

MINUTES OF THE CAPE CORAL
CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY GOVERNING BOARD
SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING

Friday, June 2, 2017
Green Room (Old City Hall)
1:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The Cape Coral Charter School Authority Governing Board of Lee County, Florida, met on June 2, 2017, in the Green Room (Old City Hall), a Special Governing Board Meeting. Chair Cosden called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL: Boyer, Cosden, Traiger, Winstead, Zivkovic
Campbell arrived at 1:47 p.m.
Fisher-Excused
McMillan-Excused

ALSO PRESENT: Jacquelin Collins, Interim Superintendent, Cape Coral Charter School Authority
Amanda Sanford, Principal, Oasis Charter High School
Kevin Brown, Principal, Christa McAuliffe Elementary School
Christopher Fennell, Assistant Principal, Oasis Charter Elementary School
Mary Anne Moniz, Business Manager, Cape Coral Charter School Authority
Britt Martin, Accountant, Cape Coral Charter School Authority
John Szerlag, City Manager
Vicki Bateman, City of Cape Coral Finance Services Director
Chris Phillips, City of Cape Coral Budget Administrator

2. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS:

Mrs. Collins welcomed everyone to the final budget workshop.

Mrs. Collins states that she, the City's Finance Department, and Mary Anne Moniz spent a good amount of time working on this budget plan to get this balanced budget to a point where they feel comfortable.

3. GUEST SPEAKER: John Szerlag, City Manager

City Manager John Szerlag talked about the City's budget and the Charter School's budget because they are married in a number of fashions.

City Manager Szerlag states he is recommending an ordinance change about the charges to the Charter School System.

City Manager Szerlag states that he wants the Charter School System to be sustainable and understands the Charter School System has a revenue problem not an expenditure problem.

Chair Cosden states she likes where City Manager Szerlag is heading.

Vice Chair Zivkovic states he appreciates City Manager Szerlag's intentions and understands there are hurdles and other barriers.

Discussion held.

City Manager excuses himself from the meeting at 1:28 p.m.

4. BUDGET OVERVIEW: Mary Anne Moniz

Ms. Moniz states she wanted to touch base with the Board Members about changes that were made to the budget since their last meeting.

Ms. Moniz states OHS has added a JROTC Instructor and half of the salary will be reimbursed to us by the U.S. Army, giving the budget a revenue of \$34,000.00.

Ms. Moniz states she spoke to Ms. Sanford to increase OHS enrollment by 10 students, giving an additional estimated revenue of \$60,528.00.

Ms. Moniz states employees will get a 2% pay increase this year.

Ms Moniz states there were six paraprofessionals and two teachers cut from the budget at OES. Three paraprofessionals were cut at CME. One paraprofessional was cut at OMS.

Ms. Moniz commended the City for refunding our Bonds which gave the Charter School System a substantial savings to the Charter School's debt service.

Ms. Moniz states she, Mrs. Collins, and Marilyn Rawlings from Lee County's Transportation Department, met to discuss buying a used van from the City. Ms. Rawlings has agreed to sell the used van to the Charter School System for no more than \$5,000.00.

Ms. Moniz states there's revenue of \$23.3 million and expenditures of \$24 million, giving the budget a short balance of \$701,000.00.

Discussion held.

5. BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS: Vicki Bateman

Ms. Bateman recommends in fiscal year 2018 replacing the air conditioning chillers at CME, at a cost of \$300,000.00, and at OES for \$545,000.00. In fiscal year 2019, there are two more that will need to be replaced. In fiscal year 2020, OHS chiller will need to be replaced along with starting to replace Charter School buses.

Ms. Bateman states the City's Public Works Department feel the Charter School System should be putting 1 million dollars aside in reserves so the funds are there when the Charter School needs it.

Ms. Bateman recommends the Charter School Lease with the City should be changed or just have the City pay for the capital.

Ms. Bateman states that the Charter School buildings are owned by the City and the City needs to protect its assets. The Charter School should go in front of City Council to ask for their help with maintaining the upkeep of the buildings.

Discussion held.

Time and Date of Next Meeting

Regular Governing Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. in Council Chambers.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sabrina Bendezu
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Cape Coral Charter School Authority