



ISLAMORADA VILLAGE COUNCIL

**Special Call Village Council Meeting
First Public Budget Hearing
Fiscal Year 2011-2012
Islamorada Founders Park Community Center
87000 Overseas Highway
Islamorada Community Center
Islamorada, Florida 33036**

**Thursday, September 8, 2011
5:30 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Reckwerdt called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and requested Village Clerk Debra Eastman to call the roll. The following Council members were present on roll call: Councilman Don Achenberg, Councilman Ted Blackburn, Councilman Dave Purdo, Vice Mayor Ken Philipson and Mayor Michael Reckwerdt.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Reckwerdt requested former Council Member Jill Zima Borski to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Reckwerdt invited Public Comment.

Paul Bates urged the Council not to approve a tax increase.

John Fernandez presented pictures of properties that he believes require attention by the Village of Islamorada staff and urged the Village to become involved.

George Scott requested that the Village Council shop around for solid waste services.

Jill Zima Borski spoke regarding the proposed Village budget and items on which she requested review.

Stan Margulies spoke in opposition to a tax increase.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING - RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution on the Proposed Millage Rate

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 11-07-46; ADOPTING A TENTATIVE

MILLAGE RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, PURSUANT TO SECTION 200.065, FLORIDA STATUTES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Vice Mayor Philipson made a motion to adopt the millage rate resolution. The motion received a second from Councilman Achenberg. Village Clerk Debra Eastman called the roll and the motion passed 4-1 with Councilman Purdo voting in opposition.

B. Resolution on the Tentative Budget

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF THE TENTATIVE BUDGET OF THE VILLAGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2011, AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2012; AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS ESTABLISHED BY THE BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR BUDGETARY CONTROL; PROVIDING FOR PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING FOR GIFTS AND GRANTS; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR ENCUMBRANCES; PROVIDING FOR ISSUANCE OF CHECKS; PROVIDING FOR POST AUDIT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Village Attorney read the titles of the millage resolution and the budget resolution as above. Maria Aguilar Finance Director explained the increase in the budget.

Mayor Michael Reckwerdt opened the public hearing.

Larry Barr urged attention to his previous comments.

Jill Zima Borski spoke in opposition to statement that cost of state audit is a reason for the budget increase.

Paul Bates called for an independent analysis of the budget.

John Fernandez indicated this was the first time he has seen the budget and urged that the cost of the audit be paid from within the budget.

Ron Levy spoke in favor of user fees.

There being no further public comment, Mayor Reckwerdt closed the public hearing.

After discussion by the Village Council, Mayor Reckwerdt called for the vote on each resolution separately.

Councilman Achenberg made a motion to adopt the budget resolution. The motion received a second from Councilman Blackburn. Village Clerk Debra Eastman called the roll and the motion was adopted 5-0.

V. MAYOR / COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

None

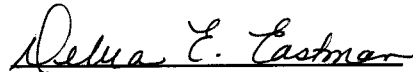
VI. VILLAGE ATTORNEY / VILLAGE MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Achenberg made a motion to adjourn. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Philipson. Mayor Reckwerdt called for the vote and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Approved by the Village Council on September 22, 2011.



Debra E. Eastman, MMC
Village Clerk