

MARCH 19, 1987

The Board of County Commissioners, Manatee County, Florida, met in SPECIAL SESSION in the Courthouse, Bradenton, Florida, Thursday, March 19, 1987, at 9:04 a.m.

Present were Commissioners:

Westwood H. Fletcher, Jr., Chairman
Edward W. Chance, Vice-Chairman
Kent G. Chetlain
Patricia M. Glass
James J. McGrath

Also present were:

Ronald H. Rabun, County Administrator
Tedd N. Williams, Chief Assistant County Attorney, representing
H. Hamilton Rice, Jr., County Attorney
R. B. Shore, Clerk of Circuit Court
Peter H. Ramsden, Deputy Clerk

Representatives of the various news media were present.

Invocation by Commissioner Edward W. Chance.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fletcher.

All witnesses/staff giving testimony were duly sworn.

WATER & WASTEWATER RATES

Public hearing (continued from 3/10/87) was opened to consider rates, fees and charges for water and wastewater services, as outlined in proposed Resolution R-86-164.

Richard Wilford, Public Works Director, stated that due to the delay in the adoption of the proposed resolution, staff has been able to more accurately project the revenues and they feel the interest income earned is more than previously reported. For that reason, the water rate has been reduced. With regard to the amount of water consumption used to bill for the sewer charge, that has been reduced from 15,000 gallons as a cap to 12,000 as a cap and the rates have been adjusted accordingly.

Speaking in favor of and/or expressing concern with the proposed increase in water and wastewater rates were: Elizabeth Hutchison, Colony Cove; William Skaggs, Westwinds; Harlan Twible.

Mr. Twible submitted copies of (1) the September 1984 issue of American Water Works Association Journal and (2) his remarks made during this public hearing.

Motion was made by Mrs. Glass, and seconded by Mr. Chetlain, to enter into the record a letter from Albert T. Cox, Jr., Town Manager, Longboat Key, urging the Board to postpone approval of any water or wastewater rate increase pending a thorough review of the rate making process. Motion carried unanimously.

Peter Zent, Vice-President of Smith Barney, Tampa, stated he has been working with Manatee County since 1982 in developing a program, relating to water and sewer, to see how bond interest rates, insurance costs, and issuance costs could be reduced.

Also speaking in favor of and/or expressing concern with the proposed increase in water and wastewater rates were: William Maslanka;
(Depart Mr. Chance)
George Sweetman; James Sandridge.

Recess/reconvene. All members present except Mr. Chance.

Motion was made by Mrs. Glass, and seconded by Mr. Chetlain, to enter into the record a letter from William J. Goff, Chairman, Rent Committee, and petition from residents of Windmill Manor Mobile Home Park opposing "so substantial an increase in water and sewer rates".
(Enter Mr. Chance)
Motion carried unanimously.

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Others speaking in favor of or in opposition to, and/or expressing concern with the water and wastewater rates were: John Patterson; Alfred Purzycki, Federation of Manatee County Community Associations; Tom Ewing, Mt. Vernon.

Motion was made by Mrs. Glass, and seconded by Mr. Chetlain, to enter into the record letter from Alfred Z. Purzycki, President, Federation of Manatee County Community Associations, urging Resolution R-86-164 be sent back to the Public Works Department for revision. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilford and Mr. Shore informed the Board the consultants have assured them the rates are fair, equitable, and legally defensible.

The public comment portion of the hearing was closed.

Mr. Chetlain moved to adopt

R-86-164: RATES, FEES AND CHARGES FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICES OF THE MANATEE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Motion was seconded by Mrs. Glass and carried unanimously.

RECORD S36-421

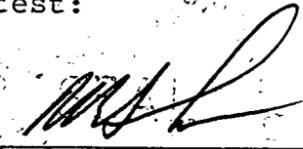
Mr. Chetlain moved that staff be authorized to solicit proposals for review of water and wastewater rates. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Glass and carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

APPROVED:


Clerk


Chairman 4/28/87

Adj: 11:04 a.m.