

**SARASOTA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER
1660 RINGLING BOULEVARD
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBER
SARASOTA, FLORIDA**

7:00 p.m.

David R. Mills, Chair, District 2
Nora Patterson, Vice Chair, District 4
Paul H. Mercier, District 1
Shannon Staub, District 3
Jon Thaxton, District 5

Also present were:

James Ley, County Administrator
Kathleen Schneider, Deputy County Attorney
Peter Ramsden, Clerk of the Circuit Court Finance Director
Latressa Preston, Deputy Clerk
Paula Clintsman, Deputy Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Mercier

BUDGET HEARING

2. BUDGETS

Public hearing to consider the final adoption of the Sarasota County Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 Countywide Millage Rates and final Budget, final Millage and Budgets for the Mosquito Control District, Emergency Medical Services Districts, the Navigable Waterways Maintenance District, the Lighting Districts, and the FY 2007-2011 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Following comments, Financial Planning Fiscal Planning General Manager Jeffrey Seward, duly sworn, submitted a copy of the PowerPoint presentation and gave an overview of the FY 2007 Proposed Budget. Discussions were held with Mr. Seward and County Administrator James Ley regarding the following topics/issues:

- clarification of the millage rates on page 2 of Staff's report
- explanation of Community Initiatives Reserves
- cost of new voting equipment
- adjusted inflation rates/"flat" Budget
- tax bill/percentages/taxing authorities
- Eight County Tax Bill Comparison/non-ad valorem taxes
- request for a similar pie chart on the Operating Budget, without objection
- total Budget expenditures.

See Item later this meeting.
(7:15:32)

1. ORDINANCES

Public hearing to consider proposed Ordinance No. 2006-065, amending Ordinance No. 97-083, the Infrastructure Sales (Surtax) Ordinance, as amended and codified in Section

1. ORDINANCES - Continued

114-2 of the County Code, to amend the Projects List and update the Surtax Program Revenue Projections.

Having been duly sworn, Financial Planning Fiscal Planning General Manager Jeffrey Seward noted the basis for the public hearing to amend the Projects List and to update the Surtax Program Revenue Projections, and noted Staff's recommendation for approval.

Chair Mills closed the public hearing, without objection.

Commr. Staub moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2006-065, approving the Infrastructure Sales (Surtax) Ordinance, as amended, modifying the Projects List and updating the Surtax Program Revenue Projections. The motion, seconded by Commr. Thaxton, carried by a 5-0 vote.

(7:18:36)

2. BUDGETS - Continued

Chair Mills opened the public hearing and following remarks and a summation of the proposed Resolutions/Ordinance to be considered, Mr. Seward, duly sworn, read into the record the following:

SECTION 1:	TOTAL: \$714,629,082.00
Operating Budget	\$ 437,730,446.00
Debt Service Budget	48,373,513.00
Capital Improvement Budget	15,958,709.00
Intergovernmental Budget	112,566,414.00
 SECTION 2:	 TOTAL: \$427,900,431.00
Special Operating Districts	\$ 155,128,140.00
Debt Service	30,676,379.00
Special Capital Districts	140,291,015.00
Fire and Ambulance Districts	76,472,033.00
Public Improvement Districts	161,045.00
Street Lighting Districts	944,668.00
Impact Fee Funds	24,227,151.00

Mr. Seward, Financial Planning Administrative Assistant III Linda Darley, duly sworn, and Financial Planning Budget Management Analyst Karen Fratangelo, duly sworn, read into the record the following Resolution:

Resolution No. 2006-192 - Adopting the final Countywide Millage Rate, Sections 1 and 2 of the Budget, and final Millage and Budgets for the Districts.

Mr. Seward read into the record the following Resolution and Ordinance:

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Resolution No. 2006-193 - FY 2007-2011 Capital Improvements Program (CIP)
Ordinance No. 2006-060 - Providing for the adoption of revisions to a primary component of the CIP related to the Five-Year Schedule of CIP (Table 10-3), revisions to a guiding principle of the Capital Improvements Plan related to Future Capital Improvements - 2020 (Table 10-4), and revisions to a primary component of the CIP related to a Map Series (Figure 10-1 through 10-8), pursuant to the requirements of the Local Government Planning and Land Development Regulation Act.

The following individuals, duly sworn, commented on the proposed Tentative Countywide Millage Rates, and Sections 1 and 2 of the Tentative Budget. Discussions were held with Deputy County Attorney Kathleen Schneider throughout the public comments.

Ms. Janice Crocker

Mr. John Skalet

(7:59:03)

Chair Mills closed the public hearing, without objection.

Commr. Thaxton requested to send correspondence to the Property Appraiser regarding the enforcement of homestead exemptions, without objection.

Commr. Mercier moved to adopt the final FY 2007 Countywide and Mosquito Control District Ad Valorem Millage Rates, as presented in Resolution No. 2006-192. The motion, seconded by Commr. Patterson, carried by a 5-0 vote.

Commr. Patterson to adopt the final FY 2007 Ad Valorem Millage Rates and Budgets for the Navigable Waterways Maintenance District, the Emergency Medical Services Districts, the Lighting Districts, and the Public Improvement Districts, as presented in Resolution No. 2006-192. The motion, seconded by Commr. Staub, carried by a 5-0 vote.

Commr. Thaxton moved to adopt Resolution No. 2006-192, approving the final Countywide Millage Rate and Budget as outlined in Sections 1 and 2 of the Budget as defined by the County Charter, the final Millage Rate and Budget for the Mosquito Control District, and the final Millage Rate and Budget for the Navigable Waterways Maintenance District, the final Millage Rate for the Emergency Medical Services Districts, the final Millage Rates and Budgets for the Street Lighting Districts, and the final Millage Rate and Budget for the Public Improvement Districts for FY 2007. The motion was seconded by Commr. Staub. Following individual comments, the motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote, as follows:

District No. 1 - Commr. Mercier voting "Aye"

District No. 2 - Commr. Mills voting "Aye"

District No. 3 - Commr. Staub voting "Aye"

District No. 4 - Commr. Patterson voting "Aye"

District No. 5 - Commr. Thaxton voting "Aye."

2. BUDGETS - Continued

Commr. Staub moved to adopt Resolution No. 2006-193, adopting the FY 2007-2011 CIP. The motion, seconded by Commr. Mercier, carried by a 5-0 roll call vote, as follows:

- District No. 1 - Commr. Mercier voting "Aye"
- District No. 2 - Commr. Mills voting "Aye"
- District No. 3 - Commr. Staub voting "Aye"
- District No. 4 - Commr. Patterson voting "Aye"
- District No. 5 - Commr. Thaxton voting "Aye."

Commr. Staub moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2006-060, adopting the FY 2007-2011 CIP and providing for revisions to the Capital Improvements Chapter of the Sarasota County Comprehensive Plan, adopting revisions to a guiding principle of the CIP related to future Capital Improvements - 2020, consistent with the Five-Year Fiscal Period 2007-2011 CIP. The motion, seconded by Commr. Thaxton, carried by a 5-0 vote.

Chair Mills commended the efforts of Staff on the Budget process.

3. OTHER BUSINESS - No items were presented.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:09 p.m.