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**SARASOTA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER
1660 RINGLING BOULEVARD
THINK TANK, THIRD FLOOR
SARASOTA, FLORIDA**

9:00 a.m.

Nora Patterson, Chair, District 4
Shannon Staub, Vice Chair, District 3
Paul H. Mercier, District 1
Joseph A. Barbetta, District 2
Jon Thaxton, District 5

Also present were:

James Ley, County Administrator
David Bullock, Deputy County Administrator
Susan Scott, Deputy County Administrator
Stephen DeMarsh, County Attorney
Latressa Preston, Deputy Clerk
Spring Dickson, Deputy Clerk

BUDGET WORKSHOP

(9:07:04)

1. FINANCIAL PLANNING

Workshop to consider the development of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 Budget.

(9:10:59)

A. PUBLIC WORKS

The Board considered the proposed FY 2008 Budget for the Public Works Business Center relative to the Level of Service (LOS) Implications, Policy Implications, and Community Outcome Areas for Mobility (Roadside Maintenance and Traffic Control) Services, as outlined in the document submitted this date, entitled "Mobility (Road Maintenance) and Mobility (Traffic Control)."

Staff Presenters: Deputy County Administrator David Bullock, Public Works Executive Director Jim Harriott, and County Administrator James Ley

Item Submitted: A copy of a document entitled "Mobility (Road Maintenance) and Mobility (Traffic Control)"

9:17:47 Board Action: Requested to consider reductions of Items 3 and 5 and to maintain the Budget for Items 1, 2, and 4 of the Mobility (Traffic Control) Projects as outlined in the document entitled "Mobility (Road Maintenance) and Mobility (Traffic Control)." Requested by Staub, without objection.

9:19:48 Board Action: Requested to consider the transfer of the items reduced under the Mobility (Traffic Control) Projects to be supplemented by the gas tax funds. Requested by Thaxton, without objection.

9:27:23 Board Action: Requested that the County Administrator bring back a list of items funded by the gas tax for future Board consideration. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

9:30:51 Board Action: Noted a majority consensus by Patterson to consider maintaining the Budget for the Mobility (Traffic Control) Projects.

1. FINANCIAL PLANNING - Continued**A. PUBLIC WORKS - Continued**

9:33:03 Board Action: Requested that the County Administrator bring back an analysis on the capacity of gas tax funds allocated to essential versus non-essential Capital/Non-Capital Improvement Projects. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

(9:37:50)

B. EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Board considered the proposed FY 2008 Budget for the Emergency Services Business Center relative to the Level of Service (LOS) Implications, Policy Implications, and Community Outcome Areas for Public Safety Services, as outlined in document submitted this date, entitled "Lifeguard Services."

Item submitted: A copy of the document entitled "Lifeguard Services"

Staff Presenters: Deputy County Administrator David Bullock, Emergency Services Executive Director Michael Suarez, Emergency Services Beach/Lifeguards Aquatic Safety Manager Eugene Ayers, County Administrator James Ley, and Emergency Services Fire Chief Brian Gorski

9:45:07 Board Action: Noted a majority consensus by Patterson to consider maintaining the Lifeguard Services Budget without a reduction.

(9:56:15)

C. COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Board considered the proposed FY 2008 Budget for the Community Services Business Center relative to the Level of Service (LOS) Implications, Policy Implications, and Community Outcome Areas for Cooperative Extension, as outlined on page 7, Tab 6 of Staff's Report.

Staff Presenters: Community Services Executive Director Larry Arnold, Community Services Cooperative Extension Family and Consumer Services General Manager Carolyn Gregov, and Deputy County Administrator David Bullock

9:59:33 Board Action: Noted by majority consensus by Patterson to consider a reduction of the Cooperative Extension Budget, in the amount of \$125,000.00.

(10:01:41)

D. ADMINISTRATION

The Board considered the proposed FY 2008 Budget for the General Revenue Funded Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Staff Presenters: Deputy County Administrator David Bullock, Community Services Parks and Recreation General Manager John McCarthy, Planning and Development Services Neighborhood Services Manager Jane Grogg, Public Works Executive Director Jim Harriott, and County Administrator James Ley

10:07:01 Board Action: Requested to recognize the Contractors that volunteered to rebuild the Manasota Key Pavilion at a future Board meeting at the Robert L. Anderson Administration Center. Requested by Staub, without objection.

10:14:20 Board Action: Noted majority consensus by Patterson to consider reducing the Neighborhood Initiative Program Budget from \$850,000.00 to \$500,000.00.

1. FINANCIAL PLANNING - Continued**D. ADMINISTRATION - Continued**

10:16:17 Board Action: Noted the removal of Twin Lakes Park Fencing and Parking Lots from the General Revenue CIP Overview List. Noted by Patterson, without objection.

10:19:20 Board Action: Noted majority consensus by Patterson to consider the removal of the Harts Landing Boat Dock/Ramp and Boat Docks and Ramps Repairs and Replacement from the General Revenue CIP Overview List.

10:26:02 Board Action: Noted majority consensus by Patterson to retain the Rothenbach Park Project on the General Revenue CIP Overview List.

(10:33:03)

E. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The Board considered the proposed FY 2008 Budget for the Health and Human Services Business Center relative to the Grants-In-Aid Program.

Staff Presenter: County Administrator James Ley

Public Presenter: Health and Human Services Social Services General Manager Charles Taylor

10:36:21 Board Action: Requested a report/presentation by the Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) Chair relative to the acceptance of new applications. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

10:47:08 Board Action: Reaffirmed the HSAC Policy that the submittal of applications for new programs shall be considered with the same weight as the current programs. Moved by Thaxton, seconded by Barbetta, carried by a 3-2 vote; Staub and Mercier voted "No."

10:48:32 Board Action: Added a new HSAC Policy as follows: HSAC shall not be required to visit every agency that has submitted an application (new/old program) but shall use discretion after an analysis to choose which agencies to visit. Moved by Staub, seconded by Patterson, carried by a 5-0 vote.

RECESS: 10:48 a.m. - 11:03 a.m.

F. ADMINISTRATION

The Board considered an overview of the proposed FY 2008 Budget relative to General Revenue Funds, as outlined in Staff's presentation (Tab 3 of Staff's Report).

Staff Presenters: Deputy County Administrator David Bullock, Community Services Parks and Recreation General Manager John McCarthy, Chief Financial Planning Officer Jeffrey Seward, and County Administrator James Ley

11:11:07 Board Action: Authorized the County Administrator to proceed with a payment in lieu of taxes for enterprise funded property relative to the Solid Waste and Utilities Systems. Moved by Thaxton, seconded by Staub, carried by a 3-2 vote; Staub and Patterson voted "No."

11:15:51 Board Action: Requested an analysis on the revenues generated from metered parking on County beaches. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

11:24:08 Board Action: Directed the County Administrator to provide a report relative to the details/alternatives for paid parking on County beaches and to bring back for a future Board discussion. Moved by Staub, seconded by Mercier, carried by a 3-2 vote; Thaxton and Barbetta voted "No."

11:50:44 Board Action: Directed the County Administrator to draft an Ordinance relative to the Municipal Services Tax with energy conservation provisions at a rate of five percent and to bring back for future Board consideration after the County Referendum and the Legislative Session in 2008. Moved by Staub, seconded by Patterson, carried by a 3-2 vote; Thaxton and Barbetta voted "No."

(11:53:06)

G. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

The Board considered the proposed utility rates for FY 2008.

Staff Presenters: Deputy County Administrator David Bullock, Environmental Services Operations General Manager George MacFarlane, Environmental Services Water Resources General Manager Theresa Connor, and County Administrator James Ley

11:58:02 Board Action: Approved a two percent rate increase for water and wastewater utility systems for a three-year period, as recommended by Staff. Moved by Staub, seconded by Patterson, carried by a 5-0 vote.

12:04:27 Board Action: Approved the increase to the stormwater utility-wide operating/utility maintenance assessment, in the amount of \$7.50, as recommended by Staff. Moved by Thaxton, seconded by Mercier, carried by a 5-0 vote.

RECESS: 12:09 p.m. - 1:36 p.m.

H. SHERIFF

The Board considered the proposed FY 2008 Budget for the Sheriff's Office, as outlined in Chapter 4, page 2.

Staff Presenter: County Attorney Stephen DeMarsh

Public Presenter: Sheriff William Balkwill

1:54:54 Board Action: Requested to evaluate the possibility of utilizing a pre-standing MSTU (Municipal Services Taxing Unit) to fund the Sheriff's Office. Requested by Mercier, without objection.

1:58:34 Board Action: Requested to evaluate the possibility of utilizing bulk supplies purchasing. Requested by Staub, without objection.

2:01:24 Board Action: Requested to evaluate areas within the Sheriff's Office for civilian employees. Requested by Staub, without objection.

(2:13:12)

I. STATE ATTORNEY

The Board considered the proposed FY 2008 Budget for the State Attorney, as outlined in Chapter 4, page 8.

Public Presenter: State Attorney Earl Moreland

(2:14:48)

J. PUBLIC DEFENDER

The Board considered the proposed FY 2008 Budget for the Public Defender, as outlined in Chapter 4, page 9.

Public Presenters: Chief Assistant Public Defender Toby Hockett and Public Defender Budget Director Maryanne Conlan

(2:18:39)

K. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COUNTY COMPTROLLER

The Board considered the proposed FY 2008 Budget for the Clerk of the Circuit Court and County Comptroller, as outlined in Chapter 4, page 3.

Public Presenters: Clerk of the Circuit Court and County Comptroller Karen Rushing, Chief Deputy Clerk Janet Cantees, and Board Records Manager Pauline Shaw

K. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COUNTY COMPTROLLER - Continued

Item Submitted: A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation

(2:38:30)

L. PROPERTY APPRAISER

The Board considered the proposed FY 2008 Budget for the Property Appraiser, as outlined in Chapter 4, page 5.

Public Presenter: Property Appraiser Jim Todora

RECESS: 2:59 p.m. - 3:09 p.m.

M. SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

The Board considered the proposed FY 2008 Budget for the Supervisor of Elections, as outlined in Chapter 4, page 6.

Staff Presenters: County Attorney Stephen DeMarsh, Deputy County Administrator Susan Scott, and Chief Financial Planning Officer Jeffrey Seward

Public Presenters: Supervisor of Elections Kathy Dent and Assistant Supervisor of Elections Scott Farrington

3:28:11 Board Action: Requested to contact Diebold Election Systems regarding the proposed cost for the voting equipment. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

3:38:27 Board Action: Requested a copy of a detailed list of the election audit cost. Requested by Thaxton, without objection.

(3:44:27)

N. TAX COLLECTOR

The Board considered the proposed FY 2008 Budget for the Tax Collector, as outlined in Chapter 4, page 7.

Public Presenters: Tax Collector Barbara Ford-Coates and Tax Collector Finance Director Joseph Garofalo

(3:52:12)

O. COURTS ADMINISTRATION

The Board considered the proposed FY 2008 Budget for Courts Administration, as outlined in Chapter 4, page 4.

Staff Presenter: Deputy County Administrator David Bullock

Public Presenter: Court Administrator Walt Smith and 12th Circuit Court Chief Judge Lee Haworth

(4:02:20)

2. OTHER BUSINESS

A. ADMINISTRATION

Discussions were held with County Administrator James Ley regarding funding for the proposed Stadium.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:09 p.m.