

City of Jacksonville Beach
Minutes of Fiscal Year 2019 Council Budget Tour
Friday, August 3, 2018 – 2:00 P.M.

The Council Budget Tour began at 2:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

City Council Members in attendance:

Mayor Charlie Latham

Lee Buck (*Late*)

Christine Hoffman

Bruce Thomason (*Absent*)

Phil Vogelsang (*Absent*)

Jeanell Wilson

Keith Doherty (*Absent*)

Fiscal Year 2019 Council Budget Tour

Budget Overview

George Forbes and Karen Nelson with the City Manager's Office, along with Department Heads, presented an overview of the proposed Fiscal Year 2019 budget. (Copy of PowerPoint presentation on file)

Mr. Forbes summarized the City's financial condition. Mr. Forbes stated the City is in excellent financial condition. The City will be holding the millage rate at 3.9947, and the \$162,517,823 proposed budget for 2019 is 1.3 percent less than the current year. Government debt will be retired in March 2019, Utility debt in October 2020. The Electric Rates have been reduced by \$24 per 1,000-kilowatt hours since March 2010, and Garbage and Stormwater rates have not been raised in 25+ years.

Mr. Forbes further discussed the City's pension contributions, provided an overview of Utilities Enterprise fund expenses and discussed the possibility of contracting out the Fire Services to the City of Jacksonville.

Downtown Drainage & Infrastructure Improvement Projects

Director of Public Works, David Millinor provided an overview of the following Downtown Drainage & Infrastructure Improvement projects:

- Beach Blvd – 4th Ave. S.
- 11th Ave s. – 13th Ave. S
- Golf Course Drainage Channel Improvements
- 12th Ave. channel – Intracoastal
- 11th Ave. S – 7th Ave. S. (East of A1A)
- 7th Ave. S. – 4th Ave. S (East of A1A)
- 16th Ave. S. – 13th Ave. S. (East of A1A)
- 3rd Street N. (A1A) Water Main improvements
- Design and construction of dune walkovers and extended outfalls
- Stormwater projects in South end CRA District

Parks and Recreation Projects

Director of Parks and Recreation, Jason Phitides provided an overview of the following projects:

- Multipurpose field
- Exercise equipment
- Additional Splash Pad (toddlers)

Zoll Cardiac Monitor Replacement

Fire Captain, Dallis Hunter, explained the Fire Department's current defibrillators were purchased in 2006 and need to be replaced. The department is proposing to purchase three new Zoll Cardiac Monitors costing approximately \$40,000 each. The department would purchase one new defibrillator a year for three years.

Ocean Rescue

Ocean Rescue Supervisor, Rob Emahiser presented a brief overview of the following topics:

- Extensive training for all Ocean Rescue personnel
- Possible drone purchase and its advantage
- Positive results regarding staffing the summer positions by offering the \$500 incentive program

Beaches Energy Services (BES) projects:

Director of Beaches Energy, Allen Putnam presented an overview of the following projects:

- BES recently accepted delivery of a 100-foot bucket truck, which was budgeted in last year's budget. The new bucket truck will be used to repair transmission lines.
- Guana Transformer Addition: Mr. Putnam explained this project would improve system capacity, redundancy, and reliability. Mr. Putnam stated the estimated project duration would be from 24-36 months. Mr. Putnam explained the consultant has prepared the transformer bid and specifications as well as the engineering design. The transformer has already been delivered, assembled and tested. Construction for the project is scheduled for spring 2018 to spring 2019.
- Sampson Substation: In FY2019, one of the 112 MVA transformers at the Sampson Substation would be replaced with a new 224 MVA transformer.
- Distribution Automation Plan: Mr. Putnam stated existing hook switches would be replaced by gang switches. This would allow operation without the use of a bucket truck. By using "gang switches," it would allow for the ability to add remote controlled operational equipment and faster power restoration.
- Capital Improvement Projects: Overhead Feeder Rebuilds – wood to concrete: Mr. Putnam stated this project would take place in three phases; 10th Avenue South, Roscoe Boulevard North Phase 2 and Roscoe Boulevard North Phase 3. This project would take approximately 10-12 months to complete. The goal of the project is to replace wood poles with concrete poles. Design and construction are scheduled for FY2019.

- Mr. Putnam stated Beaches Energy Services (BES) has also started using fiberglass extensions to reduce line to ground faults by increasing the separation between line and pole and therefore increasing reliability for the customers by 60%.
- Overhead to Underground Conversion Project: Mr. Putnam stated Bay Road and Rosewood Drive area would be converted to underground lines.
- Mr. Putnam reviewed the 2017 Calendar Year Distribution Reliability Indices comparison chart showing the following:

BES Average Minutes Out per Customer = 18.23 and BES Average Number of Times Out per Customer – 0.33 which are among the most reliable as compared to other municipal electric utilities.
- Electrical Engineer Project Supervisor, Mat Seeley stated BES would implement an Outage Management System. This system would allow BES to analyze outages more efficiently and provide BES customers with more detailed information regarding an outage.

Police vehicles and cameras

Police Chief, Pat Dooley stated because of the large amount of equipment the officer's carry and use, the Police Department plans on acquiring more SUVs instead of cars for police vehicles. Chief Dooley also stated within a year, Ford and Chevrolet would discontinue manufacturing police cars and would only be manufacturing police SUVs. He also stated that we must order next year's cars in this budget year, or else they may not arrive for over a year. This is due to scheduling issues with Ford.

Chief Dooley stated the new camera system in the Downtown area is fully operational and has been since July 3, 2018.

Beaches Energy Services Utility Billing

Customer Service Supervisor, Debbie Dineen reviewed BES Customer Service statistics as well as explaining the functions of the new call center.

Automated Meter Reading update

Business Relations and Conservation Coordinator, Rik Amato explained the new Automated Meter Interface (AMI) system. Mr. Amato stated the new meters are fully automated and send the readings to BES every hour. Mr. Amato stated alarms can be set by the AMI system and will alert BES if a customer has a high reading or a potential problem.

Public Works

Director of Public Works, David Millinor presented an overview of the following projects:

- Relining gravity sewer mains
- Water/Sewer main replacements
- Wells 11 & 16
- South water tower
- Air piping replacement at Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Replace digester stairs at Wastewater Treatment Plant

- FDOT drainage system improvements project

Huguenot Tennis Center

Facility Manager of Huguenot Tennis Center, Brecht Catalan stated the tennis center services over 1,300 people a month. With the recent growth in participants, it is planned to convert the existing, under used basketball court into an eighth tennis court. The basketball court would be relocated to an area nearby.

Golf Course

Golf Course Superintendent, Trevor Hughes, and Golf Professional, Sandy Suckling presented an overview of the recent upgrades at the golf course:

- New USGA greens
- Acid injection system
- New PH monitoring system
- Up to 28 hitting areas on the driving range

Mr. Hughes stated the goal for the opening day remains September 1, 2018. Mr. Suckling stated a pairing party and a demo day would be scheduled as part of the grand opening.

The Budget Tour ended at approximately 4:40 P.M.

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Approved:



William C. Latham, Mayor

8/20/18
Date: