

MINUTES  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2006

The Niceville City Council met in special session at 6:00 PM, September 21, 2006 in the Council Chambers, 208 N Partin Drive. All Council members except for Councilwoman Boudreaux, and the Mayor were present. Also present were City Manager, Lannie Corbin; City Clerk, Dan Doucet; Public Works Director, Bruce Price, a member of the press, and visitors in the audience. Mayor Wise called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Financial Advisor Briefing - Mr Bill Fray, Fray Municipal Securities, Inc.

Mr Fray, our Financial Advisor, briefed the council regarding our Investment Program. Discussion followed.

Ordinance 06-09-04 - An ordinance amending Section 1, Table 1 of the City of Niceville Florida, municipal waterworks rate Ordinance No. 05-09-03 dated September 22, 2005, to provide for a rate adjustment and providing for an effective date. (Third Reading)

Mr Doucet read ordinance 06-09-04 by title. Councilman Tislow moved approval on third reading. Councilman Smith seconded. Discussion followed. Council Vote: Smith-yes; Brewer-yes; Swihart-yes; Tislow-yes.

Ordinance 06-09-05 - An ordinance amending Section 1, of the City of Niceville Florida, Municipal Sewer System Rate Ordinance No. 05-09-04 dated September 22, 2005, to provide for a rate adjustment and providing for an effective date. (Third Reading)

Mr Doucet read ordinance 06-09-05 by title. Councilman Swihart moved approval on third reading. Councilman Tislow seconded. Discussion followed. Council Vote: Smith-yes; Brewer-yes; Swihart-yes; Tislow-yes.

Ordinance 06-09-06 - An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 05-09-05 dated September 22, 2005, of the City of Niceville, Florida increasing the Water Impact Fees and providing for an effective date. (Third Reading)

Mr Doucet read ordinance 06-09-06 by title. Councilman Tislow moved approval on third reading. Councilman Smith seconded. Discussion followed. Council Vote: Smith-yes; Brewer-yes; Swihart-yes; Tislow-yes.

Ordinance 06-09-07 - An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 05-09-06 dated September 22, 2005, of the City of Niceville, Florida increasing the Sewer Impact Fees and providing for an effective date. (Third Reading)

Mr Doucet read ordinance 06-09-07 by title. Councilman Swihart moved approval on third reading. Councilman Tislow seconded. Discussion followed. Council Vote: Smith-yes; Brewer-yes; Swihart-yes; Tislow-yes.

Ordinance 06-09-08 - An ordinance of the City of Niceville, Florida levying the Ad Valorem Property Tax Millage Rate for municipal purposes on all taxable property within the City for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2006 and ending September 30, 2007 stating the percentage by which the millage to be levied exceeds the rolled-back rate; and providing for an effective date. (Third Reading)

Mr Doucet read ordinance 06-09-08 in it's entirety. Councilman Smith moved approval on third reading. Councilman Swihart seconded. Mr Richard Wilder, 1414 Palm Blvd. expressed his opposition to the tax increase. Mr Steve Lightfoot, 708 Mullet Creek Run expressed his opposition to the tax increase and asked several budget related questions. Ms Barnett, 1410 Palm Blvd expressed concern regarding his property tax assessment. Mr Ronald Swafford, 506 Matthew Street expressed his concern regarding property assessments. He advised that his home owner's insurance tripled in cost resulting in his house payment increasing \$425.00 a month. Mr Steve Orr, 215 Emmett Dr expressed his opposition to the proposed tax increase. Mr Richard Adams, 17 Cristine Circle owns rental property which is assessed at full market value and explained his concern for his tenants not being able to afford the payments. Mr Bob Widrick, 104 20<sup>th</sup> Street expressed his concern for the assessments on rental property. Mr James Shields, 202 McKinley Street, explained his opposition to the tax increase. He is in the process of expanding the size of his home and is concerned about future assessments. Ms Vicki Ritchson, 105 Lincolnshire expressed her concern in that if taxes continue to escalate there will be no affordable housing in Niceville. Discussion followed. Mr Doucet provided an overview of those items taken out of the budget during budget workshops totaling over \$1,000,000. Discussion followed. Mr Corbin provided information outlining the importance of maintaining the 3.50 millage rate in order to provide essential services. Discussion followed. Mayor Wise asked for a roll call vote: Council Vote: Smith-yes; Brewer-yes; Swihart-yes; Tislow-yes.

Ordinance 06-09-09 - An ordinance adopting the final budget for the City of Niceville for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2006, an ordinance adopting and approving the appropriations set forth in said budget for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2006; and providing for an effective date. (Third Reading)

Mr Doucet read ordinance 06-09-09 by title. Councilman Brewer moved approval on third reading. Councilman Smith seconded. No one spoke for or against. Mr Doucet provided an overview of estimated revenues and expenditures as follows:

Total estimated revenues and expenditures:	\$11,124,640
Special Revenue (Franchise and Utility Tax)	
Total estimates revenues and expenditures:	\$ 2,112,500
Sanitation:	
Total estimated revenues and expenditures:	\$ 2,313,000
Water and Sewer	
Total estimated revenues and expenditures	\$ 9,243,200
Storm Water Management	
Total estimated revenues and expenditures	\$ 3,706,400

Total Budget is **\$28,499,740**

Mr Doucet advised that this year's budget is a 6.5% increase over last year's budget. Council Vote: Smith-yes; Brewer-yes; Swihart-yes; Tislow-yes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK