

TOWN OF MANGONIA PARK
MINUTES OF BUDGET WORKSHOP CONTINUED
SEPTEMBER 11, 2008

The Budget Workshop (continued) held at 1755 East Tiffany Drive, Mangonia Park, Florida. Vice Mayor Trueblood called the workshop to order at 5:00 p.m. Present were Councilwoman Cook, Councilwoman Johnson, Councilman McConnell and Town Manager Leffingwell. Mayor Albury was late.

Review of the Proposed 2008-2009 General Fund Budget (continued).

Town Manager Leffingwell proceeded with the details of the Line 68, Account No. 001-0511-511.5500, a Mayor's stipend inclusive of the cost of travel and wireless services in the amount of \$150.00 per month;

Line 73, Administrative salaries, included three (3) employees: the Town Clerk; the Bookkeeper; and the Deputy Clerk, but also the position of a part-time position in Administration (Utility Clerk), all reflecting a COLA and salary adjustment of 5% each per position, with the exception of the bookkeeper's position, which was still vacant.

Line 78, Retirement. A pension bonus was mentioned at the previous workshops, wherein the Town Manager requested a one-time bonus of \$5,000 be given directly to her pension plan along with a one-time bonus of 5% of the base salary over a 15-month period in the amount of \$4,806.7, on Line 71.

The Town Council's consensus for the bonus pension and bonus in salary was agreed upon by Vice mayor Trueblood, Councilwoman Cook and Johnson, and Councilman McConnell. Mayor Albury disagreed with the bonuses for both line items.

The Town Council asked that Town Manager Leffingwell understand that this indeed was a one-time deal.

Vice Mayor Trueblood explained that he disagreed with paying for a line that not used. He requested the reduction of the cost of a fax telephone line, Line 120, by canceling this item.

Line 194, Vice Mayor Trueblood requested a reduction in this line item, down to \$465,594, and increasing Line 73 by the reduction of \$6,228, thereby eliminating the need to reduce/increase in other areas of the budget.

Mayor Albury asked that we take that \$6,228 off the table for now and come back to it later; He then inquired about the Capital Outlay, Line 173, and \$35,000. He asked for the specifics.

Town Manager Leffingwell explained that it was for the painting and general maintenance of the building.

Mayor Albury said that it appears the line item explanations duplicate themselves throughout several departments, listing generators and interior painting. He asked why these proposed projects are duplicating themselves in more than one area.

Mayor Albury recommended reducing Line 173 \$35,000 down to \$28,000 and that \$7,000 be added to the Line 73, making the salaries for Administration \$161,655 and leave Line 194 @ \$471,822.00.

Councilwoman Cook requested that Column F that reflects explanations for specific line items be more detailed in the future.

Vice Mayor Trueblood concurred. He added that in the future, staff make detailed explanations and budget for the building in its entirety. He gave an example of the maintenance and care of the entire building @ Town Hall.

Councilman McConnell said things are simpler when called by what they are. He added that the Town only owns three (3) buildings: Town Hall, the old fire station and the Utility Plant.

Councilwoman Johnson asked Town Manager Leffingwell where funding would originate for the fire station renovation project and she responded from Capital Outlay and grants.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the proposed Community Service Center @ the old fire station and possible parking issues.

Review of the Proposed 2008-2006 Utility Fund Budget (continued).

Town Manager Leffingwell explained that Line 65, \$153,140.00, Salaries included six (6) positions including a Lead Plant Operator, up to \$25 per hour; Wastewater Technician, Class A License; Two (2) Part-time Class A and Class B Drinking Water Technicians; Wastewater Technician, Class C License and the Utility Clerk, part-time.

Mayor Albury expressed his concern regarding the high-end salary for a Utility Clerk.

A brief discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Trueblood recommended that Line 78, Professional Services, reduced to \$28,000 and that \$2,000 added to Salaries, Line 65, increasing it to \$155,140.00.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the procedure for reimbursement policies of Palm Beach County for grant funding.

MOTION made by Councilwoman Johnson, seconded by Councilman McConnell adjourning the meeting @ 8:03 p.m.

TOWN OF MANGONIA PARK

WILLIAM H. ALBURY, III, MAYOR

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Sherry Albury, Town Clerk
Minutes approved **October 7, 2008**