

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ARCADIA
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2011
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. The following members and staff were present:

Arcadia City Council

Deputy Mayor Keith Keene
Councilmember Dr. Roosevelt Johnson

Mayor Heine (Absent)
Council Woman Craven (Via Phone)

Arcadia City Staff

City Administrator Lawrence Miller
City Attorney Jason Henbest
Marshal Charles Lee

City Recorder Virginia Haas
Finance Director Jorge Santana

PUBLIC HEARING

Dr. Miller read Resolution No. 2011-13 and 2011-14 by title. Dr. Miller noted that the millage rate has not changed from last year.

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2011-13: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE TO BE LEVIED BY THE CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012.**

Deputy Mayor Keene opened the public hearing and called for any public input. There being no public input the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Dr. Johnson and seconded by Councilwoman Craven to adopt Resolution No. 2011-13. The motion carried 3-0.

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 2011-14: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012**

Deputy Mayor Keene opened the public hearing and called for any public input regarding Resolution No. 2011-14.

Mr. Gary Frierson, Gibson Street, stated that he understands the time constraints and method of reviewing the budget however his concern was after calculating what was taken out of the budget and what was put back in the budget the real savings only amounted to \$22,000. He reminded Council that raises continue forever when calculating a budget and increases each year. He proposed to pass the budget tonight and freeze all salaries then review budget again either lifting the salary freeze or amending the budget. Deputy Mayor Keene thanked Mr. Frierson for his comments.

There being no further public comment the public hearing was closed.

Councilwoman Craven stated that she had hopes that the new council would be diligent in watching expenditures.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Craven and seconded by Dr. Johnson to adopt Resolution No. 2011-14. Vote on the motion carried 3-0.

Dr. Johnson stated that he has always been concerned regarding salaries in the budget because once a raise is given it stays with the duration of employment. Deputy Mayor Keene agreed that these are difficult times and believes the new Council will be diligent and make sound decisions.

PUBLIC (PLEASE LIMIT PRESENTATIONS TO FIVE MINUTES)

There was no public comment.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MATTERS

Dr. Miller reported that he had contacted the Council Members elect regarding different boards like the Tourism and Economic Development Board and asked Council to provide direction on who they would like appointed to the various boards.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 20th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2011.

By:



Robert W. Heine, Mayor

ATTEST:



Virginia S. Haas, City Recorder