

Proceedings of a workshop of the City Commission of Palatka, Florida held on the 19th day of December, 2002

PRESENT: Vice Mayor/Commissioner Mary Lawson Brown
 Commissioner James Norwood, Jr.
 Commissioner George Sanders

ABSENT: Mayor Karl N. Flagg
 Commissioner Hernan Azula

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Allen R. Bush, City Clerk Betsy Jordan Driggers, Police Lt. Rodney Harper, Fire Chief Ken Venables, Planning Director Adam Mengel.

Vice mayor Brown called the meeting to order and read the following call:

TO MESSRS: MARY LAWSON BROWN, HERNAN AZULA,
 JAMES NORWOOD AND GEORGE SANDERS

You are hereby notified that a special meeting of the 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 12:00 noon. Thursday, December 19, 2002.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider the adoption of a resolution selecting to used the uniform method of collecting non ad-valorem special assessments levied within the corporate limits of the City, for the cost and provision of fire-rescue services.

/s/ Karl N. Flagg
 Mayor

We acknowledge receipt of a copy of the foregoing notice of a special meeting on the 27th day of November, 2002.

/s/ Mary Lawson Brown

/s/ James Norwood, Jr.

/s/ George Sanders

The Clerk read a resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA, ELECTING TO USE THE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS LEVIED WITHIN THE INCORPORATED AREA OF THE CITY; STATING A NEED FOR SUCH LEVY; PROVIDING FOR THE MAILING OF THE RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Chief Venables said this is a ‘housekeeping’ resolution. If, in the future, the City should decide to look at alternate funding sources for the fire department in lieu of ad-valorem taxes, the City needs to preserve its rights under current legislation to do so. This is a non-binding resolution of intent. If this resolution is not adopted now, and they decide they want to move forward on this before the end of this year for next year’s budget, they would have to go to the Tax Collector or Assessor to get permission to do so. By passing this non-binding resolution, the Commission preserves the City’s right to levy a special tax for the next budget year. This does not commit the City to anything.

Mr. Bush said he recommends they pass the resolution and keep this option open. This will be taken up with the County’s existing fire task force. They need to put this in place so the City can take action on it if they decide to do so.

Commissioner Sanders moved to adopt the resolution as read. Commission Norwood seconded the motion. A roll-call vote was taken with the following results: Commissioner Sanders and Norwood and Vice Mayor Brown, Yes; Nays, none. The resolution was declared adopted.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 upon a motion by Commissioner Norwood.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR