

MEETING OPENED

The Board of County Commissioners met in Commission Chambers on the First Floor, Orange County Administration Center, on Thursday, September 6, 2001. The following were present:

- County Chairman Richard Crotty
- Commissioners Teresa Jacobs, Mary I. Johnson, Clarence Hoenstine, Ted Edwards, and Homer Hartage
- County Comptroller as Clerk Martha Haynie
- County Administrator Ajit Lalchandani
- County Attorney Tom Wilkes
- Deputy Clerk Rosilyn Stapleton

Commissioner Bob Sindler joined the meeting where indicated.

There being a quorum, the County Chairman called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Staff Report

The County Administrator announced that the purpose of the public hearing is to consider and adopt tentative millages and budgets for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2001, and ending September 30, 2002.

The County Administrator reviewed the order of the public hearings and announced that any changes from the proposed budget presented to the commissioners in July have been incorporated into the budget presented tonight. He announced that the final budget public hearing will be held on September 20, 2001, at 6 p.m., in the County Commission Chambers.

Commissioner Sindler joined the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING - MANDATORY REFUSE COLLECTION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

Notice was given that the Board of County Commissioners would hold a public hearing to consider the following proposed resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ESTABLISHING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2002 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AT \$146.06, FOR

FULL SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 32 OF THE ORANGE COUNTY CODE.

Staff Report

Staff explained the requests for exemptions to the Mandatory Refuse Collection Program and the staff and hearing officer recommendations. Staff requested Board approval of the staff and hearing officer recommendations for exemptions to the Mandatory Refuse Collection Program.

Appearances

No one appeared regarding the staff and hearing officer recommendations.

Action

Upon a motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Hoenstine, and carried with all members present and voting AYE by voice vote, the Board accepted the staff and hearing officer recommendations for exemptions to the Mandatory Refuse Collection Program.

Staff Report

Staff requested that the Board adopt the resolution setting the Mandatory Refuse special assessment rate through the calendar year 2002 at \$146.06.

Appearances

No one appeared regarding the proposed resolution.

Discussion

The County Chairman closed the public hearing and opened the matter for Board discussion.

Action

Upon a motion by Commissioner Hoenstine, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, and carried with all members present and voting AYE by voice vote, the Board adopted Resolution 2001-M-32 setting the mandatory refuse special assessment rate at \$146.06 for fiscal year 2001-02.

PUBLIC HEARING - NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL

Notice was given that the Board of County Commissioners would hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of the non-ad valorem assessment roll authorizing the tax collector to use the uniform method of collection of non-ad valorem assessments levied by the Orange County Board of County Commissioners as provided in Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes.

Staff Report

Staff stated this public hearing pertains to non-ad valorem assessments such as street lights and retention pond charges for various Municipal Service Taxing Units (MSTUs) to be billed for the first time on the November 2001 tax bill.

Staff announced that this public hearing includes the adoption of the non ad-valorem assessment roll authorizing the Tax Collector to utilize the uniform method of collection of non ad-valorem assessments levied by the Board of County Commissioners.

Appearances

No one addressed the Board regarding the non-ad valorem assessment roll.

Discussion

The County Chairman closed the public hearing and opened the matter for Board discussion.

Action

Upon a motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Hoenstine, and carried with all members present and voting AYE by voice vote, the Board accepted and adopted the non-ad valorem assessment roll as presented, with the unit of measurement and the respective amounts by subdivision and/or parcel identification number as stated in the assessment roll.

PUBLIC HEARING - ALL OTHER MILLAGES AND FUNDS

Staff Report

The County Administrator announced that the fiscal year 2001-2002 budget is the first year of a two-year budget cycle and reflects all necessary adjustments to the originally approved budget.

Staff announced the proposed countywide millage rate of 5.1639 which is a 5.15 percent increase over the rolled-back rate and outlined the countywide tax millage information for all taxing units under the Board of County Commissioners and the aggregate millage rate.

Appearances

The following persons addressed the Board regarding all other millages and funds:

- Lee Grove, 7752 Altavan Avenue, Orlando, Florida.
- Norma Green, 1308 Stearman Street, Orlando, Florida.
- Margaret Hicks, 9236 Everwood Street, Orlando, Florida.
- Jeff Davies, 5452 Coral Way, Orlando, Florida.
- Scott Vandergrift, mayor of Ocoee (no address given).
- Doug Head, 800 Mayfair Street, Orlando, Florida.
- Blue Perry, 2243 Lake Nally Woods Drive, Gotha, Florida.
- H.F. Huhn, 9083 Stockton Court, Orlando, Florida.
- Lisa Fischer, 2707 Paine Lane, Orlando, Florida.
- Corey Goodman (no address given).

Discussion

The County Chairman closed the public hearing and opened the matter for Board discussion.

Commissioner Edwards requested the Board approve \$60,000 for an additional position for the Consumer Fraud Division.

Action

Upon a motion by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Hoenstine, and carried with all members present and voting AYE by voice vote; the Board

amended the budget to include \$60,000 for an additional position for the Consumer Fraud Division.

Discussion

The Board discussed funding for the arts and accountability to assure that funds are being spent as approved and with no duplication.

Action

Upon a motion by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, and carried with all members present and voting AYE by voice vote; the Board adopted Resolution 2001-M-33 setting the tentative countywide millage rate.

Staff announced that the recommended budget for fiscal year 2002 is \$2,902,529,971, a 9.41 percent increase over the fiscal year 2000-2001 modified budget.

Action

Upon a motion by Commissioner Hartage, seconded by Commissioner Hoenstine, and carried with all members present and voting AYE by voice vote; the Board adopted Resolution 2001-M-34 adopting the tentative budget.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the County Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8 p.m.

ATTEST:

Martha O. Haynie
County Comptroller as Clerk

County Chairman

Deputy Clerk

Minutes Coordinator

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