

HAVANA TOWN COUNCIL
First Public Budget Hearing
September 10, 2018 6 pm

Member(s) Present: Decorkus Allen, Eddie Bass, Nick Bert, Cathy Johnson, Shirley McGill, David Norman and Vernell Ross

Member(s) Absent:

The public hearing was called to order by Mayor Ross.

Mr. Howard McKinnon, Town Manager, stated the summer youth program was discussed during the budget workshop. It was discussed to increase the summer youth program to four youths. The youths will work in the office and street department. This is a four week program and each youth will work 20 hours per week.

Another request is to donate funds to the Havana Development Council. The discussion is to determine how much money will be donated. Mr. Fert Richardson asked for \$20,000 to \$30,000. Councilwoman Johnson stated she is in favor of the donation, possibly \$10,000 because the whole community should be considered when allotting money. Councilman Bert agreed with donating possibly \$5,000. Mr. Wilbert Butler elaborated on the facility use and stated the facility will be rented out to assist with generating income. Also FAMU secured a grant and hired a person to work full time at the site. Mayor Pro Tem Allen suggested starting with a \$7,500 donation and funding this project like Havana Main Street by giving donations in increments. Councilman Bert stated Mayor Pro Tem Allen's suggestion is a good compromise. Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and seconded by Councilwoman Johnson to donate \$7,500 from this year's budget but revisit next year. Motion carried. Councilwoman Johnson advised she will personally donate \$1,000 to the Havana Development Council.

Mr. McKinnon advised the recreation committee will present their plans and budget to the Council on September 11, 2018. They are proposing to hire a part time director and the recreation programs are very economical. Mr. McKinnon suggested the council hear their proposal and schedule a workshop to discuss further. Motion made by Councilman Bass and seconded by Councilman Bert to hear the recreation committee's proposal and schedule a workshop for discussion. Motion carried.

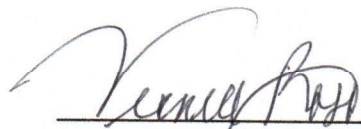
Capital Healthplan was contacted to inquire if the council can be covered. Open enrollment is in June and if approved it will be July, 2019 before the plan takes effect. The council can be covered but the cost will need to be budgeted and premiums are based on age. The cheapest plans are \$400 to \$500 per month.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and seconded by Councilman Bert to read Ordinance No. 376, Proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate, one time by title only. Shelia Evans, Town Clerk, read the ordinance by title. Mayor Ross asked if there were any visitors to comment on the ad valorem tax rate. With there being no comment, motion was made by Councilman Bert and seconded Councilman Bass to approve Ordinance No. 376, Proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and seconded by Councilman Bert to read the Ordinance No. 377, 2018 - 2019 Proposed Budget, one time by title only. Town Clerk Shelia Evans, read the ordinance by title. Mr. McKinnon reminded the council that Florida law states that once the budget is final, it cannot increase. He reported the budget by fund totals; General Fund \$1,604,352; Special Revenue \$6,039,500; Water Fund \$495,716; Electric Fund \$2,905,530; Gas Fund \$344,971 and Sewer Fund \$436,928. Mr. McKinnon stated if approved the budget will be set. Mayor Ross inquired if there were any visitors that wanted to comment on the town's proposed budget. There were no comments and motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and seconded by Councilman Bert to approve the town's 2018 - 2019 budget. Motion carried.

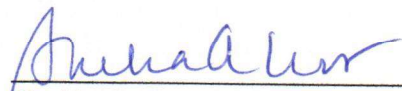
The next budget meeting will be held Monday, September 24, 2018 at 6 p.m. and the budget will also be advertised in the newspaper.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and seconded by Councilman Bert to adjourn.



Vernell Ross, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shelia A. Evans, Town Clerk