

MINUTES

FIRST BUDGET HEARING  
KEY BISCAVNE, FLORIDA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

COUNCIL CHAMBER  
560 CRANDON BOULEVARD

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:** The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 7:00 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Michael W. Davey, Enrique Garcia, Steve Liedman (in attendance by phone starting at 9:00 p.m.), Thomas Thornton, Patricia Weinman, Vice Mayor Jorge E. Mendia and Mayor Robert L. Vernon. Also present were Village Manager Genaro "Chip" Iglesias, Village Clerk Conchita H. Alvarez and Village Attorney Stephen P. Helfman.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mr. Eduardo Sanchez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this time the Mayor requested a moment of silence in memory of the 9/11 victims.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Councilmember Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2007 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Thornton and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmembers Davey, Garcia, Thornton, Weinman, Vice Mayor Mendia and Mayor Vernon voting Yes.

4. **BUDGET RESOLUTION:** The Clerk read the following resolution by title:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAVNE, FLORIDA; ADOPTING THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAVNE FOR THE FISCAL**

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**YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2007 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2008 PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 200.065 (TRIM BILL); SETTING A DATE FOR A FINAL PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Councilmember Garcia made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davey.

Councilmember Davey made a motion to table the resolution adopting the proposed millage rate. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmembers Davey, Garcia, Thornton, Weinman, Vice Mayor Mendia and Mayor Vernon voting Yes.

5. **ORDINANCES:** The Clerk read the following ordinance on first reading, by title:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA; ADOPTING THE BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2007 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2008 PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 200.065 (TRIM BILL); PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Councilmember Weinman made a motion to adopt the ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia.

The Mayor opened the public hearing. Charles Viscito, 141 Crandon Boulevard; Gloria Izaguirre, 285 Hampton Lane; Eduardo Sanchez, 260 Cypress Drive; Veronica Scharf-Garcia, Chairperson of the Art in Public Places Board addressed the Council. The Mayor closed the public hearing.

The Manager addressed the Council regarding the budgets for the Village Council and the Administration and Finance Departments. The Manager also addressed a reduction of \$17,000 in the police vehicle line item in the Police Department.

Director of Finance and Administrative Services, Randolph White addressed the Council and the public regarding the proposed budgets.

The Clerk addressed the Council regarding the budget for the Office of the Clerk proposing to reduce the election expense line item from \$60,000 to \$30,000. There was no objection to the proposed change.

The Attorney addressed the Council regarding the budget for the Village Attorney.

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Jud Kurlancheek, Director of Building, Zoning and Planning addressed the Council regarding the budget for the BZP Department.

Chief of Police Charles Press addressed the Council regarding the budget for the Police Department.

Chief of Fire Rescue John C. Gilbert addressed the Council regarding the budget for the Fire Rescue Department.

Paul Abbott with Skyline Management addressed the Council regarding the maintenance of Village Hall/Police Department, Fire Station/Council Chamber and Community Center buildings.

Public Works Director, Armando Nunez addressed the Council regarding the budget for the Public Works Department.

Todd Hofferberth, Parks and Recreation Director addressed the Council regarding the budgets for the Parks and Recreation Department and the Community Center.

Councilmember Weinman made a motion to allow Councilmember Steve Liedman to participate by phone in the budget discussions and vote. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davey and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmembers Davey, Garcia, Thornton, Weinman, Vice Mayor Mendia and Mayor Vernon voting Yes.

Councilmember Davey made a motion to table the budget ordinance. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Mendia and approved by a 7-0 voice vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmembers Davey, Garcia, Liedman, Thornton, Weinman, Vice Mayor Mendia and Mayor Vernon voting Yes.

Councilmember Garcia made a motion to remove from the table the proposed millage rate resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davey and approved by a 7-0 voice vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmembers Davey, Garcia, Liedman, Thornton, Weinman, Vice Mayor Mendia and Mayor Vernon voting Yes.

Councilmember Davey made a motion to adopt a proposed millage rate of 3.2. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia.

Charles Viscito, 141 Crandon Boulevard addressed the Council.

The motion to approve the resolution adopting the proposed millage rate for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008 was approved by a 6-1 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmembers Davey, Garcia, Thornton, Weinman, Vice Mayor Mendia and Mayor Vernon voting Yes. Councilmember Liedman voting No.

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The Attorney announced that the rolled-back rate is 2.966 mills and the proposed millage rate is 3.2 mills which is 7.89 % over the rolled-back rate.

Councilmember Weinman made a motion to remove the budget ordinance from the table. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia and approved by a 7-0 voice vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmembers Davey, Garcia, Liedman, Thornton, Weinman, Vice Mayor Mendia and Mayor Vernon voting Yes.

It was the consensus of Council to increase the Emergency Hurricane Reserves allocation by \$570,894 for a total of \$4,000,000.

Mayor Vernon made a motion to allocate \$40,000 for Greenwood Drive speed tables. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davey and approved by a 7-0 voice vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmembers Davey, Garcia, Liedman, Thornton, Weinman, Vice Mayor Mendia and Mayor Vernon voting Yes.

Mayor Vernon made a motion to allocate \$500,000 for the implementation of the Landscape Master Plan. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Mendia and approved by a 7-0 voice vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmembers Davey, Garcia, Liedman, Thornton, Weinman, Vice Mayor Mendia and Mayor Vernon voting Yes.

Ramon Castella with C3TS addressed the Council regarding underground power lines.

Vice Mayor Mendia made a motion to allocate \$250,000 for Underground Power Lines. The motion was seconded by Mayor Vernon and approved by a 7-0 voice vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmembers Davey, Garcia, Liedman, Thornton, Weinman, Vice Mayor Mendia and Mayor Vernon voting Yes.

Councilmember Weinman made a motion to allocate \$150,000 for Community Center second floor revisions. The motion was seconded by Mayor Vernon and approved by a 7-0 voice vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmembers Davey, Garcia, Liedman, Thornton, Weinman, Vice Mayor Mendia and Mayor Vernon voting Yes.

Vice Mayor Mendia made a motion to allocate \$1,000,000 for the purchase of 85 West Enid Drive. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davey and approved by a 7-0 voice vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmembers Davey, Garcia, Liedman, Thornton, Weinman, Vice Mayor Mendia and Mayor Vernon voting Yes.

It was the consensus of Council to direct staff to bring for the Second Budget Hearing different financing scenarios for the purchase of 85 West Enid Drive.

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Mayor Vernon made a motion to increase the allocation for Calusa Park by \$750,00 for a total of \$1,000,000. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davey and approved by a 7-0 voice vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmembers Davey, Garcia, Liedman, Thornton, Weinman, Vice Mayor Mendia and Mayor Vernon voting Yes.

Mayor Vernon made a motion to allocate \$200,000 for Educational Initiatives. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davey and approved by a 7-0 voice vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmembers Davey, Garcia, Liedman, Thornton, Weinman, Vice Mayor Mendia and Mayor Vernon voting Yes.

Mayor Vernon made a motion to allocate \$300,000 for Capital Outlay Contingencies. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weinman and approved by a 7-0 voice vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmembers Davey, Garcia, Liedman, Thornton, Weinman, Vice Mayor Mendia and Mayor Vernon voting Yes.

Councilmember Weinman made a motion to allocate \$15,000 for a village wide Traffic Calming study. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Thornton and approved by a 7-0 voice vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmembers Davey, Garcia, Liedman, Thornton, Weinman, Vice Mayor Mendia and Mayor Vernon voting Yes.

Councilmember Davey made a motion to allocate \$325,000 for Beach Renourishment for a total of \$1,000,353. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia and approved by a 7-0 voice vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmembers Davey, Garcia, Liedman, Thornton, Weinman, Vice Mayor Mendia and Mayor Vernon voting Yes.

Councilmember Davey made a motion to allocate \$100,000 for West Mashta Drive Parking and Drainage improvements. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia and approved by a 7-0 voice vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmembers Davey, Garcia, Liedman, Thornton, Weinman, Vice Mayor Mendia and Mayor Vernon voting Yes.

Councilmember Weinman made a motion to allocate \$155,000 for an additional elevator for the Community Center. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Mendia and approved by a 7-0 voice vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmembers Davey, Garcia, Liedman, Thornton, Weinman, Vice Mayor Mendia and Mayor Vernon voting Yes.

The Art in Public Places Board is recommending that Council accept the Bedia Artwork and approve the funding strategy as set forth below: \$10,555 from surplus in the FY 2007 Art Board Education and Cultural Programs Budget; \$20,000 from construction budget in the agreement and \$75,000 from the allocation of Funded Artwork for Village Hall to this Project for a total of \$105,555. Supplemental funding of \$75,000 from FY 2008 Budget request and \$10,828 donation from Committee Members for a grand total of \$191,381.

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Vice Mayor Mendia made a motion to increase the allocation to the Art in Public Places from \$75,000 to \$85,826 for the funding of the Bedia Project for a total of \$191,381. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Thornton and approved by a 7-0 voice vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmembers Davey, Garcia, Liedman, Thornton, Weinman, Vice Mayor Mendia and Mayor Vernon voting Yes.

Councilmember Davey made a motion to extend the meeting to 11:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Thornton and approved by a 7-0 voice vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmembers Davey, Garcia, Liedman, Thornton, Weinman, Vice Mayor Mendia and Mayor Vernon voting Yes.

Mayor Vernon made a motion to allocate \$10,000 for Fire Equipment. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davey and approved by a 7-0 voice vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmembers Davey, Garcia, Liedman, Thornton, Weinman, Vice Mayor Mendia and Mayor Vernon voting Yes.

Councilmember Davey made a motion to allocate \$30,000 for Fire Vehicle Replacement. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Thornton and approved by a 7-0 voice vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmembers Davey, Garcia, Liedman, Thornton, Weinman, Vice Mayor Mendia and Mayor Vernon voting Yes.

Councilmember Weinman made a motion to allocate \$45,000 for Maintenance Reserve for the Community Center and to allocate \$100,000 for Recreational Facilities. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia and approved by a 7-0 voice vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmembers Davey, Garcia, Liedman, Thornton, Weinman, Vice Mayor Mendia and Mayor Vernon voting Yes.

Mayor Vernon made a motion to allocate \$50,000 for Green initiative. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weinman and approved by a 7-0 voice vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmembers Davey, Garcia, Liedman, Thornton, Weinman, Vice Mayor Mendia and Mayor Vernon voting Yes.

Councilmember Davey made a motion to allocate \$213,098 for Master Plan Initiatives. The motion was seconded by Mayor Vernon and approved by a 7-0 voice vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmembers Davey, Garcia, Liedman, Thornton, Weinman, Vice Mayor Mendia and Mayor Vernon voting Yes.

The motion to adopt the budget ordinance on first reading, as amended, was approved by a 7-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmembers Davey, Garcia, Liedman, Thornton, Weinman, Vice Mayor Mendia and Mayor Vernon voting Yes.

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The Clerk announced the second reading of the ordinance on Tuesday, September 25, 2007.

6. **BUDGET INFORMATION:** The following was presented to the Council for their information: 1.) Resolution 2007-30 adopted July 2, 2007, setting the first and second budget hearings; 2.) Public Notice regarding the adoption of the budgets for fiscal year commencing October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008 advertised in the Daily Business Review on September 6, 2007 and September 13, 2007, in the Islander News on September 6, 2007 and September 20, 2007 and in the September 2007 issue of La Isla; 3.) 2007 Miami-Dade County Certification of Taxable Value.

Director Hofferberth provided the Council with a budget summary for the Community Center.

7. **SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS:** A schedule of future meetings and events was presented to the Council.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted:*

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*Conchita H. Alvarez, CMC  
Village Clerk*

*Approved this 25th day of September, 2007:*

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*Robert L. Vernon  
Mayor*

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