

***MINUTES OF THE LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2006
7:30 p.m. Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street***

Mayor Dains called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked City Administrator Heck to call the roll. Council members present: Karen Gill-Gerbig, Denise Hawkinson, Karen Doherty, Clay Christensen and Mayor Jeff Dains.

Also present for the meeting: Assistant to the City Administrator, Jim Bownik, Heather Butkowski, Deputy City Clerk, John Ohl, Chief of Police, and Dominic Cotroneo, Captain.

Mayor Dains stated the council is meeting for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the 2007 budget and levy and that no other issues or items will be discussed.

Administrator Heck provided background and general information on the budget and levy. He outlined the 2007 revenue projections. He reported General Fund revenue is anticipated to increase over 2006 by 13% and revenue associated with other Funds is anticipated to increase by 12% with total revenue for 2007 expected to increase 18%.

Heck then outlined anticipated expenditures for 2007. He stated General Fund expenditures are proposed to increase 23% over 2007 and Other Fund expenditures to increase 7% over 2006. He reported total expenditures are proposed to increase 18% over 2006.

Heck then provided information on the main reason for the increase in the levy and expenditures. He stated the city council made the decision to provide enhanced law enforcement services for the city by increasing the patrol services from 16 hours per day to 24 hours per day. He stated this will occur gradually over the next few months. The added patrol service will mean more visibility of officers, faster response times to calls for service, greater officer knowledge of the city and residents, and more proactive enforcement.

Mayor Dains provided additional comments on the law enforcement arrangement with St. Anthony and the excellent working relationship Lauderdale has with St. Anthony.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:40 p.m. and asked for public comment on the budget.

There being no one who wished to comment, the Mayor closed the hearing at 6:41 p.m.

Council member Christensen offered and moved Resolution No. 120406-A Resolution Adopting the 2007 Budget and Levying Taxes for 2006 Payable in 2007. Council member Doherty seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote with Gill-Gerbig, Hawkinson, Doherty, Christensen and Dains all voting yes.

Council member Doherty moved to adopt the 2007 Lauderdale budget as presented. Council member Gill-Gerbig seconded the motion and the motion carried on a roll call vote with member Gill-Gerbig, Hawkinson, Doherty, Christensen, and Dains voting yes.

The council adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m. on a motion by Gill-Gerbig and a second by Hawkinson.