

Proceedings of a Palatka City Commission Budget Workshop held by the Palatka City Commission on the 10th day of July, 2001.

PRESENT:	Mayor	Karl N. Flagg
	Commissioner	Mary Lawson Brown
	Commissioner	Hernan Azula
	Commissioner	Ish Edwards
	Commissioner	James Norwood, Jr.

Also Present: City Manager Allen R. Bush, City Clerk Betsy Jordan Driggers, Finance Director Ruby M. Williams, all department heads.

Mayor Flagg called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and read the following call:

June 5, 2001

TO MESSRS: MARY LAWSON BROWN, HERNAN AZULA,
ISH EDWARDS AND JAMES NORWOOD, JR.:

You are hereby notified that a special meeting of the Palatka City Commission is called to be held at the regular meeting place of the City Commission at City Hall, 201 N. 2nd Street, in the City of Palatka at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 10, 2001.

The purpose of the meeting is to hold a budget workshop per the 2001 TRIM Calendar.

/s/ Karl N. Flagg
MAYOR

We acknowledge receipt of a copy of the foregoing notice of a special meeting this 10th day of June, 2001

/s/ Mary Lawson Brown
COMMISSIONER

/s/ Ish Edwards
COMMISSIONER

/s/ Hernan Azula
COMMISSIONER

/s/ James Norwood, Jr.
COMMISSIONER

Mr. Bush said he has provided each Commission with a proposed budget. He noted that the amounts he shows for health insurance are subject to change; he will not have the renewal figures until August. The figures shown are based on customary increases. He knows there will be an increase, but does not know how much at this time.

The commission discussed each line item separately. The following changes were made:

Social Services – removed from line items, all funds placed into contingency. Agencies must make a request to City Commission for funding.

Special Events – decrease to \$1,000. No funds for firework expenditures; all funds to be solicited from Community.

Mayor Salary – increase to \$16,000/year.

Commissioners' Salaries – increase to \$12,000/year.

Streets & Sanitation – add \$1,000 for education/training

Fire – delete funds for Fire Chief's New Vehicle – will not purchase until next year after current chief retires.

Other items:

Fire Protection Rates – outside city limits – rates to be reviewed.

Building & Zoning – look at adding Plans Inspector position

City Hall – add funds to refurbish building.

South Historic District Gas Lights – ask District to fund 50% of cost.

Price Martin Center – look at hiring a position to man facility full-time.

Airport – re-instate Airport Advisory Board; advertise for new participants

All Funds – the Commission would like to see each department submit a 5-year plan with next year’s budgets.

There being no further discussion, the workshop was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR