

**MINUTES
TOWN OF LAKE CLARKE SHORES
TOWN COUNCIL FIRST BUDGET WORKSHOP
JULY 10, 2018
6:30 P.M.**

I. A) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

Mayor Gregory Freebold called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

The following members and officials were present:

Gregory Freebold, Mayor
Valentin Rodriguez, Jr., Vice Mayor
Paul R. Shalhoub, President Pro Tem
Robert M. W. Shalhoub, Council Member
Daniel Clark, Town Administrator
Mary Pinkerman, Town Clerk
Wes Smith, Chief of Police
Charles Schoech, Town Attorney

The following official was absent:

John Studdard, Council Member

B) MOMENT OF SILENCE, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, INVOCATION

Mayor Freebold requested a moment of silence for resident Robert Rankin and for Tressa Musgrove, Aunt of Ron Bennett, Town's Auditor with Nowlen, Holt and Miner, who recently passed away. The Most Reverend Father Peter Sphortun of St. Mary's Orthodox Church of West Palm Beach gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Presentation of Proposed 2018-2019 Town Budget

A) Daniel Clark, Town Administrator – Mr. Clark discussed the following items regarding the proposed budgets dated July 2, 2018:

- Proposed millage rate of 6.2798 which has been the same for the past 9 years.
- Current year rolled back rate of 5.9408.
- Taxable property values increased to \$256.7M which is 5.71% greater than last year.
- The Ad Valorem revenue is down by 11% due to the anticipated additional homestead exemption that will be voted on in the November election.
- Noted the addition of the Community Redevelopment Agency Fund and the Infrastructure Surtax Fund, for a total of four different funds in the Town Budget.
- Garbage collection services estimated to increase by 3%.
- Merit increases of up to 3.5% for all staff.
- Final payments on the Series 2005 and 2007 Bond debts will be made this year.

Mr. Clark noted the following Capital Improvement items that have been included in the General Fund and Utility Fund budgets:

- New flooring for the Police Department
- Codification
- Computer replacements
- Munis upgrades
- Purchase of new meters
- Purchase of Emergency Response Trailer

He presented the proposed 2018/2019 CRA Budget which includes expenditures for median work along Forest Hill Boulevard, changing the street lights to LED lighting and continued training for CRA staff.

He noted the proposed 2018/2019 Infrastructure Surtax budget includes expenditures for continued roadway paving and storm drainage repairs.

He also noted the following additional projects not included in this year's budget that need to be done in the near future:

- HVAC system needs to be replaced in Town Hall and the Council Chambers
- Air Handler needs to be upgraded in the Police Department
- Lights at the tennis and basketball courts need to be changed to LED

B) COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Vice Mayor Rodriguez – did not have any questions or comments at this time.

President Pro Tem Shalhoub – did not have any questions or comments at this time.

Council Member Shalhoub – asked Mr. Clark to repeat the taxable value amount and the increase in that amount from last year to this year. He also asked him about the amount that the Town received from the Infrastructure Surtax and from Palm Beach County for the CRA. After Mr. Clark provided the information, Council Member Shalhoub noted that the increased property values are very positive for the Town and show improvements are being made town wide. He also thanked Mr. Clark for his budget presentation.

Mayor Freebold – noted that the budget is a work in progress.

C) AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Victoria Williams, 7525 Alpha Court E – suggested using a portion of the Infrastructure Surtax money to widen Pine Tree Lane to make room for pedestrians and bike riders.

III. Adjournment

Vice Mayor Rodriguez made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 PM, seconded by President Pro Tem Shalhoub. Motion approved (4-0).

Gregory Freebold, Mayor

Mary Pinkerman, Town Clerk