

## **Special City Commission Workshop: Mini-Budget March 23, 2021**

***Video of the meeting and agenda can be found [here](#):***

Commissioners Mike Kolody, Randy Hartman, and Mayor Russ Owen were present. Vice-Mayor Jake Sachs and Commissioner Jason McGuirk were absent. Mayor Owen stated that the evening's workshop would present an overview of the FY 2021-22 budgets for the Municipal Airport and Development Services.

**The Proposed [FY 2021-22 Airport Budget](#)** was presented by Assistant Airport Manager, Adam LoBianco, as well as the airport's accomplishments during FY 2020-21 and its goals for the coming fiscal year. The Municipal Airport's vision is "to promote economic development to make the Airport self-sufficient while promoting safety and ensuring security". Highlights were:

- Operating expenses will be 1.8% more than last year.
- FFA and FDOT grants will be paying for approximately four-fifths of our Capital Improvement Projects at \$4,572,250.
- The current Administration Building will be leased out after the new one is completed (west of Lost Lagoon). City Manager, Khalid Resheidat, broke in stating that inquiries are already being made about it, one being a Customs office.
- We are not only a general aviation airport, but also a municipal one that is a reliever for Daytona International which means we have a responsibility to keep the airport up to date.
- The old T Hangers from WWII will be razed, and the land will be used for aircraft parking.

A breakdown of the \$8,339,265 budget can be seen below:

- Personnel: \$405,885
- Operating Expenses: \$2,518,880
- Capital Outlay: \$5,414,500 (Construction of a new Administration Building, Taxiway C Rehabilitation, T Hangar Removal and Terminal Apron Infill)

Before the session ended, Mayor Owen wanted to clarify that the extension of runway 1129 will not allow jets and that it will keep the same rating of R59k pounds which was corroborated by Mr. LoBianco.

**[The Proposed FY 2021-22 Development Services budget](#)** was presented by Brian Fields, Asst. City Manager. The department's achievements during FY 2020-21 and its priorities for the coming fiscal year were also discussed. Development Services includes Engineering, Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement.

Important takeaways from Mr. Field's presentation:

- The City's FEMA Community Rating was raised to a 5 from a 6. The City is now ranked one of the highest in Volusia county. This higher ranking should equate to NSB residents who have flood insurance getting a 25% discount when they renew

their policies. The City will be spreading the word, but homeowners need to ensure that the discount is reflected in their policies.

- The biggest challenge is ranking and completing the many priorities identified. We need to focus on completing top-rated priorities before moving on.
- There is a dire need to identify and hire qualified workers in many fields. (Commercial Building Inspector, Fire Inspector, Compliance Officer, Permitting Engineer, Director of Development Services, and Senior Planner). Two new Code Enforcement Officers will start in April. Commissioner Hartman suggested that 4-5 firemen become rotating inspectors to alleviate the need for a Fire Inspector.

A breakdown of the budgets can be seen below:

- Building and Inspections:
  - \$3,250,000 personnel + operating
  - \$250,000 for capital projects + transfers
- Planning and Engineering:
  - No major changes from FY 2020-21 which was \$1,015,940

Mr. Fields ended stating that the Planning Department carries a heavy load. He is working to ensure there are enough qualified staff to meet the challenges ahead.