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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting Date: 8-1-16

Motion By: Bousquet Seconded By: Nahle

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**CITY OF GREENACRES
5800 Melaleuca Lane
Greenacres, FL 33463**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING & FY 17 Budget Workshop
Monday, July 18, 2016– 7:00 PM**

1. Call To Order and Roll Call.

Mayor Ferreri called the City Council Meeting and FY 17 Budget Workshop of Monday, July 18, 2016 to order at 7:00 p.m. Denise McGrew, City Clerk/Administrative Services Director, called the roll.

ROLL CALL:

Council Present:

Samuel J. Ferreri, Mayor
Jonathan G. Pearce, Deputy Mayor
Lisa Rivera, Councilwoman
Peter A. Noble, Councilman
Judith Dugo, Councilwoman
Paula Bousquet, Councilwoman

Staff Present:

Andrea McCue, City Manager
Thomas Lanahan, Asst. City Manager/P&E Director
James D. Stokes, City Attorney
Denise McGrew, City Clerk/Admin. Services Director
Michael Grimm, Director/Building
Jim McInnis, Acting Finance Director/Finance
Mark Pure, Fire Chief/Fire Rescue Department
Michele Thompson, Director/Leisure Services
Carlos Cedeño, Director/Public Works
Melody Larson, Assistant to the City Clerk

Attendees from Public: 29
Press: 2

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Samuel J. Ferreri called for a Moment of Silence to remember those who had recently lost their lives around the world and in the line of duty. He followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Comments From the Public for Agenda Items Only.

Mayor Ferreri asked if there were comments from the public; hearing none, he continued with the Agenda.

4. Agenda Approval.

A. Additions, deletions, or substitutions to the Agenda.

B. Motion to approve and adopt entire agenda as set.

Mayor Ferreri inquired if there were any additions, deletions or substitutions to the Agenda. He asked to move Regular Agenda Item A to be placed after Regular Agenda Item C and then called for a motion.

MOTION: Councilwoman Dugo made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended. Councilwoman Bousquet seconded the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman Rivera, Councilman Noble, Councilwoman Dugo, and Councilwoman Bousquet.

Motion carried: 5 - 0.

5. Special Business.**A. PBSO Monthly Report – Captain Sean Murray**

Captain Sean Murray provided the number of business checks, traffic citations and warnings, field information reports, arrests and vehicle burglaries for the month of June, three of which were PBSO patrol cars. He reported that vehicle accidents were slightly down; that the “Harmony in the Streets” program had reached its capacity of 70 children; Walmart had donated 30 bikes for community youth; the Citizens on Patrol (C.O.P.) program was greenlighted with twelve (12) volunteers and in-service training is ongoing. He reported that the “Ignite the Nite” July 4th celebration had 15 officers present at the event. He recognized Deputy Noe Gomez and Ray Fuentes who received a special commendation medal for saving the life of a shooting victim and Detective D’Angelo received an indictment by a grand jury on a 2015 double-murder case. He reminded residents to use the “See Something, Say Something” app as part of PBSO’s “Connect and Protect” program.

Mayor Ferreri called on Council members for comments.

Deputy Mayor Pearce asked Capt. Murray to review the number of traffic citations issued to date, an update on the prostitution rings and information on the drug drop box.

Capt. Murray provided the number of traffic citations, reported on PBSO’s arrests and reverse sting activities to eliminate prostitution occurring outside the City’s boundaries. In May, 15 arrests were made. He talked about the “Pill Drop” program located at District 16 where unused or expired prescription drugs (no needles) can be dropped off between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Needles must be dropped off at the Department of Health.

6. Consent Agenda.

A. Mayor Ferreri asked Council if they wished to pull any of the seven (7) Consent Agenda items; hearing none, he called for a motion.

1. **Official Minutes:** City Council Workshop of June 2, 2016 – Denise McGrew, City Clerk.
2. **Official Minutes:** City Council Meeting of June 6, 2016 – Denise McGrew, City Clerk.
3. **Official Minutes:** City Council Meeting of June 20, 2016 – Denise McGrew, City Clerk.
4. **Plat Approval (SP-15-05):** Approval of the Plat for Family Dollar located on the north side of Tenth Avenue North between Jackson and Walker Avenues; pursuant to Staff Memo and Plat – Thomas J. Lanahan, Assistant City Manager/Planning & Engineering Director.
5. **Florida League of Cities (FLC) Annual Conference Voting Delegate:** Designation of the Voting Delegate for the 90th Annual FLC Conference to be held in Hollywood, FL on August 18-20, 2016; pursuant to Council Memo – Samuel J. Ferreri, Mayor.
6. **Resolution No. 2016-30:** Satisfying certain liens imposed against residential property, pursuant to Section 15-32, City of Greenacres Code; pursuant to Staff Memo – James McInnis, Acting Finance Director.
7. **Countywide FY 2016 JAG:** Approving the distribution of FY 2016 JAG funds by the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission; pursuant to Staff Memo – Andrea McCue, City Manager.

MOTION: Councilwoman Rivera made a motion to approve the seven (7) Consent Agenda items. Councilwoman Dugo seconded the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman Rivera, Councilman Noble, Councilwoman Dugo, and Councilwoman Bousquet.

Motion carried: 5 - 0.

7. **FY 2017 Budget Workshop – Follow-up:** Andrea McCue, City Manager and James McInnis, Acting Finance Director.

City Manager Andrea McCue reported that a cost analysis on the new positions based on Council's direction at the June 20, 2016 City Council Meeting and FY 17 Budget Workshop would be presented. She noted that some assumptions such as the fire assessment were included in order to determine the impact on the FY 17 Budget. She reviewed the Budget Calendar from June to October and the proposed T.R.I.M. public hearing dates of September 8th and 13th.

Mrs. McCue noted that the positions being shown were submitted by the Departments together with the positions proposed by Council. She cautioned Council that the amounts budgeted were based on the anticipated start date in FY 17 of each position, not for a 12-month period. Not all will be filled by October 1, 2016. The total amount for FY 17 is estimated at \$787,405. Additionally, there was a request for three (3) PBSO positions: law enforcement aide, a community service aide and a motor deputy sheriff for an additional \$322,016. Another \$35,025 has also been included for a Youth Development Specialist for Leisure Services whose funds will come out of the (105) Fund. The total amount for all positions for FY 17 is \$1,144,446 as filled, and \$1,569,472 fully burdened by FY 18.

Mayor Ferreri asked for an explanation for the audience of the 105 Fund.

Assistant City Manager Thomas J. Lanahan explained that the 105 Fund is an enterprise fund used for the City's afterschool program funded by grant monies from the Children's Services Council (CSC). Funds are based on enrollment and reimbursements are used to staff the program. The City's program is now Gold Seal Certified which increased the funding. The additional \$35,025 will come from that Fund and not from the General Fund.

Discussion followed on the 105 Fund being an enterprise fund, simply being a bookkeeping entry, accounting for staff, recouping all or a percentage of the grant funding, being based on the number of children who participate in the program, being a successful program.

Councilwoman Dugo questioned the position for a Plans Examiner. She asked if the City currently had such a position and if so, who performed those duties?

Mr. Lanahan explained that all positions listed here are in addition to current staffing. The Building Official currently serves as the Plans Examiner. He pointed out that on the revenue side, the Building Department has vastly exceeded the permit revenue for FY 16 since the workload has increased substantially.

Councilwoman Bousquet asked if some of the work of the Plans Examiner position was being outsourced. She asked if there will be some type of savings to offset the cost of an employee.

Mr. Lanahan said yes, the City has a contract with an outside firm that has provided inspector support and plans review when needed. There may be a need for inspections and a lesser need for plans review.

Councilwoman Rivera questioned the cost of the proposed receptionist position for the Fire Rescue Department being high. Regarding the proposed firefighter/EMT positions, she questioned if the Fire Rescue Department had room to accommodate those positions efficiently?

Mrs. McCue explained that for Firefighters \$50,000 is for a fully-burdened position (including benefits). Housing accommodations are available and shifts would be staggered. The space created after current renovations would need to be looked at again.

Fire Protection Services Assessment – Mrs. McCue explained that based on Council discussions of \$60 for single/family residential units, \$38 for multi-family, etc., it is estimated that \$1 million in revenue would be generated.

The General Fund Revenue & Expenditure Summary – Assuming the fire protection services assessment program is implemented and generates \$1,009,088, and assuming the millage rate remains at 6.0854 mills, new personnel at a cost of \$787,405 and 3 new PBSO positions at a cost of \$322,016, provides a deficit of \$459,171 for FY 17.

Councilwoman Rivera asked, for sake of conversation, the fire assessment could always be dropped, correct?

Mrs. McCue pointed out that once Council establishes fire assessment rates, Council can lower them but they cannot be increased once the Final Assessment Resolution is passed. If the fire assessment is decreased, the amount of revenue would also decrease.

Mayor Ferreri questioned the \$400,00 increase in personnel slated for the middle of FY 17. He asked what type of increase in assessments would the City be considering? If Council does not raise the millage rate, then the City must count on reserves to cover the \$459,171; that leaves another \$400,000 off the base (no salary or health benefits included). As we buy down our reserve funds and get closer to our 25% safety net, the City will have less to rely on in the future.

Mrs. McCue pointed out that in FY 18 personnel costs are fully burdened assuming a 4% increase for salary and health. If Council continues with the fire assessment program and keeps the millage rate flat with no rolled-back rate, it does not increase the millage.

Operating Millage Rates – Mrs. McCue stated that the FY 16 millage rate of 6.0854 generated \$1.5 million in property tax revenues. Increases in property tax revenue due to new construction is estimated at \$741,375. Looking at a rolled-back rate of 5.6109 mills, \$45,828 would be generated mainly due to new construction.

Average Property Taxes for Single-Family Homes - The impact on homes for non-homesteaded properties, using \$150,000 assessed value and keeping the ad valorem rate of 6.0854, the increase in taxes would be \$82.74, plus a \$60 fire protection assessment totaling \$142.74 in City taxes.

For homesteaded properties, the increase would be \$13.69 plus a \$60 fire protection assessment totaling \$73.69 in City taxes.

For non-homesteaded condos with an assessed value of \$40,000, the increase would be \$22.06 plus a \$38.00 fire protection assessment, totaling \$60.06 in City taxes. For homesteaded condos, the increases would be \$3.65 plus a \$38.00 fire protection assessment, totaling \$41.65 in City taxes.

Councilman Noble questioned using the market value of \$40,000 for homesteaded condos noting that some are worth much more. If the market value of a condo was \$80,000 the taxes would be double.

Councilwoman Dugo asked what was the percentage of single-family homes versus condominiums in the City.

Mr. Lanahan replied, 60/40, 65/35.

Councilwoman Bousquet pointed out that on a \$40,000 home, the ad valorem is \$94.00 and the fire assessment is \$38.00, which is roughly a 40% increase in taxes. She stated that she would rather raise revenue through the millage rate than a flat across-the-board assessment.

Deputy Mayor Pearce pointed out that there is a 10 mill cap of which the City is already at 6.0854 mills. When municipalities raise their millage rates, they never come down. By implementing a non-ad valorem assessment, everyone pays. These funds are earmarked for the City's Fire Rescue Department for fire equipment. Once the City is fully staffed and funded, the fire protection assessment can be eliminated, instead of raising the millage.

Councilwoman Bousquet disagreed. "You won't get rid of the fire protection assessment, any more than you will roll back taxes, which the City has done in the past. This is an unfair tax and Council is punishing residents who live in less valued homes; you're hitting seniors living on fixed incomes."

Councilman Noble agreed, stating that seniors do in fact have a lower tax rate for a reason. "I don't know how fair it is to say they're not paying their share and therefore the City has to tax them. With respect to the \$1 million generated by the fire assessment, those funds can only be used for fire equipment, not as revenue. Also to be considered is that the City is expecting to receive \$2 to \$3 million from the 1 cent surtax if approved by voters in November". He therefore did not feel this tax was necessary.

Councilwoman Dugo pointed out that the City has a choice of either raising taxes or implementing a fire assessment. No one is taking into account the purpose of the assessment which is needed to replace a 2001 platform ladder truck that the City cannot order parts for because the company went out of business. There is another fire engine that needs replacing and the City is having difficulty finding parts. General firefighting equipment is also needed as well as extrication equipment. For \$5/month she could not see why it could not be provided. How otherwise do you pay for these items? They're not included in the budget. She believed the fire assessment was a fair and equitable assessment.

Councilwoman Rivera asked if instead of a fire assessment, if the funds are taken from the General Fund or the Unassigned Reserves, "would that not drop the City below the required 25% mark?"

Mrs. McCue explained that Council has two options; assuming the City moves forward with the fire assessment, it is estimated to generate \$1 million which would provide a deficit of \$459,171 for FY 17, due to the new positions being added. By removing the fire assessment, the City is looking at a \$1.4 million deficit.

Councilwoman Rivera pointed out that without a fire assessment, the millage rate would have to be raised. She asked staff if District 1 contained the highest number of single-family homes than other districts and noted that most are rentals.

Mr. Lanahan explained although this is not something the Planning and Engineering Department tracks, he believed both District I and III have the majority of the single-family homes with some in District II with Lake Worth Hills. Districts IV and V have the majority number of condominiums.

Mayor Ferreri asked if the fire assessment does not pass, how much millage would be needed to generate the \$1.4 million?

Mrs. McCue replied, 1 mill equates to \$1 million for every \$1 billion of property value.

Mayor Ferreri pointed out that the City is nowhere near the 10 mill cap. For the last 29 years, the millage rate and taxes have been kept down. When the fire assessment issue was first raised, he thought it would replace the ad-valorem. Instead, the City is keeping the ad valorem the same and adding \$1.4 million. The question now is do we need to add all these positions in one year or should they be phased in over a 2-3 year period?

Councilwoman Bousquet noted that talking about seniors, the City recently raised the ambulance transport fees by \$300, and the seniors are the ones most affected. Medicare does not cover those added costs. So the argument that seniors do not pay their fair share of services is unfounded.

Councilwoman Dugo reminded Council that the fire assessment fee study was approved by Council on July 6, 2015. On February 1, 2016, Government Services Group was awarded the contract. It has been more than a year and Council is arguing about the study.

Councilman Noble pointed out that Council approved the study, not the assessment. He noted there are some Council that are good at looking at numbers. He believed it was being shown there is more of a need for revenue much greater than expenses. He believed many of the new positions being proposed could be staggered and not filled all in one year. He asked about the City's surplus.

Mrs. McCue with a deficit of \$459,171 and the cost of the new positions, the Unassigned Fund Balance for FY 16 was \$9,072,168. For General Fund for FY 17, less the transfers, our General Fund expenses including the new personnel and the 3 PBSO positions, would be \$26,094,312. She reminded Council that Council Policy No. 18 requires an Unassigned Fund Balance Reserve of 25% of operating expenses for the current fiscal year. Therefore, 25% of the \$26,094,312 comes to \$6,523,578. When you subtract \$9,072,168 - \$6,523,578 = \$2,548,590; our projections for the end of FY 16 are higher than the \$9 million.

Councilman Noble reiterated that the Unassigned Fund Balance is \$9 million and the 25% translates to \$6.5 million which gives the City a little leeway. This would be a good time to use the Fund Balance since typically revenues come in higher than expected.

Mayor Ferreri pointed out that over the last year, the City was taking money from the CIP and rolling them into the City's surplus. Previously, Council voted 3/2 to fund the purchase of fire trucks from the CIP by rolling the funds back into the City's surplus. In the past, the City would fund CIP purchases out 6 years and set money aside for such purposes. Now there are other needs.

Councilmembers discussed \$100,000 for hurricanes and reimbursements by FEMA; the amount of the Contingency Fund; funds from the Unassigned Reserve to fund the \$3.5 million Community Center renovations which is currently under budget; the City's low debt; still paying for the construction of the Municipal Complex; consider taking \$1 million from

the General Fund to fund the needs of the Fire Rescue Department; the available cushion of \$2.5 million; looking at the long term implications and the ability of lowering the fire assessment (if passed); Council's ability to raise or reduce the fire assessment every year; the possibility of the 1 cent infrastructure surtax passing in November, and the estimated \$2.3 million/year for the next 10 years.

Mrs. McCue concluded her follow-up presentation of the FY 17 Budget.

Mayor Ferreri clarified his position on not including all of the proposed new positions in one fiscal year. He stated it appears that this is a quick response to promises made to add firefighters. He clarified that Council agreed to conduct a fire assessment fee study to determine the cost of assessment which came to over \$3.5 million with the maximum assessable amount of \$177 per single-family units. Council has now decided on assessing single-family units at \$60 and condos at \$38 and keeping the millage rate the same due to additional personnel. Even though the economy is improving, he noted that he lives in a homeowner association where 21% of properties are delinquent in paying their maintenance fees; some are in foreclosure. Not everyone is fully recovered; the stock market has done poorly for seniors on fixed incomes. Council must take everything into consideration and look at the big picture. Yes, improvements are needed and can be done in an orderly fashion. The City needs \$400,000+ without any other need being considered.

8. Regular Agenda:

- B. **PUBLIC HEARING:** **Ordinance No. 2016-21:** Second Reading; Relating to the provision of fire services, facilities, and programs throughout the incorporated areas of the City of Greenacres, Florida; authorizing the imposition and collection of fire protection assessments against property; providing certain definitions including a definition for the term "Fire Protection Assessment"; establishing a procedure for imposing fire protection assessments; providing that fire protection assessments constitute a lien on assessed property upon adoption of the assessment roll; providing that the lien for a Fire Protection Assessment, collected pursuant to Sections 197.3632 and 197.3635, Florida Statutes, upon perfection shall attach to the property on the prior January 1, the lien date for ad valorem taxes; providing that a perfected lien shall be equal in rank and dignity with the liens of all state, county, district or municipal taxes and assessments and superior in dignity to all other prior liens, mortgages, titles and claims; authorizing the imposition of interim assessments; providing a procedure for the collection of fire protection assessments; providing a mechanism for the imposition of assessments on government property; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date; pursuant to Staff Memo – Andrea McCue, City Manager.

Denise McGrew, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 2016-21 into the record on second reading.

Mrs. McCue reported that on July 6, 2015, Council considered the process to impose a Citywide non-ad valorem special assessment to fund fire protection services and directed staff to place sufficient funds in the FY 16 budget to cover a fire assessment rate study. An RFP was issued on November 22, 2015 and on February 1, 2016, Council awarded the study to Government Services Group (GSG) who presented their

findings at the June 2, 2016 Council workshop exempting government and institutional properties. On June 20, 2016, Council approved Ordinance No. 2016 on first reading.

GSG presented a 5-year Average Proforma Assessable Budget using a Historical Demand Methodology comprised of one year's worth of service calls was conducted. The maximum amount that can be funded is \$3,510,767 for a 5-year period. Mrs. McCue noted that Council approval is needed to move forward, if not approved on 2nd reading, the Initial Fire Assessment Resolution will not be needed.

Mayor Ferreri called on Council members for comments.

Councilwoman Dugo asked how many cities have a fire assessment.

Sandy Melgarejo of GSG, reported that in Palm Beach County, Boynton Beach has had an assessment for over 10 years and West Palm Beach has had one since 2008; most cities in Broward County also have assessments. She reported that GSG has worked on over 100 fire assessments throughout the State.

Mayor Ferreri pointed out that this doesn't have the same lien implications like not paying your taxes; it's more like a garbage bill lien. "What is the status of holding a lien for non-payment and what is the collection rate?"

Mrs. Melgareja explained that a fire assessment is a Home Rule revenue source; the ordinance is procedural and allows the option to implement a fire assessment. In order to consider the second part of the process, the City would need to adopt the Final Assessment Resolution to establish the rates. If collected on the tax bill it would have the same enforcement mechanism as your taxes. If not paid, a tax deed will be sold. The City would still get their portion and the homeowner would lose their property. She referred Councilmembers to the Method of Collection and Alternative Method of Collection. (Pg. 13 of the study). She estimated the collection rate of 98-100%.

City Attorney James Stokes agreed; the Ordinance provides the option of collecting either way. It's a matter of the dignity of the lien which has the same dignity as taxes; it has superiority, and even includes the mortgage of the property. If the assessment is placed on the tax bill, the Tax Collector will charge the City to do so or the City can do it ourselves. Even if the property is lost due to non-payment of taxes, the City still receives its share.

Councilwoman Dugo asked the City Attorney if the mortgage holder would notify the homeowner if the assessment is not paid.

Mr. Stokes explained most homeowners pay their taxes through their mortgage company. This will appear as another line item on their tax bill.

Mayor Ferreri opened the meeting to the public. He asked if anyone was in favor of, Ordinance No. 2016-21 to come forward. Seeing no one come forward, he asked anyone opposed to Ordinance No. 2016-21 to come forward and state their name for the record. He reminded the audience to limit their comments to 3 minutes.

Sandra Bernstein, a resident of River Bridge for over 20 years, noted that 2,000 calls were made to residents to appear at this meeting. She noted that residents are very

upset about this assessment but didn't want to show because they are aware that the same three Council members pass things they don't want. Her children have trouble paying their mortgage and maintenance fees as it is. If Council continues to add on taxes, young people won't be able to afford their homes and will either move back in with their parents or move out. Seniors are on a fixed income that does not increase every year. "I cannot afford for Council to continue adding onto my taxes; it will force me and many others to move out of Greenacres. You say it is for the Fire Department; that it is necessary." She believed it has more to do with promises made to the Fire Department who supported their campaigns.

Denise Rutherford of Ramblewood Circle stated that she received information from PBSO showing what they do for the citizens of Greenacres. However, she had not heard from the Fire Rescue Department. She asked, how many fires have occurred in a week, a month, a year?

Deputy Mayor Pearce pointed out that Greenacres also provides Fire Rescue services to the City of Atlantis.

Mathew Ledger, Vice President of Public Policy for the Realtors Association of the Palm Beaches, stated that the argument of other cities having fire assessments is silly. "As the governing body of Greenacres, you're holding taxpayer's money in your hands. They are angry. Tonight Council is asking residents to pay an additional fire assessment tax plus increase property taxes." He urged Council members to be fiscally responsible.

Jane Justice of Park Point stated that she received a call about this. She noted that she is not a senior citizen and pointed out that many have a decrease in income with homeowner association fees. She is considering moving out of Greenacres. "What is the Afterschool Fund and from where does the reimbursed revenue come?"

Mayor Ferreri explained how the City had a problem with latchkey children. So the City looked at where tax dollars were going and how the City could get some of that money back to help local youth. The Children's Services Council (CSC), a countywide taxing authority, was collecting millions of dollars from Greenacres taxpayers and there were no programs in close proximity. The City solicited the CSC for 2 years and the funds returned to the City created the Cool Zone and Hot Spot programs. Families pay on a sliding scale and the program currently has 150 kids in the program.

Ms. Justice stated that it was obvious that Councilwoman Dugo is pushing the fire assessment through, "enough is enough". She recalled a campaign flyer saying she would not raise taxes.

John Daley, a resident of Pine Ridge South II, for clarification asked, "So a private company has made a 5-year cost projection establishing a cost of \$60 for single-family residential units; is that a flat rate for 5 years or the cost to implement the program for 5 years?"

Mayor Ferreri explained that the study was done to determine the cost to provide fire protection services that was projected out 5 years. The Council chose a rate of 30% of the maximum rate allowed for a single-family residential unit. This rate would be revisited each year.

Mrs. Melgarejo noted it represents an average of the operating costs and equipment for one year projected out for a 5-year period.

Mr. Daley emphasized that those costs are already being paid through property taxes. The assessment would be to pay for equipment and personnel. He asked if a projection had been made for the new positions being proposed for the Fire Rescue Department for the next 5 years? "With the anticipated revenue, will any of those funds be used to pay for the new personnel being proposed and where is this revenue coming from?"

Mrs. Melgarejo believed that none of the new positions were included in the fee study.

Mayor Ferreri explained that the new personnel would be paid for through current property tax revenues and the millage is proposed to remain the same. He explained that the PBC Property Appraiser has already provided municipalities with their assessed property values for 2017, so the City knows the numbers.

Mr. Daley asked if property taxes are increasing and the expenses of the Fire Rescue Department are met through the General Fund, is it necessary to implement a fire assessment?

Mrs. McCue reported that the taxable value for 2017 is \$1,526,929,752; a 9.06% increase from 2016. The total taxable value for Greenacres is \$8.9 million.

Mr. Daley asked if the City had projected out the full cost including benefits for the new positions, was this a wish list from department heads. He urged Council to take a hard look at the numbers.

Norman Tursky, Vice President of Pine Ridge South II Homeowners Association, stated with a \$9 million surplus there will be a \$1.1 million fire assessment. "With the \$2.5 million in reserves and looking to spend \$1.1 million, the money should come from the Unassigned Reserve, not be added on later. Let's use it now, if it's needed later, then we'll add the fire assessment. Right now, the fire assessment is not needed. If the money is in the bank, don't take it out of our pockets again."

Benjamin Wade of 3550 South 57th Avenue, pointed out that the only reason other cities have fire assessments is because they were broke and couldn't afford to pay their fire personnel. Greenacres has a contract with the City of Atlantis. "What is the cost of that contract and what is the cost the County would have charged Atlantis?"

Mrs. McCue reported approximately \$804,000 is what Greenacres charges the City of Atlantis. It is a 5-year contract and we are in the first year of the 5-year renewal. The renewal begins October 1st.

Mr. Wade stated the City could present Atlantis with a new contract increased by \$200,000 and over the 5-year period the \$1 million will be collected.

Mayor Ferreri explained that the contract with Atlantis is already in place. Atlantis did receive a better deal than with the County which allows the City to operate Station 2. The cost to run Station 2 remains the same with or without a contract with Atlantis

since the number of calls and staffing are the same. Yearly increases are built into the contract.

Bryce Sartori of the Realtors Association of the Palm Beaches, read a 2015 Greenacres press release that the Insurance Office has given Greenacres a PPC rating of 2 out of a 1-10 rating with 1 being the best. "This rating was for fire protection. The City is looking at a triple tax increase: the fire assessment, an increase in ad valorem taxes and a possible 1 cent sales tax. The sales tax alone will hit seniors on fixed incomes the hardest. This fee is a deterrent for future homeowners. Does Greenacres want to be the city that deters future homeowners. He urged Council to be fiscally responsible."

Michelle Goldstein of River Bridge, a school teacher, talked about her monthly homeowner associations fees, plus the fire assessment her pay check does not goes up. She urged Council to find a balance.

George Carnai, an 87-year old retired engineer, explained that he lives on social security with a home that has been paid off. He stated he cannot afford his home but cannot afford to lose his home. Greenacres has been a great city to live in. He stated he lives from check to check and cannot afford any additional taxes.

Howard Reich, an 18-year resident of River Bridge, said he listened to the numbers and believed it is a case of asset management. There's a lot of money floating around with insufficient data. He recommended that Council not approve the fire assessment until they have a handle on all the numbers.

Sandra Bernstein, commented that with the proposed 1 cent sales tax, the City is looking to receive \$2.3 mil for the next 10 years. There's the money the City needs.

Mayor Ferreri closed the meeting to the public and called for comments from Council members.

Councilman Noble stated that the City does not need to pass this Ordinance now; there is no urgency.

Mayor Ferreri asked for how long is the fee study valid.

Mrs. Melgarejo stated that the study is good for 3-5 years. If the Ordinance alone passes, the City would not have to move forward with the program this year; the additional procedures could be followed later.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Pearce made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-21 on second reading establishing a City-wide Fire Protection Services Assessment Program. Councilwoman Dugo seconded the motion.

Discussion on the Motion:

Councilman Noble stated that it is important to talk about citizens on fixed incomes

who cannot control their expenses and are just getting by.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman Rivera and Councilwoman Dugo.
Opposed: Councilman Noble and Councilwoman Bousquet.

Motion carried: 3 - 2. (Mayor Ferreri vetoed Ordinance 2016-21.

- C. **Resolution No. 2016-26:** Determining the Fire Service Assessed Costs and the Services, Facilities or Programs to be provided; establishing the estimated rates for the Fire Protection Assessment against property located within the City for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2016; directing an update to the Assessment Roll; establishing the date and time of a public hearing; and providing for an effective date; pursuant to Staff Memo – Andrea McCue, City Manager.

Denise McGrew, City Clerk, read Resolution No. 2016-26 into the record.

Mrs. McCue explained that adoption of this Resolution is the next step in the process of implementing a fire protection assessment. She reported that various rates were presented to Council by GSG and on June 20, 2016, Council directed staff to calculate the annual fees for the following categories:

Category	Cost per year
Single-Family Residential	\$60 per dwelling unit
Multi-Family (Condos)	\$38 per dwelling unit
Commercial	\$0.12 per square foot
Industrial/Warehouse	\$0.02 per square foot
Institutional	\$0.10 per square foot

This amount represents 33.50% of the 5-year average assessable budget amount and the total estimated net revenue is \$1,009,088. She noted that the Resolution provides for the exemption of government and institutional tax-exempt properties.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Pearce made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-26 as presented. Councilwoman Dugo seconded the motion.

Discussion on the Motion:

Councilwoman Dugo asked without the fire assessment, if \$1 million is taken from the Unassigned Reserves to take care of this year's needs, what happens next year? Our reserve balance decreases. What if we have a major disaster, where does the money come from? Can we increase the fire assessment for Atlantis?

Mrs. McCue explained that in looking at the variance of \$2.5 million cushion and with a \$459,171 deficit that includes the fire assessment, without the fire assessment, the deficit would increase to \$1,489,171. With the \$2.5 million

cushion, the deficit could be covered if the millage remains at 6.0854 mills. If Council decides to use the rolled-back rate, the \$459,171 deficit would increase to over \$800,000. When looking at the total number of positions budgeted for FY 17 the cost for those positions is \$1.1 million and rises to \$1.5 million in FY 18. In FY 18, the cushion will no longer exist to cover the deficit.

Councilwoman Bousquet noted that if we need the money next year Council can reconsider the fire assessment.

Deputy Mayor Pearce reminded Council that the fire union contract negotiations take place next year so Council is trying to get ahead of the game. "Once Council takes money from reserves, a special assessment cannot replenish those reserves". He pointed out that at least three fire rescue/EMS personnel have to man each ambulance transport vehicle that is why the fire engines appear on the scene. He reminded the audience that additional revenues will be coming in FY 17 to help offset the costs.

Discussion between Council and Mrs. Melgarejo followed on the September 8th and 13th budget hearings, setting the millage rate, the August 15th public hearing for the fire assessment, public notices being mailed on July 25th.

Mayor Ferreri called for a vote on the motion.

**VOTE ON
THE MOTION:**

In Favor: Deputy Mayor Pearce and Councilwoman Dugo.

Opposed: Councilwoman Rivera, Councilman Noble, and Councilwoman Bousquet.

Motion failed: 2 - 3.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Councilwoman Rivera made a motion to approve the Initial Fire Protection Services Assessment Resolution No. 2016-16 reducing the assessment for single-family residential units to \$30 and recalculating the fees for multi-family, commercial, industrial/warehouses and institutional. Councilwoman Dugo seconded the motion for discussion purposes.

Discussion on the Motion:

Mrs. Melgarejo explained with a \$25 single-family residential unit, a \$16 multi-family residential unit, commercial properties at \$0.06 per square foot, industrial/warehouse at \$0.01 per square foot and institutional at \$0.05 per square foot assessment, it would net the City approximately \$408,000. She offered to work out the calculations for a \$30 assessment.

Mayor Ferreri asked if Council could simply cut the fees by 50%?

Mrs. Melgarejo explained that due to rounding it might not come out to exactly half the fees discussed earlier.

Councilwoman Rivera stated she has heard what the residents are saying and wants to meet in the middle or use reserves to cover the deficit. She recommended reducing the fire assessment to \$30 per single-family residential unit.

Councilwoman Dugo asked Councilwoman Rivera if she was intending to raise the millage rate or just dip into reserves.

Councilwoman Rivera explained that her position is to satisfy all parties concerned and using the \$2.5 million in reserves would meet the needs of the Fire Rescue Department.

Councilwoman Bousquet stated that she was against a fire assessment in principle and even a \$30 assessment might not seem high for some but she believed it should be reconsidered next year.

Councilman Noble stated now is not the time to consider a fire assessment; it can be considered at another time.

**VOTE ON
THE MOTION**

In Favor: Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman Rivera, and Councilwoman Dugo.

Opposed: Councilman Noble and Councilwoman Bousquet.

Motion carried: 3 - 2.

City Attorney James Stokes reminded staff that the figures in the original Resolution will need to be changed to reflect Council's vote.

Mayor Ferreri asked Mr. Stokes if he had looked into the Mayor's veto power of Ordinance No. 2016-21 implementing the program.

Mr. Stokes explained that once an ordinance is passed, it must be signed by the Mayor within 5 days. If the Mayor does not sign the ordinance, he has 5 days to submit his objections. The ordinance must appear on an agenda within the next two Council meetings and must receive a 2/3 majority vote in order to pass.

Councilwoman Dugo wanted to know who dropped the ball when renegotiating the contract with the City of Atlantis for fire and emergency services.

Mr. Stokes explained in most large cities there are contract administrators; in the City of Greenacres, most departments handle their own. He explained that an analysis of the calls received by Atlantis and the average cost is \$1,500 per call which is above the ongoing rate of \$1,300 per call within the County.

Deputy Mayor Pearce stated he voted against the current contract with Atlantis because the rates were too low. The City of Boynton Beach receives \$915,000 annual to service the Town of Ocean Ridge who has 200 residents less than the City of Atlantis. Greenacres is well under market value. He instructed Mr. Stokes to review the contract but was denied; hence the reason for the fire assessment.

- A. **FY 2017 Budget - Proposed Millage Rate and Announcement of the Public Hearing Dates:** Approving the setting of the proposed millage rate and setting the public hearing dates for September 8, 2016 and September 13, 2016; pursuant to Staff Memo – Andrea McCue, City Manager and James McInnis, Acting Finance Director.

Acting Finance Director Jim McInnis, reported that the issuance by the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office of the Certified Taxable Values begins the Truth In Millage (TRIM) process. As part of the FY 17 budget process, Council must establish a millage rate, set the September public hearing dates, and staff must notify the Property Appraiser's Office by July 28, 2016 pursuant to State Statutes. Mr. McInnis reported that property values have increased for the fourth consecutive year following a 47% decline in property values between 2008-2013. The Certified Gross Taxable Value for operating purposes for 2017 is \$1,526,929,752 or 9.1% more than last year's final gross taxable value of \$1,400,025, 067 and is due to a rise in property values plus new construction of \$8,514,995.

Based on the proposed FY 17 budgeted revenues and expenditures (including the \$1 million fire assessment), together with the proposed new positions, staff recommends maintaining the current millage rate of 6.0854 mills for FY 17, creating a projected deficit of \$459,171. The projected deficit can be managed responsibly by using unassigned fund balance reserves while maintaining a minimum of unassigned fund balance in excess of 25% of budgeted operating expenditures as required by Council Policy No. 18.

Maintaining the millage rate of 6.0854 mills for FY 17, would generate \$741,375 in additional ad valorem revenues or 9.1% over FY 16. Florida Statutes require the City to calculate a rolled-back millage rate equivalent to the millage rate that would generate the same property tax revenue levied in the prior year which is 5.6109 mills that would generate \$8,567,450 before discounting the property tax revenue for paying early (up to 4%).

Mr. McInnis reminded Council that once the millage rate is included in the TRIM advertisement, the rate can be lowered but cannot be raised. Therefore, staff recommends setting the proposed millage rate at 6.0854 mills for FY 17 and setting the two TRIM hearings for September 8th and 13th.

Mayor Ferreri called for a motion to set the TRIM hearing dates.

MOTION: Councilwoman Dugo made a motion to approve setting the T.R.I.M. public hearing dates for September 8th and 13th. Councilman Noble seconded the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman Rivera, Councilman Noble, Councilwoman Dugo, and Councilwoman Bousquet.

Motion carried: 5 - 0.

Mayor Ferreri noted that Council has three (3) options to consider:

- 1) Approve a reduced fire assessment which produces a projected deficit of \$459,171 which equates to approximately \$1 million, taking \$1 million out of the Unassigned Reserves.
- 2) Eliminate the fire assessment, take \$1.5 million from the Unassigned Reserve.
- 3) Raise the millage ½ mill which would generate approximately \$500,000.

He called for a motion to set the millage rate for FY 17.

MOTION: Councilman Noble made a motion to use the rolled-back millage rate of 5.6109 mills. No one seconded the motion

Motion failed.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Councilwoman Dugo made a motion to keep the millage rate of 6.0854 mills. Councilwoman Rivera seconded the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman Rivera, Councilwoman Dugo and Councilwoman Bousquet.

Opposed: Councilman Noble.

Motion carried: 4 - 1.

- D. **PUBLIC HEARING:** **Ordinance No. 2016-25:** Second Reading; Amending Chapter 4, entitled "Buildings and Building Regulations", of the City of Greenacres Code to include the "2016 Revised Amendments to Chapter One of the Florida Building Code 5th Edition" and therein revise the membership of the Building Board of Adjustment and Appeals, providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in code; and providing for an effective date; pursuant to Staff Memo – Michael Grimm, Building Director.

Denise McGrew, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 2016-25 into the record on second reading.

Building Director Michael Grimm reported that the Building Board of Adjustments and Appeals (BBAA) was established through local administrative amendments to the Florida Building Code. The BBAA hears timely appeals of decisions made by the Building Official and the Fire Marshal. The BBAA can continue reviewing Florida Fire Protection Code cases as long as 1 member of the Board is a fire protection professional. Ordinance No. 2016-25 is to adjust our local amendment to Chapter One of the Florida Building Code to include a member of the fire protection industry. Therefore, staff recommends approval of Ordinance No. 2016-25.

Mayor Ferreri called on Council members for comments; hearing none, he opened the meeting to the public. He asked if anyone was in favor of, or opposed to, Ordinance No. 2016-25 to come forward. Seeing no one come forward, he closed the meeting to the public and called for a motion.

MOTION: Councilwoman Bousquet made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-25 on second reading. Deputy Mayor Pearce seconded the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman Rivera, Councilman Noble, Councilwoman Dugo, and Councilwoman Bousquet.

Motion carried: 5 - 0.

- E. **PUBLIC HEARING:** **Ordinance No. 2016-26:** Second Reading; Amending Chapter 8 of the City of Greenacres Code entitled "Licenses and Business Regulations", Article II ("Alcoholic Beverages") to add Section 8-29 ("Public Possession or Consumption"); incorporating by reference the Palm Beach County ordinance on public possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in code; and providing for an effective date; pursuant to Staff Memo – James D. Stokes, City Attorney.

Denise McGrew, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 2016-26 into the record on second reading.

City Attorney James Stokes stated that Ordinance No. 2016-26 opts into the County's Public Possession or Consumption Ordinance governing open container use as requested by Councilwoman Dugo.

Mayor Ferreri called on Council members for comments; hearing none, he opened the meeting to the public. He asked if anyone was in favor of, or opposed to, Ordinance No. 2016-26 to come forward. Seeing no one come forward, he closed the meeting to the public and called for a motion.

MOTION: Councilwoman Dugo made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-26 on second reading. Councilwoman Rivera seconded the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman Rivera, Councilman Noble, Councilwoman Dugo, and Councilwoman Bousquet.

Motion carried: 5 - 0.

- F. **Ordinance No. 2016-14:** First Reading; Amending the City of Greenacres Code of Ordinances to repeal Chapter 4, Building Regulations, Article I, In General, Section 4-3, Flood Damage Prevention Plan and Floodplain Management Regulations; to adopt a new Chapter 4, Building Regulations, Article III, Floodplain Management; to adopt flood hazard maps; to designate a Floodplain Administrator, to adopt procedures and criteria for development in flood hazard areas and for other purposes; and to adopt local technical amendments to the Florida Building Code; providing for a fiscal impact statement; providing for applicability; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; and providing for an effective date; pursuant to Staff Memo – Michael Grimm, Building Director.

Denise McGrew, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 2016-14 into the record on first reading.

Mr. Grimm reported that in order for City residents to obtain low-cost flood insurance, the City has participated in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) since August 1977. NFIP requires the City to adopt ordinances that meet or exceed FEMA requirements to reduce losses due to floods.

The Florida Department of Emergency Management (DEM) assists and monitors local community floodplain management. The City has adopted previous versions of the DEM Model Floodplain regulations.

In 2010, the Florida Building Code (FBC) through International Code floodplain regulations required local municipalities statewide to make changes to their Floodplain Management Regulations and the local Administrative Amendments to the FBC.

Ordinance No. 2016-14 is the new state-approved model adopted to our local conditions and contains regulatory language, is coordinated between the FBC and NFIP for consistency and requires FBC exempt buildings to comply with the NFIP, clarifies the Building Official as the Floodplain Administrator and establishes different responsibilities, contains higher standards to protect lives and property and enables the City to obtain a better CRS score to help lower insurance rates by 5%.

Mr. Grimm stated that the City currently has no special flood areas and FEMA has produced proposed flood maps (not yet in effect) with designated AE zones.

Residences in AE zones with Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac-backed mortgages will be required to obtain flood insurance. Staff recommends approval of Ordinance No. 2016-14 on first reading.

Mayor Ferreri called on Council members for comments.

Councilman Noble recalled at one time flood insurance rates were high and affected property owners selling their homes. He asked if that has changed.

Mr. Grimm explained that if a property is below the Base Flood Elevation (BFE), rates could be high. He did not expect to have many instances of that happening in Greenacres because the freeboard level is 1 foot above the base level. To improve those levels, the building would have to be raised.

MOTION: Councilman Noble made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-14 on first reading. Councilwoman Rivera seconded the motion.

Discussion on the Motion:

Mayor Ferreri questioned when updated FEMA maps would be finalized since he recalled some properties falling in flood zones. Anything built after 1980, the freeboard would be well above what the City set.

Mr. Grimm explained that it used to be 18" above the crown of the road was in effect for some time. He referred to the Assistant City Manager for the dates of new FEMA maps. He noted that residents will have a timeframe to purchase flood insurance to be grandfathered in.

Assistant City Manager Thomas J. Lanahan reported that the effectiveness of the maps is approximately one year from now. There are still some review processes underway, then FEMA will complete their revisions and send out notices and publish an advertisement. The City then has six (6) months to adopt the changes. As for affected properties, thousands of parcels and millions of dollars in insurance were saved as a result of the City's appeals which appear to have been accepted. He urged residents to obtain flood insurance now to save. There are a few small areas in the Original Section and some in Lake Worth Hills.

Councilwoman Dugo recalled one of the areas the City appealed was the south end of River Bridge.

Mr. Lanahan reported that the appeal cost the City \$20,000 but the savings to residents far exceeded that amount.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman Rivera, Councilman Noble, Councilwoman Dugo, and Councilwoman Bousquet.

Motion carried: 5 - 0.

- G. **Board Appointments:** Reappointments and/or appointments to the Public Safety Officers and Firefighters Board of Trustees; pursuant to Staff Memo – Andrea McCue, City Manager.

Mrs. McCue reported that at the direction of Council, a new nomination period was established for the BOT that ended on July 11, 2016. She reported that one application was received for appointment by Arnold Silverman. Current Board member Anderson Thelusme notified the City of his intent to withdraw from the Board. Staff recommends appointment of Mr. Silverman to the BOT with a term expiration date of July 18, 2020.

MOTION: Councilwoman Dugo made a motion to appoint Arnold Silverman to the Public Safety Officers/Firefighters Board of Trustees. Councilwoman Bousquet seconded the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman Rivera, Councilman Noble, Councilwoman Dugo, and Councilwoman Bousquet.

Motion carried: 5 - 0.

9. **Comments from the Public.** None.

10. **Discussion Item:**

- A. **City Council Policy No. 14 – Council Communication with Staff** – James D. Stokes, City Attorney.

Mr. Stokes reported receiving some comments from Council members and asked for Council's direction.

Mayor Ferreri suggested that this policy be given to the Charter Review Committee for inclusion in the Charter as is the case with many other municipalities

MOTION: Councilwoman Rivera made a motion to defer this item to the August 1, 2016 City Council meeting. Councilwoman Bousquet seconded the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman Rivera, Councilman Noble, Councilwoman Dugo, and Councilwoman Bousquet.

Motion carried: 5 - 0.

B. **City Attorney Evaluation Form** – Andrea McCue, City Manager.

Mrs. McCue stated back in May, Council discussed a review of the City Attorney. The City Clerk used an ICMA evaluation form from their website for Council acceptance or revisions to the form.

Mayor Ferreri asked Council if they were in agreement with the form provided.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor made a motion to approve the form as presented. Councilwoman Bousquet seconded the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman Rivera, Councilman Noble, Councilwoman Dugo, and Councilwoman Bousquet.

Motion carried: 5 - 0.

Deputy Mayor Pearce referred to an email that was sent to the Mayor and Council by the City Attorney regarding his fees for negotiating the PBSO contract as well as other projects worked on above and beyond his duties. "We finally have that number"

and he asked if everyone had read the email. He requested Council's authorization to meet with the City Attorney to negotiate and bring something back to Council for consideration.

Councilwoman Dugo stated she did not receive the referenced email.

Mayor Ferreri felt it should be part of the City Attorney's evaluation.

Councilwoman Rivera said she did not have a problem with Deputy Mayor Pearce sitting down with the City Attorney for negotiations, but first wanted to see the evaluation comments.

Councilwoman Dugo asked if the Mayor and Council members would be the only ones evaluating the City Attorney and recommended they include comments from Department heads as well.

The Mayor, Council members and staff agreed that as a Charter Officer, the City Attorney should be evaluated only by the Mayor and Council.

Deputy Mayor Pearce wanted Council to vote on conducting the evaluation and authorize negotiations at the same meeting. He also suggested conducting an evaluation of the City Manager at the same time using the same ICMA form.

Mayor Ferreri called for consensus;

Councilman Noble: Wait.

Councilwoman Dugo: Wait for the evaluation.

Councilwoman Rivera: Ok with doing both and negotiations.
Councilwoman Bousquet: Wait.

The consensus was 3/2 to wait on the negotiations until the evaluation is completed.

11. Staff Comments:

A. **City Manager's Report:** None.

B. **City Attorney's Report.** None.

12. Mayor and City Council Reports.

Deputy Mayor Pearce

Deputy Mayor Pearce thanked Leisure Services Director Michele Thompson and staff on the successful "Ignite the Nite" event for July 4th. He also thanked PBSO Capt. Murray.

Councilwoman Rivera

Councilwoman Rivera thanked Leisure Services Director Michele Thompson for executing a wonderful "Ignite the Nite" and commended Capt. Murray for providing a large police presence during the event and his efforts in making the City safe.

Councilwoman Dugo

Councilwoman Dugo echoed Councilwoman Bousquet's comments about the budget and noted it was a pleasure hearing from them. She also thanked Fire Chief Mark Pure.

Councilwoman Bousquet

Councilwoman Bousquet complimented Mrs. McCue and Mr. McInnis on their excellent budget presentation on such a short notice.


Mayor Ferreri

Mayor Ferreri congratulated Mrs. McCue and her staff for their budget presentation.

13. Adjournment.

Councilwoman Rivera moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Dugo. The meeting adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

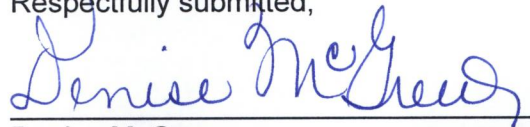
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Samuel J. Ferreri
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Respectfully submitted,



Denise McGrew,
City Clerk/Administrative Services Director

Date Approved: 8-1-16

