



**Meeting Minutes  
Special Meeting**

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Thursday, August 8, 2019

4:00 PM

Town Hall

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**Budget Workshop**

**Welcome. We are glad to have you join us. If you wish to speak, please wait to be recognized, then step to the podium and state your name and address. We also ask that you please turn-off all cell phones.**

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM with Deputy Mayor Rettstatt presiding. Town Manager JP Murphy made opening comments.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMISSIONER ROLL CALL**

Staff present: JP Murphy, Ricky Allison, David Brown, Wilfred Holmes, Keith Bodeker

- Present** 4 - Deputy Mayor Karla Rettstatt, Commissioner Michael Wilkinson, Commissioner Tom Shelly, and Commissioner Tom Kurey
- Absent** 1 - Mayor Gary H. Katica

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None to be heard.

**GENERAL AGENDA**

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Budget Discussion

Mr. Murphy opened discussion; department heads here to address questions; TRIM hearings on 9/3 and 9/17; proposed rate is 6.5000 mils which is the same as last year; discussed general fund revenues; summarized administration and building departments.

Stefan Massol-Director of Support Services-Discussed support services budget; Largo fire contract; insurance increases; computer security and backup.

Mr. Murphy presented the Police department budget; revenues for special duty details; JAG grant funding for equipment; pension increase; one year pilot stipend program for spouse benefits; vehicle replacements; scheduling.

Ricky Allison-Director of Parks, Recreation and Public Works- Contract services up for rebid; 5% increase in those services; sidewalk assessment; ADA compliance issue costs; address questions regarding tennis court maintenance; Recreation budget discussed: increase in revenues; increase in ticket costs; new programming such as block parties and family nights; summer camps; sports leagues; sponsorship;

after-school fee increase; addressed questions regarding program costs; membership rates; market pricing; special events.

Mr. Murphy spoke about the cost of disposal for recycling; recommends to continue with increase of fees for 1 year and to reach out to residents regarding recycling.

Wilfred Holmes-Solid Waste Supervisor-discussed increase in tipping fees and recycling; 5% rate increase proposed, more detailed report will be forthcoming; hazardous waste events; discussion ensued regarding placement of debris during emergency cleanup.

David Brown-Director of Water Utilities-Discussed change of treatment chemicals, safety and equipment; water capital improvement plan regarding installation of transducers; minimal engineer work needed.

Mr. Murphy discussed updating the preliminary engineer report and water rate study; deep injection well and RO; addressed questions regarding stormwater fees; utility tax; borrowing rates; town is being seen as a real estate investment opportunity; potential for land use changes in the future.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned in due form at 6:06 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Aye:** 4 - Deputy Mayor Rettstatt, Commissioner Wilkinson, Commissioner Shelly, and Commissioner Kurey

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Katica

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**TOWN CLERK**

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**MAYOR**