

**FINAL AGENDA AND MINUTES
TOWN OF JUPITER
TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2020**

Mayor Wodraska called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Mayor Todd R. Wodraska; Vice-Mayor Ilan Kaufer; Councilor Ron Delaney; Councilor Jim Kuretski; Councilor Cameron May; Town Manager Matt Benoit; Town Attorney Thomas J. Baird and Town Clerk Sally M. Boylan.

1. Discussion of Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2021.

Mr. Scott Reynolds, Budget Manager, gave a brief presentation which included impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic; impacts to the reserves; optimistic approaches for the Ad Valorem Tax allocations; vacant job positions; and healthcare premiums.

Councilor Kuretski asked for an action item to be placed under expenditure increases for the Police Department regional communication increase to identify the percentage of calls received. Mr. Benoit explained this year Tequesta had joined the system which would account for a percentage to them. Mr. Reynolds stated he would provide the information.

Mr. Reynolds continued to review the presentation which included new job positions; possible impacts to the general fund from COVID-19; property valuations – historical perspective; revenue assumptions; expense assumptions; water fund; stormwater fund; building fund; and policy guidance items.

Councilor Kuretski stated he was grateful for the Town Managers leadership and appreciated that the Town has not used the fund balance reserve for the past three years, especially in these uncertain times. He also stated he would like to keep the fund balance handy to show the savings, he would like to hold off on making changes to the 85/15 split regarding the Ad Valorem General Fund, and would like to continue to defer filling vacant positions to balance the budget.

Councilor Kuretski also indicated he supported the roll back of the Health Insurance premium increase to five percent from 10 percent, to help employees.

Mr. Reynolds stated he would include a slide regarding the fund balance at the next workshop.

Councilor Delaney agreed with Councilor Kuretski regarding the leadership from Mr. Benoit, Mr. Vilella and Mr. Reynolds. He also agreed to hold off on the 85/15 split.

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Mayor Wodraska spoke on the TRIM notice and explained Staff was recommending to keep the tax rate flat from the prior year. He also mentioned the rate could decrease at the second hearing depending on many factors.

Councilor May supported Councilor Kuretski regarding the reduction of the insurance premium to five percent.

Mayor Wodraska asked the Police Chief to give a brief update about current events and how the department was responding.

Chief Kerr gave an update regarding two protests in the Town and said everyone was protected and traffic was managed. He also noted the Town of Jupiter Police Force already had policies in place regarding actions people were protesting. He mentioned several service standards awards and accreditations associated with the department. Chief Kerr explained response times and the level of community involvement within the Town.

Mayor Wodraska and Councilor Kuretski thanked the Chief and commended the department.

Council discussed upcoming meetings and protocols. Mayor Wodraska said the plan for the next meeting was to meet in person and asked each Councilor to contact the Town Manager if there were any concerns.

Mr. Baird and Council discussed a scheduled Attorney Client Session for July 7, 2020 and pending mediation.

ADJOURNMENT – 6:44 PM

Sally M. Boylan, Town Clerk

Todd R. Wodraska, Mayor