

Recap District 4 Meeting September 6, 2007

Commissioner Steve Gonot presented an overview of the 2008 Proposed Budget for the City of Deerfield Beach. City Manager, Mike Mahaney, answered questions on the proposed budget.

Items of importance include that Deerfield only had to reduce their budget by 5% when other cities in Broward had to make reductions from 7% to 9% as mandated by the State of Florida. One area that is expected to be a large increase is the Fire Assessment Fee which is going to \$99.00 from \$64.00 per single family home (the average for Broward County is \$122.44). The proposed budget includes reducing positions within the City (part time employees will decrease by 60 and full time employees decrease by 42). Commissioner Gonot stated that the majority of staff reduction will take place with not replacing employees who leave and not by laying off people. Mike Mahaney provided a chart of expenses associated with events that take place within the City (such as the cost of Parks & Recreation Staff and BSO Detail). These expenses had never been detailed to the City Commissioners in the past and they will be able to vote on the events they want to include in the upcoming budget.

City of Deerfield Commissioners will vote on the final approval of the budget later in the month.

Commissioner Gonot stated there is \$1,200,000 available to Parks and Recreation from a bond that was passed a few years ago. The money was to have been used at Pioneer Park but there is not enough to complete the plans for this park so the money is going to be used for upgrades to other City Parks. **Waterford Home Parks are expected to benefit with \$100,000 to be spent at SW 28th Avenue, \$100,000 at SW 24th Terrace and \$300,000 at SW 10th Drive. Note: these funds do not include any improvements to the area along SW 10th Street and the Well Field Project as these will be upgraded with other funds.**

Jack Disher, Parks and Recreation, presented drawings of the planned upgrades to our parks and has offered to attend a WHOA Homeowners meeting to get input from our residents before the plans are finalized.

Waterford had a large presence in the room with a number of homeowners in attendance. Once again our neighbors brought up the problems with Clamsters and once again Commissioner Gonot has promised to look into them. Before the meeting started a few of us had a chance to look at the proposals Mike Mahaney had presented for signs at our entrances off SW 10th Street. The problem is that he wants us to pay for 50% with the costs ranging from \$4,875 to \$6,500 for each sign. We will have to try to work out another solution to our request for signage.

Denise Bogner,
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Waterford Homeowners Association