

TOWN OF CINCO BAYOU  
BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES  
July 24, 2007

Mayor Iovieno called the budget workshop meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Following a silent prayer and pledge of allegiance, roll call was taken. Those in attendance were Mayor Iovieno, Councilman Koch, Councilman Chubb, Councilman Farley and Assistant Town Manager Monika Gillette. Councilman Bratton, Councilman Caforio and were absent. Town Manager Webb was also absent due to illness.

Attendees reviewed the 2007/08 fiscal year budget as submitted by the town manager.

Revenues: Mayor Iovieno stated that with property tax reform voted on by the state legislature the advalorem revenue was lower than last year but comparable to the 04/05 budget. Attendees questioned the validity of several revenue amounts including franchise fees and utility taxes paid by Gulf Power since the increase seemed substantial. Ms. Gillette stated that almost all revenue amounts were submitted by vendors or the State of Florida and that in the past that revenue numbers were valid. The council asked that the town manager address the revenue numbers to give confidence to their validity. Councilman Chubb asked the status of the Town's standing in regard to the local communications tax and the assertion that the Town was overpaid.

Expenses: Mayor Iovieno suggested that since payroll expenses were a large part of expenditures to review those items at the end. The remainder of the budget was reviewed in order:

While reviewing proposed expenditures the council questioned the large increase in account 519.450 (Property, Liability and Auto Insurance).

514.310 Legal Expenses: The council questioned in light of preparing the EAR (Evaluation and Appraisal Report) if \$9,000 was enough. Ms. Gillette stated that although there was only a \$400 increase over last year's budget, perhaps some matters were no longer budgeted for and that this number is valid.

519.480 Legal Advertising: The council questioned this amount also due to the EAR and CDBG projects.

519.620 Capital Improvements – The council questioned if the new budget included a proposed upgrade to the television/dvd system in town hall.

525.640 – Emergency and Disaster Relief Services – The council questioned the status of the portable radios and if the amount was included in the new budget. Ms. Gillette stated that if they were purchased they would be under the 06/07 budget. The council questioned if the maintenance/service agreement for the generator was included in the budget and also asked the status of the installation of the generator.

572.460 Repair and Maintenance Parks – Councilman Chubb questioned if new wells for Laguna and Francis parks were budgeted since both might be contaminated. Councilman Koch and

Chubb also asked if picnic tables and plants for the parks was budgeted in case the parks grant the town applied for was not received.

Payroll: Councilman Farley asked if the proposed pension plan included charges for plan administration. Ms. Gillette stated that the total plan cost should be assumed. Mayor Iovieno noted that a new retirement plan was proposed. He stated that decisions regarding employees should be based on the assumption that all employees were valuable and that employee retention was a benefit to the town. Councilman Koch questioned if the town could afford to pay 100 percent of medical, increase wages and participate in a pension plan. It was the consensus of those in attendance to poll the employees to gauge what was important and to further discuss the matter at the next budget meeting.

Ms. Gillette stated she would forward the concerns of the council to Ms. Webb who would address them via email before the next budget meeting. Mayor Iovieno stated the next budget meeting would be on Tuesday, July 31, 2007 at 5 pm.

**Adjourn** – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

ATTEST:



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Mike Iovieno, Mayor



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Monika Gillette  
Asst. Town Manager/Clerk