

ISLAMORADA VILLAGE COUNCIL

**Village Council Budget Workshop
Founders Park Community Center
87000 Overseas Hwy
Islamorada, Florida 33036**

**Thursday, July 12, 2012
At 1:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Mayor Reckwerdt called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m. and requested Village Clerk Debra Eastman 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 invited Deb Gillis to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Reckwerdt invited public comment and there was none.

IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- A.** Presentation of the Proposed FY 12-13 General Fund Budget
Finance Director Maria Aguilar explained that the purpose of the workshop is to discuss the General Fund Budget. She explained projected revenues, the Summary of Revenues to Expenditures for FY 12-13 and the comparison of full time equivalents of staff positions. Ms. Aguilar reviewed the itemized expense budgets for each department. Department Heads gave further detail to Council members as queried.

In response to questioning from Councilman Blackburn, Ms. Aguilar explained that Monroe County is using the discretionary sales surtax for wastewater because the tax is specified for infrastructure.

Councilman Achenberg suggested that the Council consider paying down principal on some of the long-term debt with the extra fund balance.

Mayor Reckwerdt recognized Robby Silk for public comment. Mr. Silk questioned the fund balance amount.

Deb Gillis stated that the Village had also collected some back taxes.

Councilman Purdo expressed his concern regarding staffing.

The Village Council agreed that Vice Mayor Philipson is their designee to work with the Village Attorney to review how the Village addresses its legal needs and to bring a report back to Council.

There was discussion regarding what percentage of the Village Manager's time is spent directly on wastewater matters. It was agreed that if the budget estimate was not appropriate a later budget amendment could be done.

There was discussion regarding the contingency amount, whether it will be sufficient and what the direction will be given by Council regarding expenditure.

Councilman Blackburn requested that the full time employee list be enhanced to provide salaries.

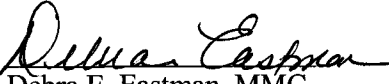
Councilman Achenberg asked about the Skate Board Park liability and income. It was decided that Parks and Recreation Director John Sutter will provide further information at a later date.

III. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Mayor Reckwerdt recapped that this is a stable budget with no massive cuts in service. There was no further public comment.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Achenberg made a motion to adjourn and it received a second from Councilman Purdo. The meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.


Debra E. Eastman, MMC
Village Clerk

Approved by the Village Council this 26th day of July, 2012.