TOWN OF WINDERMERE

Town Council Tentative Budget Hearing Minutes

September 4, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 6:01pm

Present were Mayor Pro Tem Andy Williams, Council Members Tony Davit, Tom Stroup, and Brandi Haines. Also present were Town Manager Robert Smith, Public Works Director Tonya Elliott-Moore, Finance Director Tara Vegel, Finance Clerk/HR Theresa Syphers, and Town Clerk Dorothy Burkhalter. Absent were Mayor Jim O'Brien and Council Member Mandy David.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams led everyone into the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public speakers.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Financial

i. Presentation of Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget

Manager Smith asked if there were any questions regarding the proposed budget. He briefly reviewed the proposed budget. Some discussion was made regarding Fire Assessments and Annexation costs.

b. Council Actions

i. Motion to tentatively adopt proposed millage rate of 3.7425 mills per thousand

Member Williams made a motion to tentatively adopt the proposed millage rate of 3.7425 mills per thousand. Member Davit seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Haines – aye, Stroup -aye, Williams -aye, and Davit – aye. Motion carried 4-0.

ii. Motion to consent to balanced proposed budget: Revenues - \$16,762,457.20 Expenses - \$16,762,457.20

Member Davit made a motion to consent to the balanced proposed budget of \$16,762,457.20.

Member Haines seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Davit – aye, Williams – aye, Stroup – aye, and Haines – aye. Motion carried 4-0.

iii. Motion to set date, time, and location of Final Budget Hearing:

September 16, 2024 – 6:00pm, Town Hall – 520 Main Street, Windermere, FL 34786

Member Williams made a motion to set the Final Budget Hearing for Monday September 16, 2024, 6:00pm, in the Town Hall located at 520 Main Street, Windermere, FL 34786. Member Davit seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Haines – aye, Stroup -aye, Williams -aye, and Davit – aye. Motion carried 4-0.

iv. Motion to approve Solid Waste Assessment: \$399,808.80

Member Williams made a motion to approve the Solid Waste Assessment of \$399,808.80. Member Davit seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Davit – aye, Williams – aye, Stroup – aye, and Haines -aye. Motion carried 4-0.

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v. Motion to approve Stormwater Fund Assessment Roll: \$348,009.72

Member Davit made a motion to approve the Stormwater Fund Assessment Roll of \$348,009.72. Member Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Haines – aye, Stroup -aye, Williams –aye, and Davit – aye. Motion carried 4-0.

vi. Motion to approve Fire Assessment: \$925,880.68

Member Williams made a motion to approve the Fire Assessment of \$925,880.68. Member Haines seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Davit – aye, Williams – aye, Stroup – aye, and Haines – aye, Motion carried 4-0.

vii. Motion to approve The Willows Street Light Assessment: \$16,433.28

Member Davit made a motion to approve the Willows Street Light Assessment of \$16,433.28. Member Haines seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Haines – aye, Stroup -aye, Williams -aye, and Davit – aye. Motion carried 4-0.

Manager Smith thanked staff for their work on the budget. Member Davit invited all to the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority community event on September 12, 2024, at 6:00pm, at the Heller Hall in Winter Garden.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams concluded this meeting at 6:24pm.

Dorothy Burkhalter, MMC, FCRM

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Jim O'Brien, Mayor