

**CITY OF BELLEVIEW
WORKSHOP MEETING
AGENDA**

**BELLEVIEW CITY HALL
COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

MARCH 1, 2006

6:00 PM

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Seat 1 MICHAEL GOLDMAN
Seat 2 KENNETH R. NADEAU
Seat 3 WILMA LOAR
Seat 4 PAUL B. ANDERSON

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This meeting has been properly noticed *PD*

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PRESENT: MAYOR MOORE; COMMISSIONERS: ANDERSON, GOLDMAN, NADEAU;
INFORMATION TECH. TOWNE; CHIEF STRICKLAND; CITY CLERK MC KAMEY;
DEPUTY CITY CLERK DeGENNARO

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER LOAR

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Mayor Moore opened the workshop and handed the meeting over to Chief Strickland.

Chief Strickland stated that the Police Department was asking for 2 additional police officers. The Department currently works on 10 hour shifts and the Chief gave a breakdown of the Squads and discussed the advantages and disadvantages of the 10 hour schedule. The bottom line was that during each month the City was without any officers on duty within the City limits for on the average of 20.3 hours. This occurs when arrest were made and reports that require officers to leave town for extended period of time.

Service Calls for 2003 were 8286
2004 were 8152
2005 were 8980
2006 were 4381 (3 months)

In the past 7 months there were 3 homicides and 1 officer shooting.

The Chief stated that the Department has an immediate need for 2 police officers. The 2 additional officers would reduce the amount of time that there were no officers in town; would provide for enhanced officer safety; would give the department the manpower to schedule 2 officers on every shift.

Overtime costs in 2004 budgeted \$10,000 actual \$38,000
2005 budgeted \$ 9,500 actual \$11,715
2006 budgeted \$12,000 actual \$12,651 (5 months)

Commissioner Goldman asked if the \$12,000 budgeted was for the whole year and the Chief stated correct, but the amount was used over 5 months not 12 months. The Chief stated that the expenses came from the homicides and our officers helped during the hurricanes in south Florida.

Commissioner Goldman asked if the Department received the requested manpower would the overtime costs go down. Lt. Holland stated not necessarily because they would still go to court so it would not reduce over time costs. As a result, the department was requesting an additional \$6,000 for overtime for the current year.

Officer and equipment costs:

Chief Strickland stated that there were 5 marked patrol vehicles and each have 2 assigned patrol officers; there were no reserves or spare vehicles so when one was in the repair shop, the vehicles work 20 hours a day instead of 10 hours. The total cost for a new equipped police cruiser comes to \$29,800. Officer equipment (uniforms etc) and cost run \$1,440; total cost for a new officer comes to \$32,140.

Immediate needs of 2 officers:

Salary for 6 months for first full time officer; vehicle; vehicle equipment; officer equipment; field training; second full time officer salary for 3 months; officer equipment and field training. Total costs for two officers come to \$37,730.

Funding sources for new officers and overtime:

Salary savings from the Sr. Staff Assistant and p/t data entry comes to an \$8,380 savings;
Workers' compensation rate adjustment \$6,300;
Savings from vehicle equipment in current budget \$3,700;
Designated fund balance account to purchase lease vehicle \$4,600;
Cost recovery program revenues \$3,000;
PD Overtime grant \$4,000;
Additional Interest income revenues \$13,750

The Chief stated that they were looking at implementing police impact fees as new growth develops; looking for grants to fund new officers; looking at the budget to fund new positions. The Cost Recovery Program has started to bring in funds and has brought in \$1,500.

The Clerk stated that the economy and the changes made to the bank accounts and getting good interest income. Budgeted \$37,000, the first quarter alone we received \$22,500; last year we generated \$46,000 and this year we anticipate \$90,000 total.

Commissioner Anderson asked where you found the money to fund the Police Department and the Clerk stated we budget \$37,000 and Lt. Holland did an excellent job of purchasing vehicles this year; there was no money budgeted for the Cost Recovery Program.

Commissioner Nadeau asked what the total revenues and expenses were this year for the PD and the Chief stated \$1,035,000. Lt. Holland stated that the overhead was the only item that was over budget. The Commissioner stated that PD used 40% of its budget in 5 months.

Commissioner Nadeau asked about fines and forfeitures and Chief Strickland stated \$157,750 in revenues and \$42,615 in expenditures. The Clerk stated that it was difficult to compare revenues and expenditures because revenues run a month or two behind while the expenditures were current. The Clerk stated that at budget time they incorporated half of the needs into this year's budget (\$44,000) so next year's budget would continue to fund an additional \$35,000 instead of a full \$80,000.

Commissioner Anderson stated that the total package was still \$80,000; what would one full time officer cost and the Clerk interjected the salary and benefits come to \$39,000. The Commissioner stated \$78,000 of tax payers money would be going into the Police Department's budget to pay for those 2 officers not including a vehicle. The Commissioner stated you need new money to get the new officers or you have to go into the general fund and use the tax payer's money.

Mayor Moore stated she asked the City Clerk to help and we were not taking the money out of the current year's general fund and the tax payers want more officers. The Clerk stated it would cost \$35,000 plus what we budgeted for this year. The Clerk stated that this would not be a recurring cost because once trained it goes back down to the basic price for employees. The Clerk suggested funding this out of this years budget instead of going to fund balance.

Commissioner Nadeau stated if you take the total budget expenses and subtract total budget revenues then divide by 4000 (population) it comes out to \$219.00/year for police protection. Commissioner Goldman stated to take the net cost to the tax payers and divide by 4000 total residents and you get \$19.00/month for police protection with 2 more officers; it was worth it and it was less than a Pizza Hut dinner.

The Clerk stated that the City was in a high growth cycle and we have had no homicides in 17 years and now we had 3 within 10 months. The City was pretty devastated, but the homicides only count for 3 of those statistics.

Mayor Moore stated that in the past, she was under the impression that there were 2 officers on duty, but actually from 2:00 AM to 7:00 AM there was only one officer on duty. The Mayor stated she was in favor of this because 20 hours of each month there were no officers on duty. The Clerk has done a good job of finding the money and the officers were needed.

Chief Strickland stated overtime was a luxury that let us rotate officers to help the criminal investigation division. We spent a lot of time on the December investigation because it took 2 officers to run them down throughout Citrus, Levy and N. Marion County; for public safety reasons we need to have officers. The Chief stated he was not trying to mislead anyone, but there would not be an officer on duty every night of every week because there could possibly be two or three officers up at the jail at the same time. Mayor Moore stated that she understood that, but she wanted to know two officers were on duty. The Mayor stated that the City has back up from the Sheriff's department, but they were also busy.

Commissioner Nadeau left the meeting at 6:50 PM; before he left, he stated he was supportive of the two officers' positions.

Commissioner Anderson asked how many calls per month does the Police Department receive and the Lt. stated 900 if you go by case numbers. The Commissioner asked for a breakdown of the 900 calls to tell how many were at the ball park or the lake. The Lt. stated it was for patrolling the ball park, at the lake or traffic accidents. The Lt. stated any call that takes an officers' time receives a number.

Chief Strickland stated between 10/2005 – 1/19/2006 approximately 3,682 calls were analyzed. Commissioner Anderson asked if we want a \$22,000 employee or a \$40,000 employee working traffic accidents. Chief Strickland stated he wanted a certified police officer because Community Service Officers cannot do everything and would not relieve the situation as much as you think it would.

Commissioner Goldman stated you need 2 more officers on the street because there were times 20 hours/month that there were no officers on duty. The Chief stated that the COB officers assist other agencies; the agencies request our help and we have spent 29 hours helping them out.

Mayor Moore stated that one person from the audience could come forward and give their comments: Frank Georgetti came forward and stated that he lives in Woodside Apartments which was the scene of the incident last Tuesday. The City would need a lot more than 2 police officers just look at the growth at Cobblestone; behind Publix; the ball park area. The night of the incident, he called 911 and 20 minutes later Sergeant Bryan got there and then the Chief, the Lt., the helicopters and dogs arrived. There was no quick response, because both the Sheriff's Department and the COB police were busy. The residents need more protection and we need lights around that property. Mr. Georgetti stated he told the apartment complex's main office that man was going to kill someone and nobody did anything to prevent that from happening. Our City has grown and we need more officers for protection.

Chief Strickland stated that the City wants to be proactive and not reactive; the growth was coming and we don't want to wait until it was on top of us.

Mayor Moore stated it will be on the next agenda. Commissioner Anderson stated find the funds in the budget and do not raise taxes. Commissioner Anderson stated you fund \$35,000 but next year you have to fund \$80,000. The Chief stated that they were looking at grants for some of the funding.

The Mayor stated that she wanted the City to come up with the way to pay for the Police Officers because she wanted to know that 2 officers were on duty.

The Chief stated that the last time the Police Department got money for a new position was back in 2000.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM

ATTEST:

Sandi McKamey, CMC, CPM
City Clerk/Administrator