

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF LAKE CLARKE SHORES  
FIRST PUBLIC HEARING 2018/2019 TOWN BUDGET  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2018  
6:30 P.M.**

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**I. A) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Gregory Freebold called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

The following members and officials were present:

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

The following member was absent:

Robert M. W. Shalhoub, Council Member

**B) MOMENT OF SILENCE, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, INVOCATION**  
*(Moved from Regular Town Council Agenda)*

Mayor Freebold asked for a moment of silence for all the families that were affected by the acts of terrorism that occurred on this date 17 years ago; for residents Joseph Iagrossi and Vaunda DeGouw; Village of Palm Springs Council Member Elizabeth (Liz) Shields and Actor Burt Reynolds. Pastor Stan Sniezek, Pastor of the New Life Alliance Church, gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. FIRST PUBLIC HEARING 2018/2019 TOWN BUDGET**

**A) Presentation - Dan Clark, Town Administrator**

Mr. Clark stated that the budget had been revised based on feedback from the Town Council. He discussed the following budget items regarding the General Fund, the Utility Fund, the CRA Fund and Infrastructure Surtax Fund dated September 10, 2018:

- Millage rate of 6.2798 is the same as last year.
- Current year rolled back rate is 5.9573.
- General Fund Revenue decreased by 11% due to the possibility of the passage of an amendment giving an additional homestead exemption.
- CRA and Infrastructure Surtax dollars were removed from the General Fund Budget and put into their own Funds which also contributed to the decrease.
- Merit increases of up to 3.5 % for all staff and salary adjustments for certain employees.
- Garbage collection costs up 3% this year.

- Debt retirement of two loans will be made during the 2018/2019 fiscal year.
- The Town will obtain a loan to take care of the unfunded needs that were discussed during the Budget Workshop including HVAC and air handler system replacements at Town Hall and the Police Department and upgrades to the lights at Town Hall Park. A separate loan will be obtained to take care of utility needs. The loan payments will be less than what the Town had been paying for the current loans.
- \$207,000 of the proposed \$260,000 Infrastructure Surtax Fund dollars collected will be used for Carandis Road repaving, the Pine Tree bridge pre-design report and drainage projects in conjunction with Carandis Road repaving.
- CRA Budgeted items include continuing Forest Hill Median improvements, training expenses, upgrading street lights and the balance to be held for incentives to attract new businesses to the area.
- Utility Fund expenditures include new water meters, a new administration building and other upgrades.

### III. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

**Mayor Freebold** – asked Mr. Clark to explain how the new meters will save money.

Mr. Clark noted that the old meters are breaking due to age which is causing inaccurate readings on the meter. The new meters will be read electronically which improves efficiency and reduces labor costs associated with reading meters. He noted that additional meters will be purchased in FY 2019/2020.

It was noted that the Town is working on website upgrades that will allow residents to view their utility bills and accounts online.

**President Pro Tem Shalhoub** – no comments at this time

**Vice Mayor Rodriguez** – no comments at this time.

**Council Member Studdard** – did not have any questions or comments at this time.

### IV. AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

**Dale May, 7137 Pine Tree Lane** – noted that he would like the Town to have auto bill pay available for utility customers.

### V. Adjournment

**President Pro Tem Shalhoub made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 PM, seconded by Council Member Studdard. Motion approved (4-0).**

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Gregory Freebold, Mayor

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Mary Pinkerman, Town Clerk