

The Chairman reconvened the meeting and the Board continued with its workshop on the 1999/2000 budget.

Commissioners: Commissioners Vicki Phillips, Chairman; Brad Thorpe, First Vice Chairman; Roger Batchelor, Second Vice Chairman; and Jim Fowler (Gary Bartell was absent)

Attorney: Larry M. Haag, Attorney

Administrator: Gary Kuhl

Management & Budget Director: Cathy Taylor

Consultant: Gary M. Herndon

Clerk: Betty Strifler, Clerk; Joanne B. Mishou, Elicia A. Kuhl, and Theresa Steelfox, Deputy Clerks

ELECTIONS, SUPERVISOR OF (Page 129/\$455,680)

Mr. Herndon explained that the operational budget was within the Board's guidelines, but due to the costs of three elections in the year 2000, the budget would indicate an increase.

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF (Page 133/\$1,404,871)

⇒ **Hazardous Materials**

Mr. Herndon advised that by removing the fuel tank inspections program funded by the Florida Department Environmental Protection it would reduce this budget and eliminate two positions.

⇒ **Fire Administration** (Page 135/\$1,354,433)

⇒ **Beverly Hills Fire Dept.** (Page 137/\$174,270)

Mr. Herndon advised this was a separate MSBU, no increase in the assessment, and the budget included expansion of the fire station.

⇒ **Fire Training Center** (Page 139/\$95,863)

Mr. Herndon stated that this was a new budget to be tracked separately, and that it included one employee.

⇒ **Animal Control** (Page 143/\$488,636)

Mr. Herndon referenced the internal audit that was performed, which required a security system be installed, and that the facility was being hooked up to City water.

COMMUNITY SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

⇒ **Library Services** (Page 147/\$1,768,505)

Mr. Herndon advised that the millage would remain the same and that additional books would be purchased this year rather than construction of a building, as well as purchase of books from the Library-Schitzer Trust.

⇒ **Parks** (Page 155/\$805,516)

⇒ **Beverly Hills Community Park, Skateboard Park:** Mr. Herndon stated that the Beverly Hills Community Park, Skateboard Park, added three part-time employees.

⇒ **Ft. Island Trail Park Boat Ramp:** Discussion occurred on the funding source. Mary Craven stated that there was a balance of \$80,000 in the Boating Improvement Fund and that \$50,000 was committed in the CIP for the Duval Island Boat Ramp. Mr. Saunders advised of a possible purchase of seven acres for the Duval Island Boat

Ramp parking. Discussion continued with Mr. Herndon stating that a decision on the expenditure of the Boating Improvement Funds did not have to be made at this time.

Directive: Staff to determine revenue of Boating Improvement Fund, costs of Duval Island project, etc. (IV-679)
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✧ Fire Training Center

Commissioner Fowler questioned the Center being self-supporting and Mr. Kuhl responded that interest had been expressed, but it would take time to become self-supporting.

⇒ Floral Park Practice Fields

Mr. Saunders responded to Commissioner Fowler's questions of how to include this project in the budget by stating that the property had different elevations which would require fill that could be supplied from the landfill, sod, etc. for a project cost of \$102,000. Commissioners' Thorpe and Phillips stated support if the project was included in the CIP. Mr. Saunders included that the project could be in three phases, with a road, parking lot, etc. in the future, and a five year plan could be developed. Mr. Herndon confirmed that this project would be included in the CIP. Discussion continued.

⇒ Hernando Beach Restrooms

The Chairman suggested that due to the restrooms being heavily utilized at Hernando Beach that project should be funded (\$75,000), and the balance to be used to fund the Floral Park practice fields (\$25,000). Short discussion with Commissioners supporting the Chairman's suggestion.

⇒ Veterans Services (Page 161/\$83,023)

Mr. Herndon stated that this budget included a new position, Assistant Veterans Services Officer, due to the volume of veterans being assisted (15-20 veterans per day).

⇒ Senior Centers Lecanto(Page175/\$70,931) East Side (Page177/\$27,989)

Mr. Herndon advised that the Senior Aide position at the Lecanto Senior Center (Lecanto) was transferred to the East Side Senior Center (East Side) and the Senior Services Coordinator position was transferred from East Side to Lecanto.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR(Page 181/\$431,644)

Mr. Herndon stated that the Architect position had been transferred, the Administrative Services Manager was previously titled Staff Assistant, and that a part-time clerk typist position was added to copy the agenda (previous casual labor), etc.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES(Page 183/\$6,288,543)

Commissioner Phillips questioned the Other Contractual Services account and Mr. Herndon recalled it included funding for a lobbyist at \$20,000, undesignated funds for issues that arise during the year, i.e. salary survey with MGT Corporation came from that account, etc. Mr. Herndon would review documentation on other anticipated services.

Commissioner Fowler questioned the Contract Attorney Fees and Conflict Attorney Fees accounts. Mr. Haag referenced that these funds are for outside counsel, i.e. Florida Rock issue, and the Public Defender conflicts which required hiring of outside counsel. Mr.

