

**MINUTES
TOWN OF LAKE CLARKE SHORES
TOWN COUNCIL SECOND PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2006
6:30 PM**

I. Meeting Called To Order

Mayor Kelley called the Budget Hearing to order at 6:30 PM.

A) The following members and officials were present:

Mayor H. David Kelley, Jr.
Vice Mayor Robert M. W. Shalhoub
Council Member Valentin Rodriguez
Council Member Thomas Mayes, Jr.
Town Administrator Joann Hatton
Town Clerk Jo Plyler
Mary Pinkerman, Permit/License Supervisor
Police Chief Wes Smith
Town Finance Director Bill Thrasher
Attorney James Watt

The following official was absent:

President Pro Tem Malcolm Lewis

II. Discussion on Proposed 2006-2007 Fiscal Year Town Budget

A) Finance Director Bill Thrasher, announced that the 2006-2007 proposed balanced budget consists of general fund revenues of \$2,632,727 and general fund expenditures at \$2,632,727 based on a calculated taxable assessed value of \$246,611,986. The current proposed 5.3164 millage rate remains for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. The proposed millage rate is 14.46% higher than the 4.6446 rollback rate.

B) Council Member Rodriguez

No Comment.

Vice Mayor Shalhoub

No Comment.

Council Member Mayes

No Comment.

Mayor Kelley

In response to question from Mayor Kelley, Mr. Thrasher stated that the budget was calculated from action taken by the Town Council at the First Public Budget Hearing on September 12th to reflect a 4% COLA and 3.5% Merit for salary increases.

C) Audience Comments

The following residents spoke in support of the proposed budget as it relates to salary increases and benefits for the Town Employees:

Gary Goldstein, 8323 Pine Tree Lane

Ed Degouw, 7800 Pine Tree Lane

William Murphy, 1841 Evergreen Dr.

D) ORDINANCE #06-06 - Second Reading

An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Lake Clarke Shores, Florida, Setting and Fixing a Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2006/2007 at 5.3164 Mills.

Vice Mayor Shalhoub made a motion to approve Second Reading of Ordinance #06-06, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez; motion approved (3-1), Council Member Mayes opposed.

E) ORDINANCE #06-07 - Second Reading

An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Lake Clarke Shores, Florida, adopting a Budget for Fiscal Year 2006/2007.

Vice Mayor Shalhoub made a motion to approve Second Reading of Ordinance #06-07, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez; Motion approved (3-1), Council Member Mayes opposed.

Mayor Kelley thanked Town Administrator Joann Hatton and Finance Director Bill Thrasher for their efforts with regard to the budget and appreciated all who came and participated in the public budget hearings. The Mayor further stated that he looks forward to moving ahead with final plans for a new Municipal Complex in the new fiscal year.

III. Adjournment

Vice Mayor Shalhoub made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 PM, seconded by Council Member Mayes; motion approved (4-0).

H. David Kelley, Jr., Mayor

Jo H. Plyler, Town Clerk

If an individual decides to appeal any decision made by the Town Council with respect to this meeting, a verbatim transcript may be required. If so, the individual should make provisions for a transcript to be made at the meeting. (Ref. F.S.S. 286.0105) Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting, please advise the town at least two (2) calendar days before the hearing by contacting Joann Hatton at (561) 964-1515, Ext. 12.