. Assistant City Manager, Sowande Johnson, stated it is March 2019. Cutler then asked about the budget for art that we may want to add inside and outside the library. Morando replied those items will be considered next year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further to discuss Commissioner Mayersohn made a motion to adjourn. Vice Mayor Kagan seconded. Mayor Hunschofsky adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Transcribed and submitted by City Clerk – Jennifer Johnson

ATTEST:

MAYOR – Christine Hunschofsky

The above signature is the City Clerk of the City of Parkland, Florida, and the information provided herein are the Minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting held Wednesday, August 16, 2017, which were formally approved and adopted by the City Commission on

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