

**EDGEWOOD CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 3, 2013 CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**

On Tuesday, September 3, 2013, Council President Dowless called the Edgewood City Council special meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Council President Dowless chose to forego the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance:

The following attendance is noted:

Council:

Ray Bagshaw, Mayor
John Dowless, Council President
Neil G. Powell, D.D.S., Council Member
Lee Chotas, Council Member
Pam Henley, Council Member
Michael Hendrix, Council Member

Staff:

Bea L. Meeks, City Clerk
Pete Marcus, Police Chief

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1. ***First reading and first public hearing on Ordinance No. 2013-06 establishing the ad valorem tax levy (millage rate) for the operation of the City of Edgewood for Fiscal Year 2013/2014.***

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-06: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES UPON THE ASSESSED REAL AND BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX ROLLS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2013 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Smith read Ordinance No. 2013-06 in title only. ***Council Member Chotas made the following Motion; Seconded by Council Member Powell:***

I move to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-06 setting the City of Edgewood's millage rate for Fiscal Year 2013/2014 at 4.7000 mills which represents a .0780 percent increase over the roll-back rate of 4.6636 mills.

Public Hearing:

There was no one present who wished to speak concerning the subject ordinance.

Ordinance 2013-06 was approved by the following roll call vote (5/0):

Council Member Powell	Favor
Council Member Henley	Favor
Council Member Hendrix	Favor
Council Member Chotas	Favor
Council President Dowless	Favor

City Clerk Meeks announced that Ordinance 2013-06 will be advertised, along with publication per TRIM. She said the second and final hearing will be September 17, 2013.

2. First public hearing on adopting the annual budget for the City of Edgewood for Fiscal Year 2013/2014.

Mayor Bagshaw explained that the budget includes a 2% payroll increase for all employees. He also noted that the 5% shown for City Hall staff payroll is to accommodate additional hours or other part time persons. Council Member Henley said her concern is that if the City brings in someone to do accounting; she does not see having two full time staff members and 2 part-time members. ***No action taken.***

After much discussion, ***it was the consensus of Council that records management needs to be a priority.*** Council Member Dowless says that he would like to have a City Manager, as he feels that is what the Mayor has been doing. Council Member Henley said before an employee is hired there should be a specific job description. City Clerk Meeks stated that all positions in City Hall have a job description. Council Member Chotas said he would like next year's budget be a zero based budget. Mayor Bagshaw confirmed for Council President Dowless that some Cities have outsourced their permitting. Mayor Bagshaw said there are a lot of ways, as the City goes forward, to reduce expenditures. He said he thinks the problem has been that over the years the City has "gotten by". Mayor Bagshaw said if you look at the history of the City and, the number of City Clerks the City has had, and three Mayors in the same year; you can argue, fuss and fight or say we have to start somewhere. He said the City can back up or go forward. He said he has no particular interest in any line item in the budget. He said anything can change. He said "we move forward" based on what Council approves. He said that he and staff are doing the best they can with what they have. The Mayor said he can give it up at any time; Council just has to tell him. Mayor Bagshaw said he thinks the City is better today. Council Member Chotas said he would like to reduce the Mayor's burdens. Council President Dowless agreed.

In response to Council President Dowless, City Attorney Smith said changes can be made on each line item of the budget per consensus of the Council. Council Member Henley said she is not approving the budget, and that she was not happy with the healthcare plan.

Chief Marcus confirmed that \$666,901 was the correct salary for the Police Department. City Clerk Meeks explained why she asked the Chief to separate out the Code Enforcement salary, and how it helps with the City's worker's compensation self-audit.

Council Member Hendrix said he would like to have someone staffed in City Hall to do the accounting. Mayor Bagshaw confirmed that McDermit said they would provide an employee to work in City Hall. It was agreed to leave \$35,000 in the budget for bookkeeping services. It was agreed that Council was not approving McDermit's Letter of Engagement.

Council President Dowless confirmed that FEG didn't select the order of projects on the Capital Improvements Project (CIP) plan. Council President Dowless noted the damage shown on Jessamine Lane, in the picture of Jessamine Lane taken by FEG. City Attorney Smith said the CIP will have to be formally adopted but not at this time. City Clerk Meeks noted that in the initial budget that \$125,000 was established as a CIP fund; Council asked for it to go on the roads' and streets' general ledger.

Mayor Bagshaw noted the employees who attended the last insurance review committee meeting. Mayor Bagshaw called on Sgt. Freeburg to give a summary of the meeting. Sgt. Freeburg said that the officers were okay with renewing the current plan, with the addition of an HRA. He said the HRA would take some of the burden of costs off of the officers. Sgt. Freeburg confirmed for Council President Dowless that \$2000.00 would help. He said those employees with a family know that they are only getting \$2000.00 for the whole family. City Clerk Meeks provided a spreadsheet that broke down every employee's health, dental, vision, life and other benefits provided, and the employee costs associated with the benefit.

City Clerk Meeks reminded Council that open enrollment is scheduled for September 13 and 14, 2013. Council Member Henley said she would like consideration for the BC/BS 5461 plan. Sgt. Freeburg says he has to go back to the officers for their consideration of the plan. It was agreed that staff will only consider the BC/BS 5461 plan, or renew the current plan with the addition of an HRA. Mayor Bagshaw explained how employees can use the HRA card.

Council Member Chotas made the following Motion; Seconded by Council Member Hendrix:

I move to approve the first reading of the City of Edgewood's budget for fiscal year 2013/2014, and to move the budget forward to the September 17, 2013 City Council meeting for second and final reading.

Public Hearing:

There was no one present who wished to speak concerning the 2013/2014 FY budget.

The first reading of the City of Edgewood's budget for FY 2013/2014 was approved in the following roll-call vote (4/1):

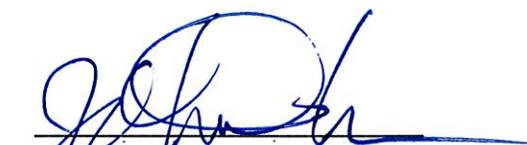
Council Member Powell	Favor
Council Member Henley	No
Council President Dowless	Favor
Council Member Hendrix	Favor
Council Member Chotas	Favor

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

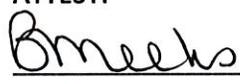
1. Certificate To Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll

City Clerk Meeks explained that Council consensus approval in a budget workshop that they did not want to increase the non-ad valorem assessment. City Clerk Meeks requested approval for Mayor Bagshaw to sign the Certification to Non-Ad Valorem Tax Roll. She said the annual cost to residents remains at \$292.96 per unit. **Council Member Powell made the Motion to approve the Mayor's signature for the Certification to Non-Ad Valorem Tax Roll; Seconded by Council Member Chotas. Unanimously approved (5/0).**

Having no further business or discussion, on the Motion of Council Member Powell; Seconded by Council Member Chotas, Council unanimously approved adjourning the City Council special meeting at 8:10 p.m.



John Dowless
Council President

ATTEST:


Bea L. Meeks, MMC, CPM
City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 19, 2013.