

**MINUTES
TOWN OF LAKE CLARKE SHORES
VIRTUAL FIRST PUBLIC HEARING 2020/2021 TOWN BUDGET
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020
6:30 PM**

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Mayor Valentin Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The following officials were present:

Valentin Rodriguez, Jr., Mayor
Paul R. Shalhoub, Vice Mayor
Robert M. W. Shalhoub, President Pro Tem
Gregory Freebold, Council Member
Albert Pavon, Council Member

B. Moment of Silence, Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation –
(moved from Regular Town Council Agenda)

Mayor Rodriguez requested a moment of silence for Francis (Frank) Fahy, former Mayor of the Town of Juno Beach, who passed away and for the thousands of people who have died from COVID-19. Pastor Hunter, Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, gave the invocation, then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Presentation of Proposed 2020/2021 Town Budget

A. Daniel Clark, Town Manager

Mr. Clark noted the following information:

- General Fund Revenue is off by 13% due to sales tax revenue losses from the impacts of COVID-19.
- Garbage collection services increased 10% (decrease from the % originally noted during the July Budget workshop)
- Contribution to CRA Fund up 48% from last year
- The \$236,177 from the Legislative Special Appropriation for the Utility Fund was vetoed by the Governor

Mr. Clark noted the core missions that the Town will be continuing in the next budget. He also noted the following information:

- Limited Capital Expenditures in the General Fund
- No new vehicles this year for General Fund
- Limited Parks and Recreation expenditures

- Limited special events for remainder of the year due to inability to meet COVID-19 guidelines
- No change in the Millage Rate. Keeping at 6.2798
- Roll back rate of 6.0388
- Current taxable values are up 4.33%
- Up to 3% merit increase to meet CBA contract requirements

Infrastructure Surtax Fund:

- Estimated revenue of \$199,000
- Debt service of \$138,186
- Expenditures include \$600,000 for road maintenance/street striping

CRA Fund:

- Estimated PBC TIF Contribution of \$28,500
- Estimated LCS TIF Contribution of \$37,400
- Planned expenditures of \$64,000 include new 2 new beautification programs and additional money into Business Incentive Program

Utility Fund:

- Up to 3% merit increase to meet CBA contract requirements
- No changes in staff or benefits
- New initiatives include:
 - Finish and implement Rate Study
 - Close agreement with Maralago Cay
 - New 12-inch water main
 - New Utility Administrative Building
- Capital Budget includes:
 - 2 new leased vehicles
 - Upgrade 2 lift stations
 - Build Lawrence Road 12-inch water main
 - Construct new Utility Administrative Building

Mr. Clark noted that the Town will receive a CBDG Grant to help finance the 12" water main project.

3. Council Comments

The Town Council Members did not have any questions or comments at this time.

4. Audience Comments

A. Emailed Questions –

Nicole Krichhoff, Palmetto Road –asked how unbalanced the utility fund is. Mr. Clark noted that there is a difference of \$1,000,000.

B. Written Questions – none

C. Verbal Questions – none

5. Adjournment

Motion made by President Pro Tem Shalhoub to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 PM, seconded by Council Member Freebold; Motion carried (5-0).

Signature of Valentin Rodriguez Jr., Mayor

Signature of Emilie Pearson, Deputy Town Clerk