



City of Greenacres

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Mayor

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City Manager

July 21, 2016

Mrs. Denise McGrew, City Clerk
City of Greenacres
5800 Melaleuca Lane
Greenacres, Florida

Re: Ordinance 2016-21

Mrs. McGrew:

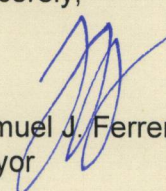
In accordance with the City of Greenacres Charter, Article VI, Section 6. - Mayor's Approval on Ordinances, I hereby exercise my right of veto of Ordinance 2016-21 by not signing the ordinance within my five-day period.

My objections, to be considered by the City Council at the next meeting, are based on the lack of justification for the use of the funds that would be generated by the fire protection ordinance as follows:

1. The proposed additional staffing was proposed by a city council member with no evidence of the need based on general fire practice including call volume and/ response availability.
2. The use of funds in the fire protection assessment fee are not being proposed to more equitably apportion the cost of service to the categories generating and reduce the tax burden on those that have a lower call demand, but actually to generate additional revenue without having to notify the public of a higher ad valorem tax hike.
3. The council discussion that the city has inferior equipment that needs to be repaired or replaced without justification, and needs the fee for such replacement without budgeting for the equipment. In fact, the professional staff recommendation in the budget is for the equipment to be replaced in future years, more in line with the equipment useful life.

In accordance with Article VI, Section 6, if, by the second regular Council meeting following written receipt of my objections, the Council shall then pass the ordinance by a two-thirds vote of the entire Council, it shall become a law. If the Council fails to do so within the specified time, the ordinance shall be deemed to have failed.

Sincerely,


Samuel J. Ferreri
Mayor

Cc: City Manager
City Attorney
City Council