

A Final Budget Public Hearing of the Arcadia City Council was held on September 30, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., in the Margaret Way Building at 23 North Polk Avenue. Council members attending were Goodman, Fazzone, Johnson, Heine, and Dixon. Also in attendance were Administrator Strube, Attorney Henbest, Special Projects Coordinator Hewett, Captain Anderson, Parks and Recreation Supervisor Waters, and Recorder Baumann.

Mayor Goodman called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Dr. Sharon T. Goodman, Mayor.

Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Goodman 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 2008-2009. 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 7.5587 mills and the next year's proposed millage rate is also 7.5587 mills. This equates to a Roll Back Rate that is actually a Roll Forward Rate of 8.0606. The percentage increase in millage over the roll back rate necessary to fund the budget is zero (0%). The budget shows a reduction in revenues from last year of \$64,000 or a 3.7% decrease.

The budget as presented includes a 5% increase in garbage rates for residential and commercial accounts for a total increase of \$35,000. It was noted that the City may see some relief from the County in the way of tipping fees and if that is the case then rates might only be increased to commercial accounts. Councilman Dixon stated that he is not in favor of a rate increase and would like to wait ninety (90) days before any rate increase in garbage, water or sewer are put in place.

A proposed increase of 10% at the Golf Course would equal \$32,000; however the Council at their meeting of September 16, 2008 stated that they wanted to see a 15% increase to equal \$45,000. Administrator Strube stated that there is a point where an increase could cause a loss in memberships. It was also noted that any loss in revenue at the golf course would have a corresponding loss in the pro shop. Councilman Fazzone stated that most of the members are on a fixed income and he believes that a 15% increase will cause a loss of members and that 10% is adequate. Parks and Recreation Supervisor Don Waters addressed the Council and stated that he also felt a 15% increase would cause a loss of membership. He reported that the Bluffs currently charge less than we do and he feels members will go there to play. Councilman Dixon stated that golf is not a necessity such as water and sewer. Councilman Johnson asked if the course could be self supporting with a lower increase and it was noted that it would not be able to make the full debt service payment. Mayor Goodman stated that she has a problem with increasing rates for water and sewer and asked if the course is not making money for the City then why are we running it. Administrator Strube stated that when the expansion was done it was know that it would take time to cover the expense of the improvements. The course is currently paying the debt back over twenty (20) years; however it could be paid back over a longer period of time. It was noted that there is no actual "requirement" that the course pay back the debt for expansion. Councilman Dixon stated that he supports a 15% increase and that maybe the City should consider selling the course. Mayor Goodman stated that she is not convinced that people will leave if the rates are increased and she suggested that the Council hold a work session to discuss the golf course and if it is working for the City. Fazzone moved to increase rates by 10% the motion died for lack of a second. Dixon then moved to increase the rates by 15%; seconded by Johnson and carried with Fazzone voting no.

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Administrator Strube presented a schedule showing the re-allocation of funds to various community agencies as requested by the Council at their September 16, 2008 meeting. Councilman Johnson stated that he was pleased with the re-allocation and that the Council needs to re-think these contributions. Mayor Goodman would like to have a process where each agency presents a request in writing along with a proposal on how the funds would be used. Councilman Heine stated that in the past the Council has had to cut back on increases for employees and he feels that these funds may need to stay in the City to be used for salary increases. Councilman Dixon suggested reducing the contribution to 211 from \$3,000 to \$1,000 since they do not actually have a staffed office in Arcadia and are using answering machines. Councilman Johnson stated that if the \$25,000 were used for employee increases the Council could have given a 3% rather than 2%. Dixon move to reduce the contribution to 211 to \$1,000 and to give the additional \$2,000 to the Health Department; seconded by Fazzone and carried.

Johnson then moved that the amount of contributions to local agencies be discontinued and that the funds go toward employee salaries beginning in FY 2009-2010; seconded by Heine and carried.

Dixon moved to hold off any increase in garbage, water and sewer rates until after the first of the year- 90 days; seconded by Johnson and carried.

Mayor Goodman called for comments from the public. Coach Bowers and Valerie Gilchrist thanked the Council for funding the agencies that they represent.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-14

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MILLAGE RATE TO BE
LEVIED BY THE CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009.

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 2008-2009, 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 2008-2009 Budget, and
- 2). The percentage by which this millage rate to be levied exceeds the rolled back rate of 8.0606 mills (computed pursuant to Florida Law) is zero (0) percent.

(Resolution No. 2008-14 Continued)

DULY PASSED AND RESOLVED by the City Council present and voting this 30TH day of September, 2008.

ATTEST:

CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA

s/s RACHELLE M. BAUMANN, CMC
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CITY RECORDER

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

Fazzone moved to adopt the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 by Resolution No. 2008-15; seconded by Johnson and carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-15

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009.

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 2008-2009.

GENERAL FUND	\$6,099,922
WATER AND SEWER FUND	2,950,129
WATER AND SEWER BOND SINKING FUND	1,098,144
WATER AND SEWER BOND RESERVE FUND	617,045
WATER AND SEWER RENEWAL & REPLACEMENT FUND	160,981
LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX FUND	815,000
LOCAL OPTION INFRASTRUCTURE SALES TAX FUND	852,869
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	1,241,818
FIRE SERVICES PROTECTION FUND	193,640

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The 2007-2008 Budget Amendment was presented. Heine moved that the 2007-2008 Budget be amended by Resolution No. 2008-16; seconded by Dixon and carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-16

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

WHEREAS, due to unanticipated increase costs several budget accounts of the City of Arcadia budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 have necessarily been over expended, and

WHEREAS, there are also several accounts of the City of Arcadia budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 which have been under expended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA that the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 budget for the following accounts be amended as follows:

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT # NAME	BUDGET 2007-2008	INCREASE	DECREASE	AMENDED BUDGET 2007-2008
01334-33470 RODEO STUDY	-0-	30,000		30,000
01312-31250 ST POLICE/FIRE	<u>-0-</u>	<u>142,375</u>		<u>142,345</u>
Recognize Additional Revenues	-0-	172,375	-0-	172,375
01210 LAW ENFORCEMENT	1,371,276	88,864		1,460,140
01220 FIRE CONTROL	937,500	53,511		991,011
01729 RODEO STUDY	<u>-0-</u>	<u>30,000</u>		<u>30,000</u>
Increase expenditure appropriations for additional revenues received	2,308,776	172,375	-0-	2,481,151

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2007-2008	INCREASE	DECREASE	AMENDED BUDGET 2007-2008
01110 LEGISLATIVE	38,904	750		39,654
01115 COUNCIL RETIREMENT	1,800			1,800
01120 EXECUTIVE	139,814	19,600		159,414
01130 FINANCE	261,808		10,000	251,808
01140 LEGAL	30,800	1,600		32,400
01150 COMPREHENSIVE	65,464		10,800	54,664
01190 OTHER GENERAL GOVT.	335,262		7,000	328,262
01197 ELECTION	4,500	300		4,800
01210 LAW ENFORCEMENT	1,460,140	192,600		1,652,740
01220 FIRE CONTROL	991,011		218,300	772,711
01271 VICTIMS OF CRIME	48,032			48,032
01281 ANTI DRUG GRANT	53,114	3,050		56,164
01290 SCHOOL GUARDS	32,898			32,898

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GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2007-2008	INCREASE	DECREASE	AMENDED BUDGET 2007-2008
01340 GARBAGE/SOLID WASTE	615,607		5,900	609,707
01390 CEMETERY	70,139			70,139
01410 ROADS/STREETS	508,470		18,000	490,470
01420 AIRPORT	25,750			25,750
01490 TRAFFIC CONTROL	36,304	36,000		72,304
01491 GARAGE	276,197		20,000	256,197
01520 GRANTS & AID	7,500			7,500
01640 WELFARE SERVICES	13,250			13,250
01690 FELLOWSHIP DINING	2,631			2,631
01721 RECREATION	152,117			152,117
01722 GOLF COURSE	331,930		53,000	278,930
01723 PARKS	318,996	16,000		334,996
01724 MOBILE HOME PARK	126,448			126,448
01725 WAY CENTER	35,688	13,000		48,688
01726 PRO SHOP	177,000	60,000		237,000
01727 DOWNTOWN PARK	-0-	100		100
01729 RODEO STUDY	<u>30,000</u>			<u>30,000</u>
GRAND TOTALS	6,191,574	343,000	343,000	6,191,574

WATER & SEWER FUND ACCOUNT # NAME	BUDGET 2007-2008	INCREASE	DECREASE	AMENDED BUDGET 2007-2008
41331-33135 4.5 WWTP GRANT	-0-	127,000		127,000
41334-33435 1 Million WWTP Grant	<u>-0-</u>	<u>7,000</u>		<u>7,000</u>
Recognize Additional Revenues	-0-	134,000	-0-	134,000
41578 4.5 WWTP GRANT	-0-	127,000		127,000
41575 1 Million WWTP Grant	<u>-0-</u>	<u>7,000</u>		<u>7,000</u>
Increase expenditure appropriations for additional revenues received	-0-	134,000	-0-	134,000
41000-27150 BUDGETARY F/B Appropriate Fund Balance	234,007	387,500	-0-	621,500
41533 WATER PLANT	404,162	251,500		655,662
41535 WASTE WATER PLANT	<u>891,126</u>	<u>136,000</u>		<u>1,027,126</u>
Increase appropriations for use of fund balance	1,295,288	387,500	-0-	1,682,788

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<u>WATER & SEWER FUND</u>				<u>AMENDED</u>
<u>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
				<u>2007-2008</u>
41513 UTILITY ADM.	137,397	2,000		139,397
41536 COLLECTIONS	123,148	27,500		150,648
41568 WATER SYSTEMS	329,049		32,000	297,049
41569 SEWER SYSTEMS	<u>209,036</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>211,536</u>
TOTALS	798,630	32,000	32,000	798,630

DULY PASSED AND RESOLVED by the City Council present and voting at the Notice of Proposed Tax Increase and Final Budget Hearing this 30th day of September, 2008.

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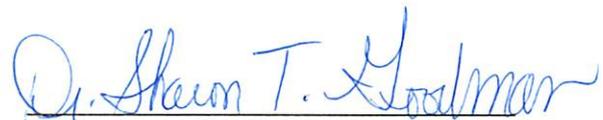
Councilman Dixon stated for the record that a recent article in the local paper had complemented two (2) County Commissioners for being the ones to look at reducing tipping fees at the landfill for the City to be in line with a reduction given to Womack Sanitation who provides curbside pickup to county residences. Mr. Dixon stated that the commissioners did not volunteer the reduction, it was at his request with Administrator Strube and County Commissioner Langford that the issue was brought to light and talks began.

Councilman Johnson thanked the Council and staff for the flowers and cards acknowledging his father's passing. He then reported that he attended the Board of Directors meeting for the Florida League of Cities.

Administrator Strube stated that this budget was difficult and that the Council knew when the process started in May/June that it would be. He thanked the Council for their action towards the FY 2009-2010 budget.

Mayor Goodman then adjourned the Public Hearing.


CITY RECORDER


PRESIDENT