

MINUTES OF MEETING  
DANIA BEACH CITY COMMISSION  
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 22, 2013 – 6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Mayor Duke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Mayor:	Walter B. Duke, III	
Vice-Mayor:	Albert C. Jones	Arrived at 6:02 p.m.
Commissioners:	Chickie Brandimarte	
	Bobbie H. Grace	
City Manager:	Robert Baldwin	
City Attorney:	Thomas J. Ansbro	
City Clerk:	Louise Stilson	

2. Presentations

Vice-Mayor Jones arrived at 6:02 p.m.

City Manager Baldwin advised this budget includes cuts in the Public Safety Department and the budget is built around those cuts. He noted if the Commission wants flexibility in September they should set the millage higher, and then make cuts in September.

Mark Bates, Director of Finance, presented a PowerPoint of the proposed budget, which is attached to and included in these minutes. He noted this is the first time in five years that property values have gone up, which will result in an increase in the City's ad valorem tax revenue, if the existing millage rate is maintained.

Commissioner Grace questioned the increase in assessed property values, the fire rescue assessment, the budget impact from the deletion of Public Safety positions and keeping the current millage, and possible vehicle or equipment purchases.

Finance Director Bates explained the taxable property values have, on average, increased approximately 4.7%; the City would still be below the current average if the fire rescue assessment is increased to \$160.00, which revenue would go solely into funding the increase in retirement programs for the firefighters; and the planned purchase of a replacement vehicle for Code Compliance and a hydraulic lift for Public Services.

Vice-Mayor Jones asked about average Fire Rescue assessment fees within the County and the two fire trucks the City previously purchased.

Finance Director Bates explained where Dania Beach would fall both within the current and proposed rates, and that \$1.6-1.7 million is still owed on the \$2 million financed for the trucks. He noted funding for fire protection costs that is not supported by the fire assessment comes directly out of ad valorem taxes.

3. Resolutions

3.1 RESOLUTION #2013-078

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AS REQUIRED BY THE CITY CHARTER AND SECTION 200.065, FLORIDA STATUTES, APPROVING THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE NECESSARY TO BE LEVIED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2013-14 FOR OPERATING PURPOSES; ESTABLISHING THE DEBT MILLAGE APPROVED BY THE ELECTORATE; PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING WHEN OBJECTIONS MAY BE HEARD AND QUESTIONS CONCERNING SAME WILL BE ANSWERED; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Ansbro read the title of Resolution #2013-078.

The Commission briefly discussed setting the proposed millage higher in order to provide flexibility prior to adopting the final budget in September.

**Commissioner Grace motioned to adopt Resolution #2013-078, setting the Tentative Millage Rate at 5.9998 Mills, and the Debt Millage Rate at 0.2690, for a combined total of 6.2688 Mills; seconded by Vice-Mayor Jones. The motion carried on the following 3-1 Roll Call vote:**

<b>Commissioner Brandimarte</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Vice-Mayor Jones</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Commissioner Grace</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mayor Duke</b>	<b>Yes</b>

3.2 RESOLUTION #2013-079

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF STORMWATER SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING THE "NOT TO EXCEED" ASSESSMENT RATE FOR STORMWATER ASSESSMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2013; DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF RESPECTIVE ASSESSMENT ROLLS; AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE OF SUCH HEARING; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Ansbro read the title of Resolution #2013-079.

**Commissioner Grace motioned to adopt Resolution #2013-079, setting the not to exceed Stormwater Assessment fee at \$40.00; seconded by Vice-Mayor Jones. The motion carried on the following 4-0 Roll Call vote:**

<b>Commissioner Brandimarte</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Vice-Mayor Jones</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Commissioner Grace</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mayor Duke</b>	<b>Yes</b>

3.3 RESOLUTION #2013-080

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE IN THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING THE NOT TO EXCEED ASSESSMENT RATE FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICE ASSESSMENTS AGAINST ASSESSED PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2013; DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF AN ASSESSMENT ROLL; AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE OF SUCH HEARING; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Ansbro read the title of Resolution #2013-080.

**Vice-Mayor Jones motioned to adopt Resolution #2013-080, setting the not to exceed Solid Waste Assessment at \$274.56; seconded by Commissioner Grace. The motion carried on the following 4-0 Roll Call vote:**

<b>Commissioner Brandimarte</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Vice-Mayor Jones</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Commissioner Grace</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mayor Duke</b>	<b>Yes</b>

3.4 RESOLUTION #2013-081

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE RESCUE SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING THE "NOT TO EXCEED" ASSESSMENT RATE FOR FIRE RESCUE ASSESSMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2013; DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF RESPECTIVE ASSESSMENT ROLLS; AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE OF SUCH HEARING; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Ansbro read the title of Resolution #2013-081.

**Vice-Mayor Jones motioned to adopt Resolution #2013-081, establishing the Fire Assessment Rates; seconded by Commissioner Brandimarte. The motion carried on the following 4-0 Roll Call vote:**

<b>Commissioner Brandimarte</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Vice-Mayor Jones</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Commissioner Grace</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mayor Duke</b>	<b>Yes</b>

The Commission discussed scheduling a Budget Workshop during the first week in September.

4. Adjournment

Mayor Duke adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

ATTEST:

*for* *Jon Schneider, Deputy City Clerk*  
LOUISE STILSON, CMC  
CITY CLERK

CITY OF DANIA BEACH

*Walter B. Duke, III*  
WALTER B. DUKE, III  
MAYOR

Approved: August 13, 2013



# **City of Dania Beach**

**FY 2013/14**

# **Recommended Budget**

July 22, 2013

# Suggestions Shared

## ‘Along the Way’ ...

- My pastor – • “Blessed are the brief... for they *may be* invited back.”
- My football coach – • “Lead with your strength...”
- My English teacher - • “Don’t bury the lead!”

# City Property Values

## *Rebound*

- City Property Values increasing for first time in 5 years....
- City revenues providing funds for community service improves....

		<u>Property Taxes</u>
• 2008 values	\$3,309,466,820	• 2008 receipts \$17,452,748
• 2009	3,142,559,344	• 2009 \$16,798,253
• 2010	2,939,189,103	• 2010 \$16,750,836
• 2011	2,688,806,173	• 2011 \$15,872,847
• 2012	2,627,417,566	• 2012 \$15,604,005
• 2013 .....	<u>\$2,687,949,085</u>	• 2013 ..... <u>\$16,102,658</u>

# Preliminary Budget Actions Tonight

- Taxes = maintain existing millage 5.9998 mills
  - “rolled back” millage rate – 5.7295 mills
- Voter Approved Debt millage - .2690 mills
- Set 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. Budget Public Hearing

Thurs. 9/12/2012 @ 5:00 p.m. at Dania Beach City Hall

- Fire-Rescue Assessment (adj. of \$31.58) \$ 160.00 yr.
- Stormwater Assessment (no change) \$ 40.00 yr.
- Residential Solid Waste (adjustment = \$2.88 yr.) \$ 274.56 yr.



# Budget Focus

- Sustainability – staffing levels, benefits, debt service, contract costs
- Infrastructure - completion of planned Capital Projects
  - Stormwater runoff infrastructure
  - Water & Sewer system repairs & replacements
  - Marina / Beach / Pier improvements
- Appearance-
  - Annual Addition of Neighborhood Oasis projects
  - Parks & Roadway landscape maintenance
- Public Safety –
  - Work to establish sustainable BSO Police and Fire service costs
  - Expanded neighborhood solar lighting systems
  - Growing annual funding cost of City Police & Fire Pension Plan
- Customer Service –
  - Expanding on-line access and information using City's web site and ERP system
  - Improving meeting video quality and web-broadcasting

# General Fund

- No increase to operating property tax rate
- No use of Undesignated Fund Balance
- **Public Safety = current \$21.9m ↑ to \$22.8m (56%)**
  - Police services \$11.1m ↑ to \$12.0m Pension = \$375k ↑ \$ 517k
  - Fire services \$10.7m ↑ to \$10.8m Pension = \$1.2m ↑ \$1.8m
- **City Manager: Neighborhood Oasis Projects: \$300k**
- **Streets Division:**
  - Road repaving / bridge repair: \$320k
  - Lighting maintenance & landscaping: \$149k

# Enterprise Funds

- **Water - Increased Debt cost from capital loans**
  - Working to complete approved Capital projects
- **Sewer - Increased Debt cost from capital loans**
  - Increasing annual cost of contract treatment
- **Stormwater – SRF capital loans not being repaid yet**
  - Working to begin construction of SE area improvements approved in 2010/11
  - Adding new SW area with DOT and also along Taylor Lane
- **Parking - Beach receipts doing very well**
- **Pier - Restaurant success - City rent receipts increased**
  - Pier contractual management being explored
- **Marina - Major renovation to completed by 3/14**
  - Slip rentals continuing during construction

## Conclusion

- Recommended Budget presents a fair, reasoned & balanced financial plan for Dania Beach in the coming year.
- We thank the Commission and City Departments for their guidance and assistance in developing this annual City Budget plan.