

REGULAR MEETING
AND
PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

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A Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of the Arcadia City Council was held on September 17, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the Margaret Way Building at 23 North Polk Avenue. Council members attending responded on a roll call. Present: Dixon, Goodman, Johnson, Heine and Fazzone. Also in attendance were Administrator Rupp, Attorney Galvano, and City Recorder and Finance Director Baumann.

Mayor Fazzone called the meeting to order.

The invocation was given by Dr. Goodman, Councilwoman.

Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 1, 2009 were adopted on a motion by Deputy Mayor Dixon; seconded by Heine and carried.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Fazzone called the Public Hearing to order and stated the purpose of the public hearing, as advertised, is to adopt a Tentative Millage Rate and Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. Each Council member was previously given a copy for study, of a handout containing information regarding the tentative millage rate and budget.

City Recorder and Finance Director Baumann addressed the Council and stated that the budget had been advertised by the Truth in Millage (TRIM) notice which was sent out by the Property Appraiser. She stated that the Millage rate adopted last year was 7.5587. The proposed Millage rate for the 2009-2010 year is 8.0899. The percentage decrease in Millage over last year's Millage rate is 0%. The Roll Back Rate is 8.0899 which is actually a roll forward rate due to the decrease in property values. The percentage increase in Millage over the Roll Back Rate necessary to fund the budget is 0%. Finance Director Baumann stated that the article in the DeSoto Sun Herald stating that the City had increased the budget by over One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000,000) was misleading. She stated that the General Fund has only been increased by \$363,173 and of that amount \$197,889 is for grants that have been applied for. In addition, she stated the Police Department salaries for fiscal year 2008-2009, had been grossly misstated and the current budget reflects the correct amounts. The remaining differences in last year's budget to the proposed budget are for increases in the Water/Sewer Renewal Replacement Fund and for Debt Service. Finance Director Baumann stated that a salary increase of 5% for all the full-time employees making less than Ten Dollars (\$10) per hour and the across the board increase for all full-time employees of Three Hundred Eighty Five Dollars (\$385.00) per employee, is included in the proposed budget.

Mayor Fazzone called for comments from the Council. There were none.

Mayor Fazzone called for comments from the Public.

Several citizens addressed the Council asking that they not increase the millage rate over last years' rate due to the financial burden it would put on property owners. Finance Director Baumann explained how the "roll back" rate works and noted that due to the

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decrease in property values the roll back rate for FY 2009/2010 is actually a roll forward rate going from 7.5587 to 8.0899 mills. This is why citizens have thought that taxes were being increased. The City is allowed to use the roll back rate which is designed to generate the same amount of tax revenue as the previous year; therefore it is not a tax increase. Questions regarding Reserve Funds and line items on the budget were asked. One member of the public asked for a copy of the budget to which Administrator Rupp stated copies of the budget could be purchased in the Office of the City Administrator.

Deputy Mayor Dixon stated he understood when voting on the ½-mill increase, that this could be revisited and the Council could reduce the proposed millage rate by going back to last years' rate of 7.5587 and not using the roll back rate before the final budget was approved. Finance Director Baumann stated there would be a Ninety Thousand Dollar (\$90,000.) deficient in the budget if the roll back rate were not used as the City would have to reduce the proposed millage by ½ mill which due to the decrease in property values would result in a decrease in revenue to the City. She also reminded the Council that for the past seven (7) years, there has been an audit criticism relating to the steady decrease in Fund Balance. She stated that a reduction of \$90,000 is significant to the City; however by using the roll back rate the taxpayers will not see any significant change in the amount of taxes they paid from last year.

Deputy Mayor Dixon stated he would like the Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000) to be found in another area without the millage increase. Councilman Dr. Johnson stated that in the past projected revenue did not meet expenses which resulted in a decrease of Fund Balance and noted that it is time to begin building up the Fund Balance. Deputy Mayor Dixon stated he would not vote for an increase in the millage rate.

Finance Director Baumann announced that there are no amendments to the proposed millage rate and therefore no recomputation of the proposed millage rate is needed.

Heine moved to adopt a Tentative Millage Rate of 8.0899 by Resolution No. 2009-13; seconded by Goodman and carried. Deputy Mayor Dixon voted No.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-13

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE
MILLAGE RATE TO BE LEVIED BY THE CITY OF
ARCADIA, FLORIDA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010.

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes 200.065(2)(d) requires that the City of Arcadia,
Florida adopt a Resolution stating the tentative millage rate to be levied for Fiscal Year
2009-2010, and

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(Resolution No. 2009-13 Continued)

WHEREAS, the Resolution shall state the percent, if any, by which the millage rate to be levied exceeds the rolled-back rate.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Arcadia that:

1). The City of Arcadia does hereby adopt its Tentative Millage Rate of 8.0899 mills to be levied for the General Fund upon all real and tangible personal property located within the boundaries of the City of Arcadia to fund the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget, and

2). The percentage by which this millage rate to be levied exceeds the rolled back rate of 8.0899 mills (computed pursuant to Florida Law) is zero (0) percent.

DULY PASSED AND RESOLVED by the City Council present and voting this 17TH day of September, 2009.

ATTEST:

CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA

s/s RACHELLE M. BAUMANN, CMC
RACHELLE M. BAUMANN, CMC
CITY RECORDER

s/s RICHARD P. FAZZONE
RICHARD P. FAZZONE
MAYOR

Goodman moved to adopt the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 by Resolution No. 2009-14; seconded by Deputy Mayor Dixon and carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-14

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE
BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010.

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(Resolution No. 2009-14 Continued)

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Arcadia, Florida has followed the procedures for budget preparation, public notices, and public hearings as prescribed by Florida Statutes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Arcadia that the following funds be adopted as the City of Arcadia's Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

GENERAL FUND	\$6,463,095
WATER AND SEWER FUND	3,221,634
WATER AND SEWER BOND SINKING FUND	1,169,381
WATER AND SEWER BOND RESERVE FUND	733,337
WATER AND SEWER RENEWAL & REPLACEMENT FUND	643,979
LOCAL OPTION INFRASTRUCTURE SALES TAX FUND	714,597
LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX FUND	815,000
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	1,279,143
FIRE SERVICES PROTECTION FUND	193,640

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Johnson then moved to authorize the advertisement for the Public Hearing on September 29, 2009, and to adopt a Final Millage Rate and the 2009-2010 Final Budget; seconded by Goodman and carried.

Mayor Fazzone adjourned the Public Hearing and asked for a ten minute (10) recess.

Mayor Fazzone then reconvened the Regular Meeting.

Goodman moved to approve items A through E on the consent agenda: seconded by Deputy Mayor Dixon and carried.

- A. The Volunteer Fire Department Annual Golf Tournament on November 14, 2009.
- B. Renewal of an agreement between Central Florida Regional Planning Council and The City of Arcadia for 2009-2010 year in the total amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000)
- C. Request for a Veteran's Parade on November 11, 2009.
- D. Request for the Rodeo Parade on March 14, 2010.
- E. Request for the Democratic Executive Committee to hold their annual fundraiser BBQ at McSwain Park on November 6, 2009.

Proposed Ordinance No. 952 was presented on a second and final reading. Deputy Mayor Dixon moved to waive the rules and read Proposed Ordinance No. 952 by title only; seconded by Johnson and carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 952

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TO THE CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, CERTAIN LANDS CONTIGUOUS THERETO CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 3.6 ACRES LOCATED AT 3164 NE HWY 17, AS DESOTO COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISAL PARCEL ID# 19-37-25-000-0280-0000 PROVIDING FOR A METS AND BOUNDS LEGAL DESCRIPTION TO THIS ORDINANCE AS EXHIBIT "A", AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Johnson moved to adopt Ordinance No. 952 on second and final reading and that it become an Ordinance of the City of Arcadia; seconded by Deputy Mayor Dixon. Mayor Fazzone called for comments from the Public. There were none. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Ayes: Dixon, Goodman, Johnson, Heine and Fazzone. Nays: None

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WHEREAS, the City of Arcadia City Council , on behalf of its citizens, desires to annex the property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, said property petitioned to be annexed is contiguous to the corporate limits of the City of Arcadia, Florida, and meets the requirements of Florida Statute 171.044; and

WHEREAS, the property is owned by Tremron, Inc., a Florida corporation.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Arcadia, Florida hereby ordains:

Section 1: That the land described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference is land sought to be annexed by motion, and the same is hereby annexed to and incorporated within the City of Arcadia, DeSoto County, Florida, as fully and effectually as if the same were included within the boundary of the City of Arcadia, Florida as set forth in its Charter.

Section 2: Such land, above described, shall immediately become subject to the jurisdiction and powers of the City of Arcadia, Florida.

Section 3: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA, on this 17th day of September, 2009.

ATTEST:

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RICHARD P. FAZZONE
MAYOR

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(Ordinance No: 952 Continued)

PASSED ON FIRST READING September 1, 2009

PASSED ON SECOND READING September 17, 2009

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

WILLIAM S. GALVANO, CITY ATTORNEY

EXHIBIT "A"

ORDINANCE NO. 952

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Begin at the intersection of the Westerly Right of Way line of the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad and the Southerly Right of Way line of Golf Avenue as shown on the plat of Golf Ground Estates, a Subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 4, on Page 18 of the Public Records of DeSoto County, Florida. Thence S 19°27'00" W along said Westerly Right of Way line, a distance of 1132.80 feet to the Point of Intersection of the Westerly Right of Way line of the Seaboard Coast line Railroad and the Northerly Right of Way line of Parkway Boulevard; thence N 83°04'40"W along said Northerly Right of Way a distance of 295.00 feet; thence N 71°04'40"W and still along said Northerly Right of Way line a distance of 262.73 feet to a point on the Easterly Right of Way line of U.S. Highway No. 17, said point also being on a curve concave to the East; thence Northerly and Easterly along the arc of said curve having a radius of 2241.83 feet, a central angle of 27°49'40", and a cord bearing of N 22°48'27" E, an arc distance of 1088.83 feet; thence S 50°30'30"E, a distance of 260.36 feet; thence N 38°40'30" E, a distance of 290.41 feet to a point on the Southerly Right of Way line of Golf Avenue; thence S 47°42'00" E along said Southerly Right of Way a distance of 159.88 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 14.06 acres more or less. Bearings based on assumed data with the Westerly Right of Way line of Seaboard Coast Line Railroad being S 19°27'00" West.

Formerly Known As:

Parcel I: Begin at the Northeast corner of the Southeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 19, Township 37 South, Range 25 East; thence North 88° 00' West, 380.60 feet; thence South 41° 55' West 533.08 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue along the same line 190.52 feet; thence South 48°09' East, 333.0 feet; thence South 74°00' East, 64.10 feet; thence South 53°07' East 55.8 feet; thence South 86°28' East, 59.0 feet; thence South 70°33' East, 135.0 feet; thence North 19°27' East 402.8 feet; thence North 47°42' West 159.8 feet; thence South 38°40'30" West 290.41 feet; thence North 50°30'30" West

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319.22 feet to the Point of Beginning, less right-of-way to U.S. #17 on the West side, lying and being in Desoto County, Florida.

Parcel II: Lots 1 through 27, inclusive, Block F; Lots 7 through 21, inclusive, Block G; Lots 1 through 28, Block E, LESS Lots 4 through 16 West of Highway, all lying and being in GOLF GROUNDS ESTATES as per map or plat thereof recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for DeSoto County, Florida, in Plat Book 4, Page 18, LESS AND EXCEPT Road Right-of-Way for U.S. Highway 17 (the "Property").

Proposed Ordinance No. 953 was presented on second and final reading. Goodman moved to waive the rules and read Proposed Ordinance No. 953 by title only; seconded by Heine and carried.

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Deputy Mayor Dixon moved to adopt Ordinance No. 953 on second and final reading and that it become an Ordinance of the City of Arcadia; seconded by Johnson. Mayor Fazzone called for comments from the Public. There were none. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Ayes: Dixon, Fazzone, Heine, Goodman and Johnson. Nays: None

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Proposed Ordinance No. 954 amending the City of Arcadia Police Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement System was presented on first reading. Each Council member had previously been given a copy of the Ordinance to study. Heine moved to waive the rules and read Proposed Ordinance No. 954 by title only; seconded by Deputy Dixon and carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 954

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VII, DIVISION 3, SECTION 2, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA, AMENDING THE CITY OF ARCADIA POLICE OFFICERS' AND FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AMENDING SECTION 1, DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 3, BOARD OF TRUSTEES; AMENDING SECTION 4, FINANCES AND FUND MANAGEMENT; AMENDING SECTION 18, REPEAL OR TERMINATION OF SYSTEM; AMENDING SECTION 19, DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDERS, RETIREE DIRECTED PAYMENTS, EXEMPTION FROM EXECUTION, NON-ASSIGNABILITY; AMENDING SECTION 27, PRIOR POLICE SERVICE; AMENDING SECTION 28, DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN, PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Johnson moved to adopt Proposed Ordinance No. 954 on first reading; seconded by Goodman. Mayor Fazzone called for comments from the Public. There were none. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Ayes: Johnson, Goodman, Fazzone, Heine and Dixon. Nays: None

The Planning and Zoning Board at a meeting on September 8, 2009 recommended the following to the City Council:

That the property owned by the City and known as the old livestock market be rezoned from Residential One Family Dwelling R-1A to General Industrial M-2 and that a joint public hearing be scheduled for December 1, 2009 at 6:00 p. m. or as soon thereafter as possible.

Johnson moved to hold a joint public hearing with the Planning and Zoning Board to consider the rezoning of the old livestock market property and that the hearing be scheduled for December 1, 2009 or as soon thereafter as possible; seconded by Deputy Mayor Dixon and carried.

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Heine moved to table an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Arcadia and DeSoto County for the purchase of County flush water due to concerns the engineering firm representing the City has regarding specific issues that were to be addressed in the agreement and were not included; seconded by Deputy Mayor Dixon and carried.

Attorney Henbest addressed the Council and presented a proposed ordinance which would safeguard the city's historic, prehistoric, and cultural heritage, as reflected in historic structures, sites and districts. Proposed Ordinance No. 955 providing for Protection, Enhancement and Perpetuation of Historic Structures was then presented on first reading. Each Council member had previously been given a copy to study. Heine moved to waive the rules and read the proposed ordinance by title only; seconded by Johnson and carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 955

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, RELATED TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION; CREATING CHAPTER 60 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION, ENHANCEMENT, AND PERPETUATION OF HISTORIC STRUCTURES, SITES AND DISTRICTS WITHIN THE CITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Heine moved to adopt Ordinance No. 955 on first reading; seconded by Johnson. Mayor Fazzone called for comments from the public. There were none. The motion carried on a roll call vote Ayes: Johnson, Goodman, Fazzone, Heine and Dixon. Nays: None

Heine then moved that the Planning and Zoning Board be appointed to serve as the Historic Preservation Commission; seconded by Johnson and carried.

Administrator Rupp addressed the Council and presented An Amendment to the Interlocal Fire and Emergency Medical Services Merger Agreement between the City of Arcadia and DeSoto County. The change in the agreement is relating to the length of time that the County could use City Station No. 1 and having the County relinquish its right to allow a non-emergency transport provider to occupy City Fire Station No 1. This change is necessary in order to remove West Coast Ambulance Service a private company currently occupying space in City Hall. Mayor Fazzone stated that he understands that West Coast does provide a service as they are the primary transport company which does free up the hospital and the county from this service. He noted that they are a private for profit company and questioned why the City should provide them space rent free. He also asked why no one representing West Coast has come before the Council to discuss this matter. Mayor Fazzone stated that he is opposed to them being in City Hall. Council member Dr. Johnson stated that he recently used West Coast's services and noted that their transport rates are very high. Council member Heine stated

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that they are a private company, we should not have to provide them with anything and we need the space at City Hall. He stated that they could rent City Station No. 2. He also reported that when they get a call in the middle of the night it wakes up the firefighters on duty. Deputy Mayor Dixon stated that the City needs this space and he stated that the terms of the amendment should be on the City's terms not the County's. Heine moved to approve the First Amendment to Interlocal Agreement between the City of Arcadia and DeSoto County for merger of Fire and Emergency Medical Services and that the matter be turned over to the City Attorney; seconded by Deputy Mayor Dixon and carried.

The Fines and Forfeitures for the month of August 2009 was presented and showed fines in the amount of \$1,964.00.

City Attorney Henbest voiced concerns that due to the Sunshine Law, City Administrator Rupp could not be a member of the Airport Advisory Committee, but could act as a Liaison for the City. Dixon then moved to remove Administrator Rupp from the Airport Advisory Committee and that she become a Liaison for the City; seconded by Johnson and carried.

City Attorney Henbest asked if newly elected Council member Keith Keene was familiar with the Sunshine Law to which he replied that is.

A Certificate of Canvassing Board for the City Council Election held on September 8, 2009, was presented showing the following results:

FOR CITY MARSHAL, total votes received:

CHARLES J. LEE	received	581
TOM SANTARLAS	received	239
NEIL THOMAS	received	62

FOR CITY COUNCIL, total votes received:

MARTHA CRAVEN	received	483
SHARON THOMAS GOODMAN	received	556
ROBERT W. HEINE	received	487
KEITH KEENE	received	534

The total number of ballots cast in the City of Arcadia was 888 for a 24.96% turnout.

Goodman moved to accept the Canvas; seconded by Heine and carried.

Johnson then moved to declare Dr. Sharon T. Goodman, Robert W. Heine and Keith Keene elected to each serve a four (4) year term on the City Council, beginning October 1, 2009 and to declare Charles J. Lee elected to serve a four (4) year term as City Marshal, beginning October 1, 2009; seconded by Deputy Mayor Dixon and carried.

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Goodman moved to approve the recommendation of the City Administrator Rupp to appoint Dana S, Williams as City Recorder; seconded by Heine and carried. Deputy Mayor Dixon voted no.

The Airport Report for August 2009 was presented.

The Golf Course Report for August 2009 was presented.

Mr. Ernie Hewett, Chairman of the Airport Advisory Committee, addressed the Council regarding Aviation Day which is an upcoming event at the Airport. Mr. Hewett reported that events planned for that day, include a pancake breakfast and lunch. The date is set for December 5, 2009. Goodman moved to approve Aviation Day, to be held December 5, 2009; seconded by Johnson and carried.

Mrs. Martha Craven, a local business owner and member of the Public asked several questions regarding the budget for the Golf Course.

Administrator Rupp presented an invitation to the Council for the Ridge League of Cities dinner to be held on October 8, 2009 in Frostproof. She then reported that at the last Ridge League dinner Councilman Dr. Johnson received the Nettie Draughton award.

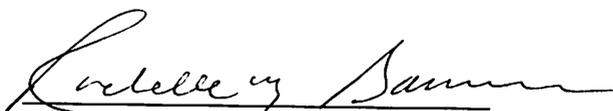
Administrator Rupp informed the Council that she is working with the Chamber and various civic groups on a Gala Christmas celebration in the City of Arcadia.

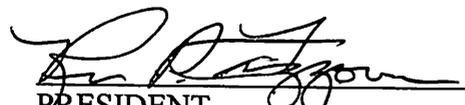
Councilwoman Dr. Sharon Goodman addressed the Council and reported that ethics charges had been filed against her by Mr. Joe Fink, a local citizen. She then presented the Council with a letter from the Florida Elections Commission stating that they have reviewed Mr. Fink's complaint and that the complaint is legally insufficient and no violations have been found. Councilwoman Goodman stated that she has also been receiving emails from Mr. Fink and that she has turned this matter over to her attorney.

Mayor Fazzone stated he also received a letter from Mr. Fink.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

The minutes as submitted by Francine Clark


CITY RECORDER


PRESIDENT