

REGULAR MEETING
AND
PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT FINAL BUDGET

SEPTEMBER 18, 2007

A Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of the Arcadia City Council was held on September 18, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. in the Margaret Way Building at 23 North Polk Avenue. Council members attending were: Johnson, Goodman, Whitlock, Heine, and Fazzino. Also in attendance were: Administrator Strube, Attorney Holloman, Captain Anderson, Special Projects Coordinator Hewett, Recorder Baumann, and Councilman elect Lorenzo Dixon. Ms. Way was absent due to illness.

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Council Member Whitlock.

Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Goodman moved to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 4, 2007 and the Budget Public Hearing of September 10, 2007; seconded by Whitlock and carried.

Mayor Johnson called the Public Hearing to order and stated the purpose of the public hearing, as advertised, is to adopt a Millage Rate and Finalize the Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008. Administrator Strube addressed the Council noting that the Public Hearing was advertised in the DeSoto Sun Herald. Administrator Strube stated the millage rate adopted last year by the City was 7.981 mills. Based on the Legislature's Tax Reform efforts, the City's maximum millage levy without a super majority vote of 4/5ths is limited to the rollback rate of 7.5587 mills. This rate represents a decrease of 5.3 percent from last year's tax rate. The City is exempt from any additional deductions from the rollback rate due to being considered a "municipality of special financial concern". It was noted that DeSoto County must reduce their millage an additional 3% from their roll back rate. The Legislature based property tax reductions on FY 2001 taxes. Administrator Strube stated that although we are not agreeing with those numbers, it is an attempt by the State of Florida for parity. He noted that in January 2008 the voters will be able to vote for a "super homestead exemption" and it is unknown how the vote will affect revenues for the next budget year. Mayor Johnson called for comments from the Council, there were none. Mayor Johnson then called for comments from the public, there were none.

Since there were no amendments to the proposed budget, and no re-computation of the proposed Millage Rate, the following resolution adopting a Final Millage Rate of 7.5587, was passed on a motion by Goodman; seconded by Heine and carried.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2007-13

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MILLAGE RATE TO
BE LEVIED BY THE CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008.

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes 200.065(2) (d) requires that the City of Arcadia, Florida adopt a Resolution stating the millage rate to be levied for Fiscal Year 2007-2008, and

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 a Millage Rate of 7.5587 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 2007-2008 Budget, and
- 2). The percentage by which this millage rate to be levied exceeds the rolled back rate of 7.5587 mills (computed pursuant to Florida Law) is zero (0) percent.

DULY PASSED AND RESOLVED by the City Council present and voting this 18th day of September, 2007.

CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA

s/s ROOSEVELT T. JOHNSON, ED. D.
ROOSEVELT JOHNSON, ED.D.
MAYOR

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ATTEST:

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

Fazzone moved to adopt the final budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 by Resolution No. 2007-14; seconded by Goodman and carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-14

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET
FOR THE CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2007-2008.

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 Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

GENERAL FUND	\$6,019,199
WATER AND SEWER FUND	2,876,268
WATER AND SEWER BOND SINKING FUND	1,096,113

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WATER AND SEWER BOND RESERVE FUND	727,045
WATER AND SEWER RENEWAL & REPLACEMENT FUND	153,481
LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX FUND	685,000
LOCAL OPTION INFRASTRUCTURE SALES TAX FUND	837,869
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	1,435,495
FIRE SERVICES PROTECTION FUND	193,640

DULY PASSED AND RESOLVED by the City Council present and voting this
18th day of September, 2007.

CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA

s/s ROOSEVELT JOHNSON, ED.D.
ROOSEVELT JOHNSON, ED.D.
MAYOR

ATTEST:

s/s RACHELLE M. BAUMANN
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CITY RECORDER

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The 2006-2007 Budget Amendment was presented. Heine moved that the 2006-2007 Budget be amended by Resolution No. 2007-15; seconded by Whitlock and carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-15

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY
OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007.

WHEREAS, due to unanticipated increase costs several budget accounts of the City of Arcadia budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 have necessarily been over expended, and

WHEREAS, there are also several accounts of the City of Arcadia budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 which have been under expended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA that the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 budget for the following accounts be amended as follows:

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT # NAME	BUDGET 2006-2007	INCREASE	DECREASE	AMENDED BUDGET 2006-2007
01381-38140 TRX ST RESERVE	265,000	83,038		348,038
01312-31250 ST POLICE/FIRE	-0-	149,200		149,200
Recognize Additional Revenues	265,000	232,238	-0-	497,238
1210 LAW ENFORCEMENT	1,345,871	88,900		1,434,771
01220 FIRE CONTROL	920,000	60,300		980,300
01410 STREET	497,396	83,038		580,434
Increase expenditure appropriations for additional revenues received	2,763,267	232,238	-0-	2,995,505

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<u>GENERAL FUND</u> <u>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2006-2007</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>AMENDED</u> <u>BUDGET</u> <u>2006-2007</u>
01110 LEGISLATIVE	38,921			38,921
01115 COUNCIL RETIREMENT	1,800			1,800
01120 EXECUTIVE	131,160	9,840		141,000
01130 FINANCE	260,488		41,286	219,202
01140 LEGAL	30,800	6,000		36,800
01150 COMPREHENSIVE	55,866			55,866
01190 OTHER GENERAL GOVT.	348,579		49,600	298,979
01197 ELECTION	4,500			4,500
01210 LAW ENFORCEMENT	1,434,771	183,700		1,618,471
01220 FIRE CONTROL	980,300		154,000	826,300
01271 VICTIMS OF CRIME	46,766			46,766
01281 ANTI DRUG GRANT	97,488		35,900	61,588
01290 SCHOOL GUARDS	32,931			32,931
01340 GARBAGE/SOLID WASTE	601,239		30,000	571,239
01390 CEMETERY	64,565	15,600		80,165
01410 ROADS/STREETS	580,434	44,000		624,434
01420 AIRPORT	25,750	8,000		33,750
01490 TRAFFIC CONTROL	36,156	25,000		61,156
01491 GARAGE	263,037		5,000	258,037
01520 GRANTS & AID	7,500	3,000		10,500
01640 WELFARE SERVICES	8,750	2,200		10,950
01690 FELLOWSHIP DINING	2,631			2,631
01721 RECREATION	155,304			155,304
01722 GOLF COURSE	319,677		42,000	277,677
01723 PARKS	299,315	17,446		316,761
01724 MOBILE HOME PARK	124,524		7,000	117,524
01725 WAY CENTER	35,688	8,000		43,688
01726 PRO SHOP	177,000	42,000		219,000
GRAND TOTALS	<u>6,165,940</u>	<u>364,786</u>	<u>364,786</u>	<u>6,165,940</u>

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WATER & SEWER FUND ACCOUNT # NAME	BUDGET 2006-2007	INCREASE	DECREASE	AMENDED BUDGET 2006-2007
41331-33135 4.5 WWTP GRANT	-0-	2,400,000		2,400,000
41334-33435 1 Million WWTP Grant	-0-	<u>452,000</u>		<u>452,000</u>
Recognize Additional Revenues	-0-	2,852,000	-0-	2,852,000
41578 4.5 WWTP GRANT	-0-	2,400,000		2,400,000
41575 1 Million WWTP Grant	-0-	<u>452,000</u>		<u>452,000</u>
Increase expenditure appropriations for additional revenues received	-0-	2,852,000	-0-	2,852,000
41000-27150 BUDGETARY F/B Appropriate Fund Balance	373,119	555,500	-0-	928,619
41533 WATER PLANT	393,499	145,500		538,999
41535 WASTE WATER PLANT	866,486	220,000		1,086,486
41573 SWFWMD REUSE	-0-	<u>190,000</u>		<u>190,000</u>
Increase appropriations for of fund balance	1,259,985	555,500	-0-	1,815,485
WATER & SEWER FUND ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2006-2007	INCREASE	DECREASE	AMENDED BUDGET 2006-2007
41513 UTILITY ADM.	128,612		4,600	124,012
41536 COLLECTIONS	110,552	47,000		157,552
41568 WATER SYSTEMS	316,694		42,400	274,294
41569 SEWER SYSTEMS	<u>194,557</u>		-0-	<u>194,557</u>
TOTALS	750,415	47,000	47,000	750,415

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DULY PASSED AND RESOLVED by the City Council present and voting at the Notice of Proposed Tax Increase and Final Budget Hearing this 18th day of September, 2007.

s/s ROOSEVELT JOHNSON, ED.D
ROOSEVELT JOHNSON, ED.D
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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

Mayor Johnson then closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Johnson then reconvened the Regular Meeting.

Mr. Carl Wiley, owner of Wheeler's Restaurant, appeared before the Council with a request to hold a Downtown Car Show on November 10, 2007, from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. Mr. Wiley is requested the closing of Highway 17 at DeSoto Avenue to Orange Avenue and side streets of Polk Avenue and DeSoto Avenue. The event will be sponsored by a local car club as well as local restaurants. He noted that he is handling this event rather than Main Street as they are busy with the Fall Festival and Holiday events. Mr. Wiley has asked the merchants downtown to extend their hours and to remain open during the event. It was noted that proceeds from other recent car shows have been given to charities such as St. Jude and the Guardian Ad Litem program. Proceeds from this event will go for toys for children. A variety of activities will be available to the public such as pony rides and a bounce house. There will be some vendors providing food. In addition to raising money for charity, this event is to help promote downtown businesses. Council Member Fazzone asked if Sonic was still sponsoring the car shows to which Mr. Wiley replied that was no longer the case. Council Member Fazzone then asked if there would be a problem with parking in front of businesses to which Mr. Wiley stated he has already cleared this issue with the downtown businesses. Mr. Wiley will be providing a copy of insurance coverage to Administrator Strube. Attorney Holloman stated this coverage was to be for a million dollars (1,000,000,000) with the City of Arcadia named on the policy. Mr. Wiley stated he would get a copy of the policy to Administrator Strube. Mr. Wiley also stated that he had written a letter to Marshall Lee asking him for assistance

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and informing him of the event date and times. Administrator Strube stated Mr. Wiley has done everything possible to make sure the rules for having an event have been met. Fazzone moved to grant the request to allow Mr. Wiley to hold a Car Show downtown on November 10, 2007 from 4p.m. to 9 p.m., for street closures as requested and for Mr. Wiley to provide proof of insurance for event; seconded by Heine and carried.

An invitation for the Council to participate in the Veteran's Day Parade to be held on Friday, November 9, 2007, was acknowledged. Mr. Ronald Neads, Vice-Chairman of the Parade Committee, addressed the Council to represent Ms. Tucker in her absence. Whitlock moved to participate in the Veteran's Day Parade; seconded by Heine and carried.

The Fines and Forfeitures report for August, 2007 was presented showing fines collected in the amount of \$4,169.40.

The City Recorder's report of Revenue and Expenditures through August 31, 2007 was presented.

The Golf Course Report for the month of August, 2007 was presented. Plays and receipts were down from the same time last year. Special Coordinator Hewitt stated the decrease seemed to be a result of some "rain checks" that were given out in the preceding month and were used in August. Mr. Hewitt then reported that he is looking at a cart for handicapped players since the fleet lease will soon be up, noting that it is renewed every three years. He also reported that new rates for the upcoming year are being worked on and would soon be available for the Council to review.

Carol Scott, a member of the public, addressed the Council to request the placement of speed limit signs in the area of Valdosta Road where she lives. Mrs. Scott request the speed limit be posted at 20 M.P.H. due to the fact there are children and pets in the area. Mrs. Scott reported that people are speeding throughout the subdivision including the streets of Macon, Columbia, and Providence. Mrs. Scott stated a child on a bicycle had been hit. Council Member Fazzone asked Mrs. Scott if she had contacted the City Marshall regarding this issue to which she stated she had not; however she had previously spoken with police officers and the previous Marshall with no result. Council Member Whitlock suggested she speak with Marshall Lee since he was the person in charge of traffic enforcement in the City. Council Member Goodman requests that a note be sent to Marshall Lee to inform him that this item has been brought before the Council and to ask for consideration regarding the posting of speed limit signs. Administrator Strube stated an investigation would be done and a report given to the Council.

Mrs. Billy Waldron, a member of the public, addressed the Council to compliment the Public Works Department for the quick removal of excess trash recently noting that they did not leave any debris behind.

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Valerie Gilchrist, from Tidwell Palliative Care, addressed the Council to remind them of the upcoming tour for the Tidwell Palliative Care facility.

Ms. Gilchrist then submitted her resignation from the Housing Authority Board due to an increase in her workload on another position she holds. The Council thanked Ms. Gilchrist for her service on the Housing Authority Board.

A Certificate of Canvassing Board for the City Council Election held on September 4, 2007, was presented showing the following results:

FOR CITY COUNCIL, total votes received:

LORENZO DIXON	received	273
ROOSEVELT JOHNSON	received	253
KEITH KEEN	received	211
PAUL WHITLOCK	received	200

The total number of ballots cast in the City of Arcadia was 547 for a 15 percent turnout.

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

Goodman then moved to declare Lorenzo Dixon and Roosevelt Johnson elected each to serve a four (4) year term on the City Council, beginning October 1, 2007; seconded by Whitlock and carried.

Goodman then moved to present a Resolution of Appreciation to outgoing Council Member Paul Whitlock and that Resolution No. 2007-16 be read in full; seconded by Heine and carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-16

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2002 Paul P. Whitlock was appointed by the Arcadia City Council to serve as a member of the City Council until September 30, 2003, and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2003 Paul was elected by the voters of the City of Arcadia to serve as a member of the City Council until September 30, 2007, and

WHEREAS, during Paul's service to the Citizens of Arcadia he held the position of Vice Mayor (2003-2004) and was Mayor (2004-2005) in the wake of the disastrous 2004 hurricane season, assisting greatly in the rebuilding of the City. He also represented

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the City of Arcadia as a member of the Central Florida Regional Planning Council, and

WHEREAS, the City of Arcadia wishes to express its sincere appreciation to Paul for his public service to the citizens of Arcadia.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Arcadia that Council member Paul P. Whitlock be highly commended for his devotion and loyalty to the City of Arcadia, and in appreciation for his years of dedicated public service to the citizens of Arcadia, a key to the City is hereby presented as a universal symbol of lasting friendship and best wishes for much success in the future.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Arcadia, Florida, in Regular Session this 18th day of September, 2007.

s/s ROOSEVELT JOHNSON, ED.D
ROOSEVELT JOHNSON, ED.D
MAYOR

s/s RICHARD P. FAZZONE
RICHARD P. FAZZONE
COUNCIL MEMBER

s/s DR. SHARON T. GOODMAN
DR. SHARON T. GOODMAN
VICE MAYOR

s/s ROBERT W. HEINE
ROBERT W. HEINE
COUNCIL MEMBER

s/s MARGARET WAY
MARGARET WAY
CITY ADVISOR

s/s DAVID C. HOLLOMAN
DAVID C. HOLLOMAN
CITY ATTORNEY

Attest:

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

s/s EDWARD J. STRUBE
EDWARD J. STRUBE
CITY ADMINISTRATOR

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Mayor Johnson then presented a plaque and key to the City to outgoing Council Member Paul P. Whitlock thanking him for his service on the Council.

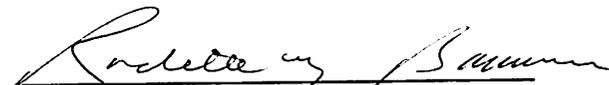
Special Projects Coordinator Hewett reported that pictures of all the Council members, with the exception of Council member elect Lorenzo Dixon, were now on display in the Council meeting room and hallway.

Council Member Fazzone addressed the Council regarding a letter given to the Council by his daughter, Cathy Miller noting that Mrs. Miller had decided not to take any further action. Council Member Fazzone stated he hoped that the Council would take some action regarding the concerns raised in the letter.

Administrator Strube reported that the Council had received a request from Mr. Keith Richter who is running for the District 72 State House of Representative seat and he is willing to meet with any interested Council members.

Councilman elect Lorenzo Dixon requested a memo be sent to the DeSoto Sun for correction regarding the date he will be sworn in as a Councilman. Mr. Dixon stated the paper had published this was to occur at the current Council meeting; however, it would not happen until the October 2, 2007 meeting. Administrator Strube stated he would contact the paper.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


CITY RECORDER


PRESIDENT