



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Monday, December 10, 2018

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Special Budget Meeting

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

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Bill 77

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**Omnibus II Proposed Amendment
Amendment Omnibus II:**

Reduce the closing fund balance by \$1.275 million and reduce the millage rate increase by ¼ mill.

Reorganize Information Systems taking it back to the original configuration proposed in the original proposed budget with the caveat the Administration introduce a reorganization plan in January with 2 rather than 4 new positions – place the \$375,314 set aside for the reorganization into the unappropriated balance.

Place the Aquatics Manager back in the budget as Full Time 5N – additional \$20,000.

Place the set aside for the paygrade implementation in General and Civic - \$340,000 - into the closing fund balance – and implement the study in 2020 budget after review and after the management audit that will take place in the early intervention program.

10% cut in overtime budget across the board in the General Fund - \$380,871.

Mr. Juan Camacho stated that he and his colleagues in the Solicitor's office has prepared a format to follow. The City Council has the prerogative to not follow the follow. These are recommendations as far as how to proceed in accordance with city rules as the Solicitor's office understands them. The first step will be Courtesy of the Floor on the merits of Bill 77 as it is presented in the agenda. The second step is entertaining a motion from your Council colleagues to Suspend the Rules - Council Rule 12 as regards to reconsideration. As Council members know Bill 77 was discussed at its most recent meeting scheduled on December 5, 2018. If it passes, then Council will entertain a motion to reconsider Bill. Assuming that passes, then there will be a motion to entertain a waiver of Rule 23 as it relates to the adoption of Budget Amendments. In this particular situation, a waiver would be necessary because you were actually adopting an amendment on the same day as presenting the amendment itself. Thereafter, Council can entertain amendments to the amendments that are presented on the agenda. Assuming there are amendments, they need to be voted up or down. After that is when you get to the substantive vote on Bill 77 whether it is amended or not amended.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked for Courtesy of the Floor on what is on the Agenda for this evening.

Mr. Lou Hershman, 405 N. Gilmore Street, stated that you are going to reduce the General Fund by \$1.275 million and thinks Council should reduce it more. We will get a \$500,000 more in aid from the state of Pennsylvania and that would give us more revenue. He talked about the

Fees that were increased.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that he thinks it is about \$100,000.

Mr. Lou Hershman stated that they can reduced the General Fund by \$2.2 million. Many people filed Earned Income Tax and get their income tax credit. Allentown is number 1 in poverty in the Lehigh Valley. He talked about the listing and could be 800 foreclosures. He stated whatever you could do to reduce the real estate taxes in Allentown that will be a benefit to many homeowners, low waged earners, in poverty that owns property.

Mr. Roger MacLean read the amendment to reduce closing fund balance by \$1.275 million and reduce the millage rate increase by 1/4 mill. He asked if there were any discussions on that from Council or the public.

Mr. Courtney Robinson asked Mr. Camacho is it one amendment since it was advertised as one amendment. We would not have public comment on each line item of the amendment. Because this is on the agenda there is no need to read it into the record by a motion and a second from a member of Council.

Mr. Juan Camacho stated that is correct. It could be read one by one and if there is no entertainment to a motion to amend, move on to the next one and open it up to public discussion by Councilmembers.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that we are in lean times and he looks at things as needs and what would be nice for once. We are talking about doing a balancing act with the taxpayers versus what the city needs or wants.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks respectfully disagreed with Mr. MacLean. He asked for it to be placed in the budget. As we all know we had a difficult times getting lifeguards last year. Something more important is when you look at some of these statistics presented to us by Mr. Griffiths from Parks and Recreation stating some of the statistics on some of our most needy citizens and the inability for the to swim. For the amount of money this is, it is a drop in the bucket. This will allow us to continue with aquatics classes throughout the winter season and in our school so we can cultivate some of our students and grow our own lifeguards that in the summer months with be able to take those positions. Some of our minority group members are the most vulnerable in drowning and these statistics prove it out. If the \$20,000 saves one life and we will never know that, but it is money well spent. He requested his colleagues to support it.

Ms. Candida Affa agreed with Mr. MacLean. She stated that it is important for us to realize what are the needs. She stated that she prefers to see IT

get that money which is important.

Mr. Ed Zucal agreed with Mr. MacLean that this is not the time to be adding expenses. We suppose to be cutting expenses. Up until last year it was never an issue with lifeguards. Last year, we couldn't get them.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that when Council questioned what was the problem with lifeguards we were told by the administration that Wildwater Kingdom and these other place are paying more.

Mr. Jeff Glazier stated that in the budget Parks includes increased revenue by \$100,000 is predicated on having fully staffed pools. If Council chooses not to have the management there to be able to fully staff pools then the revenue estimate needs to be revised downward significantly.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked how would an Aquatics Manager will bring \$100,000 to the budget.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that is not what Mr. Glazier said. He said that the increase is \$100,000 and that needs to be brought down. It was stated by Mr. Griffiths last week when we discussed this just seven days ago that having that full time staff employee for more than just the season would allow better opportunities to go out and recruit lifeguards and make sure they were trained properly so we won't find ourselves in this position.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that his still stands by his comments.

Ms. Candida Affa stated the fact that they are raising the prices for the lifeguards that would be the incentive.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she thought that they were dealing with the Red Cross. She stated that she thought that they were helping the city by finding other ways to get lifeguards to train people.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked the administration if they had someone on staff qualified or certified to teach lifesaving required for lifeguards.

Mr. Rick Holtzman stated that Ryan and his staff absolutely do all the training. He stated that Ms. Mota brought up the Red Cross come in and assist. They are looking into that to reduce cost. He stated that Ryan was also projecting a full time Aquatics Manager be part of the winter program that also brought revenue to the city. That was \$80,000 that he projected towards that program on top of that person doing the job programming the pools (staffing the pools).

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that which the city has not done before so the \$80,000 is a complete projection. We have no track record to base that figure on.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that this is not a new position. It is an extension of a part time position to a full time status. It will pay for that position and will help the most needy citizens learn to swim which is problematic. Especially in some of our poorer neighborhoods.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if that as a part timer the person is already there. Has that person generated any funds?

Mr. Rick Holtzman stated it is April through September. This person will oversee that. The pools will be staffed and that is your money maker there.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there was public comment on the motion.

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A motion was made by Ed Zucal, seconded by Daryl Hendricks to Suspend The Rules and Vote on the Omnibus II Amendment. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Roger MacLean, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

No: 2 - Candida Affa, and Courtney Robinson

A motion was made by Ed Zucal, seconded by Julio Guridy to Reconsider Bill 77. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Roger MacLean, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

No: 2 - Candida Affa, and Courtney Robinson

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any other Council discussions on Bill 77.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks reminded his colleagues and the administration that it is not eliminating the tax hike. It is simply reducing it. Something that the administration asked us to do to come up with ideas where we can cut. He encouraged the administration to follow through also and support these cuts. This 27 percent is an extremely large increase in taxes. There is no question that an increase is necessary. We need to cut expenses. He urged his colleagues to support this.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated to Mayor O'Connell that Council cut spots where they felt was needed. What else in his opinion can Council do to get to where we need to get?

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that he has no comment. He is waiting for a vote and will respond accordingly in the next few days.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any other questions from Council or the public on the Bill.

Mr. Juan Camacho stated to Mr. MacLean just to be clear, you need five votes.

A motion was made by Ed Zucal, seconded by Julio Guridy to Waive the Requirements that any Budget Amendment will be Acted Upon Prior to the Meeting Where the Budget is Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Roger MacLean, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

No: 2 - Candida Affa, and Courtney Robinson

Mr. Courtney Robinson asked Mr. Camacho since this was advertised to

the public would it not need to be read into the record exactly as written and advertised and if changes needed to be made it would then have to be amended after it was made and seconded.

Mr. Juan Camacho stated that as far as the amendments that already have been presented within the agenda to be clear and make the record clear they can be spoken into the record. However, the next step is to entertain any motions. That is what Councilman Guridy is attempting to do. The only thing we have to make sure that it is an amendment of the amendment and not restating what is stated in the Agenda.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it says Reorg Information Systems. Taking back to the original configuration proposed for the original proposed budget with a caveat that the administration introduce a Reorganization Plan in January with two rather than four new positions. Place the \$375,314 set aside for the reorganization into the unappropriated balance.

Mr. Juan Camacho asked how are you motioning for this to be amended.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that they will take two positions out instead of four.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that it is already there.

Mr. Juan Camacho stated that it is an opportunity to change what is written. If there is a motion to adopt what is already written, we are not there yet. He stated that they are entertaining motions to change what is written. It sounds to me Mr. Guridy you are trying to change what you are attempting motion is to adopt what is already written.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that it will make it easier in the longrun.

Mr. Juan Camacho suggested that they go line by line.

A motion was made by Julio Guridy, seconded by Julio Guridy to Entertain a Motion To The Omnibus to propose the Amendment as it is Presented within this Agenda, by cutting Premium Time by 10 percent across the board, taking \$375,314 set aside for the Reorganization from the IT department.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated to Mr. Camacho that it is one amendment, because it was advertised as one amendment. We will not have public comment on each line item of the amendment, we will have public comment on the amendment as it stands. He stated that if he understands it correctly where we are now because this is on the agenda, there is no need to read this into the record for a motion and a second from a member of Council.

Mr. Juan Camacho stated that is correct.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that we are just at a stage where we are amending the entire amendment. Theoretically if any members have an amendment to a particular line, they should make set amendment receive a second, we debate on that, have public comment on that particular change and vote on that particular change.

Mr. Juan Camacho stated that his suggestion that if it could be read one by one. If there is no entertainment on a motion to amend, move on to the next one, and then open it up for public discussion.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that is what he thought they were doing.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it is already in here.

Reduce the closing fund balance by \$1.275 million and reduce the millage rate increase by ¼ mill.

Reorganize Information Systems, taking it back to the original configuration proposed in the original Proposed Budget with a caveat that the administration reintroduce an Organization Plan with two rather than four new positions. Place the \$375,314 set aside for the reorganization into the unappropriated balance.

Place the Aquatics Manager back in the budget as a full-time 5N, an additional \$20,000.

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Mr. Roger MacLean stated that the city is in lean times here and he looks at things as needs and what would be nice. We are talking about doing a balancing act with the taxpayers versus what the city need and/or wants. He stated that he considers it as a want not a need.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks respectfully disagree with him. He asked for this to be placed in the budget. The reason being as we all know we had a difficult time getting lifeguards last year and something that even more important

he thinks you look at some of these statistics presented to Council from Mr. Griffiths from Parks and Recreation stating some of the statistics on some of our most needy citizens and the inability for them to swim. For the amount of money this is. It is a drop in the bucket. This will allow the city to continue with Aquatics Classes throughout the season, the winter season and in our schools so we will be able to cultivate some of our students and hopefully grow our own lifeguards, who in the summer months will be able to take those positions which we so dearly needed over the last couple of seasons. Some of our minority group members are probably as a group one of the most vulnerable in drowning and these statistics prove it out. For \$20,000, if it saves one life and we will never know that it is money well spent. He requested that his colleagues support this.

Ms. Candida Affa agreed with Mr. MacLean stating that it is important for them to realize what are the needs and wants. We can't give them everything, but everything they need we might be able to give it to them. Dropping IT from four to two, but putting a \$20,000 additional Manager on full-time she believes when you look at the two of them she prefers to see IT get that money and that's important.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any other comments from Council.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he agrees with Mr. MacLean. It is not the time to add expenses. We should be cutting expenses. Up until last year, it was never an issue with hiring lifeguards. Then all of a sudden last year we couldn't get any. Was there a lapse in the system? Did someone not do their job? Adding more expenses to a time when we don't need to is not necessary at this point.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that when Council questioned what the problem was with lifeguards we were told by the administration is because Wildwater Kingdom and these other places are paying more. It was never anything mentioned about an Aquatics Director.

Mr. Jeff Glazier stated that in the budget Parks includes increased revenue by \$100,000 plus is predicated on having fully staffed pools. If Council chooses not to have the management there to be able to fully staff pools, then the revenue estimate needs to be revised downward significantly.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked how is the Aquatics Manager going to bring \$100,000 into the budget.

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seven days ago that having that full-time staffing in place more than just the season would allow better opportunities to recruit lifeguards to make sure that they were trained properly so we didn't find ourselves in this position. He stated that Mr. Glazier is stating that the position itself is not going to generate \$100,000, but if we run into a similar problem, we don't want to be \$100,000 short in our revenue projections. If this position would be kept to part-time, we should look at downgrading the revenue projections to make sure we are more in line with a balanced budget. It would be far more responsible to downgrade the projections and bring in more more money then leave the projections high and under budget.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that he still stands by his comments.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she agrees and stated that the fact the they are raising the prices for the lifeguards, that is the incentives to working in the pools. She is not saying they should not have this, just not right now.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she thought they were dealing with the Red Cross. She thought that they were going to be helping the city out and we were going to find other ways to get lifeguards and train people.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if the city had someone on staff trained and qualified to teach life-saving requirements for lifeguards.

Mr. Rick Holtzman stated that Ryan and his staff do all of the training. Ms. Mota brought it up doing the Hearing of the potential of having the Red Cross come in and assist. They are looking into that to reduce costs. Ryan was also projecting the full-time Aquatics Manager to be part of the winter programming that also brought in revenue to the city. That was \$80,000 is what he projected towards that programming. On top of that person doing the job of programming the pools which means staffing the pools.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated which we have not done before. That \$80,000 is a complete projection. We have no track record to base that figure on.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that this isn't a new position. It is an extension of a part-time position to full-time status. Just thhat alone if we get a quarter of it, it will pay for that position. The greater good it will help some of our most needy citizens learn to swim which it is problematic especially in some of our poorer neighborhoods.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that as a part-timer the person is already there. Has that person generated any funds from teaching some of this process?

Mr. Rick Holtzman stated that the part-time Aquatics Director is usually April through September and a school teacher part-time. They are not there all the time. Their main focus is to work with the Lifeguards at the pool. It is not programming. The focus is to oversee the operations of the pools and daily activities. This person will oversee all that plus programming.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that they have not generated any money.

Mr. Rick Holtzman stated with the exception on the pool. The pools will be staffed. That's your extra money-maker there.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any other comments from Council or the public.

A motion was made by Roger MacLean, seconded by Candida Affa to Eliminate the Aquatics Manager as Full Time 5N - Additional \$20,000 and put it as Part-Time. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Cynthia Mota, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

No: 2 - Courtney Robinson, and Daryl Hendricks

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any questions from Council.

Place the set aside for the Pay Grade Implementation and General and Civic \$340,000 into the Closing Fund Balance and Implement the study in 2020 budget after review and after the Management Audit that will take place in the Early Intervention Program.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any questions from Council.

Mr. Jeff Glazier stated that he spent a little time looking at overtime. Mr. Hanlon was kind enough to get the memo out to you, but it was right before meeting time. Council is considering reducing the General Fund Overtime Budget by 10 percent. This equates to a reduction of approximately of \$380,000. The overtime budget being proposed for next year is a little bit over \$3.8 million. He stated that the overtime is almost always dedicated for Public Safety. He estimates that \$22,950 of that \$3.8 million is not related to Public Safety. For the purposes of this memo plowing city streets, callouts to inspect unsafe housing conditions and the removal of downed trees and other weather caused hazards in our parks along with police patrols, fire responses, and EMS are considered to be expenditures that maintain and ensure Public Safety. Except for the fire department. The 2019 overtime budget requests are in line with the 2018 expenditures for the year. He stated that he took a look where they are so far and gamed

them out two more pays and everybody pretty much on the mark and their 2019 request is also in line with that. He stated that \$17,400 is for Lights in the Parkway which is covered by admissions. Plowing city streets, call outs, removing of down trees, police patrols, fire and EMS maintains Public Safety. EMS and Fire for next year's budget are underestimated and under budget by over \$300,000. The city has a small unappropriated balance as it is and that is exclusive of the lock box. It would reduce the unappropriated balance by \$700,000 or \$1 million which will put the city in a perilous position.

Ms. Candida Affa thanked Mr. Glazier and stated that she is a proponent of Public Safety. If you look at the services that are used in the city are in the inner city. When you talk about overtime and the Public Safety, it was a love fest. She cannot say with good conscious actually say we need to cut 10 percent overtime because the inner city needs these services.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that he lived through it and has to work with it so he understands it on both sides.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked Mr. Glazier that last year the city had a lot of overtime with the EMS resulting from the two paramedics that we did not have. It should have been relieved quite a bit from the hiring of paramedics.

Mr. Jeff Glazier expects the end of the year overtime \$525,000. They budgeted for next year \$325,000. He doesn't see a \$200,000 swing.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that Mr. Gratz mentioned that.

Mr. Roger MacLean thanked Mr. Glazier and Mr. Hendricks and asked any other questions from Council.

Mr. Courtney Robinson asked Mr. Camacho that this is just going through if we want to amend anything. There will still be an opportunity for the public and Council to debate on the overall amendment.

Mr. Juan Camacho stated that as it stands it has not been a motion put on the floor. Council is talking about something that could potentially change. At the moment, there is no motion to amend this item.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that his comments will be more appropriate on the amendment as it stands wholly.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated to Mr. Camacho that the only change is the Aquatics Manager.

Mr. Juan Camacho stated for a point of order to make sure there is no other amendments to discuss.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that we are at the 10 percent overtime cut. He asked Council and got no comments.

Mr. Juan Camacho stated that as it stands the Agenda that has been presented to the public, the administration and Council has been changed only to the extent of the Aquatics Manager. At this time, this will be the appropriate opportunity to discuss the vote on Bill 77 as amended tonight.

Mr. Roger MacLean opened it up to Council first on Bill 77 as amended and we will go to the public.

Mr. Courtney Robinson asked Mr. Camacho if Council needed to vote on the amendment.

Mr. Juan Camacho stated that we have a vote on the amendment itself as amended and then get to the substance to the Bill. It required five votes for an affirmative action. The amendment is four. He recommended for the sake of having a holistic and thorough process he recommended Council have two votes.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that Council will give open comments on the Aquatics Manager or just the whole Bill.

Mr. Juan Camacho stated that whole Bill.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments from Council or the public.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that if he understands the amendment correctly. He stated that there are two types of language about the Closing Fund Balance and the Unappropriated Balance. He said in the Budget Book on Page 1, we have a proposed projected balance on 112019 of \$6,587,194 and asked about the first part of the amendment. Is that that fund balance we are referring to.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he wants to reduce the whole budget 1.25 percent.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that you are saying take \$1,275,000 out of that fund balance and you have a series of other ways to make that money up.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated yes.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that his interpretation is to take it out of the Closing Fund or Unappropriated balance and doesn't have to be offset by any cuts.

Mr. Courtney Robinson asked Mr. Hartzell that \$6.5 million includes the \$5.2 million in the lock box, correct. When you remove the \$1.275 million from the \$6.5 million you are left \$5,312,194 which is about \$100,000 over the lock box. When you add the savings you come up \$6,408,379 as the ending balance.

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that it does.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he, Mr. Hanlon, and a couple of Council members have been doing this for the last couple of weeks. We know exactly what we are voting on.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that the public has a right to know as does everyone will be watching this, reading in The Morning Call and WFMZ. Part of the amendment when you talk about reorganizing IT, the \$375,000 is for all four positions. If the administration wanted to come back and add those two positions in January if the rate to the tax millage is reduce. They have to take \$200,000 out of the cash reserves.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that if we approve it. He stated that he is in favor of approving two out of four.

Mr. Courtney Robinson asked his colleagues not to vote for this amendment because he thinks that the economic realities have not changed. He asked his colleagues to vote down this amendment and support sound financial management moving forward.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that he had nobody that told him that they supported the tax increase. An elderly gentleman asked him to do what he can to reduce it.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that when the lower income people that came to Chambers, not one single person complained about their taxes. They talked about the services for the Fire Department, the Police Department, and Public Works. She stated that she would rely on the opinion on experts and vote for what's best for the citizens and this city.

Mr. Julio Guridy talked about when it was said we needed \$1.25 million to tear down the building and i said let's lower that. I did not get one vote and

we actually spent \$200,000. He stated that he is more on what he reads, his intuition and what is right. The right thing to do is not to increase taxes 27 percent at this point.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any other comments from Council or the public.

Mr. Tom Hahn talked about Council getting emails from him and never got an answer. He asked about the last meeting and whether or not the Sunshine Laws or conducting of business has been put into question.

Mr. Lou Hershman talked about amending the budget. We will have additional revenue that we will have. The City of Allentown has more low income homeowners and can't afford the 27 percent. He stated that he went to a realtor about foreclosures in Allentown and they gave him a list of 800. We need a cut in the budget.

Mr. Glenn Hunsicker reminded Council the thing that struck him when the budget came out was a \$8 million increase. He stated that he has not seen anyone cut expenses. That's the first thing you have to do and then increase taxes. When Mr. Glazier was talking about the 10 percent to freezing the overtime budget, it is salary money. He asked about the MMO number in there.

Mr. Jeff Glazier stated that he is not quite sure how it will affect the MMO. The overtime in the calculation is limited to 10 percent for Police.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she takes offense that Mr. Hershman coming up here and pointing out Ms. Mota as a democrat. She stated that they are all registered democrats sitting up here and according to the Courtesy of the Floor Rules you are not to point out any Councilperson. Why would you point her out? Do you want her to change her vote?

Mr. Tom Hahn stated that the Sunshine Laws have to be investigated.

Mr. Juan Camacho stated that he and Mr. Robinson were saying the same thing, but getting to different conclusions. Where we are at there are two votes that are necessary to resolve this Agenda. First, it is a vote on the Omnibus Amendment as amended and then the Second would be Bill 77.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that they asked for the public a couple of times and no one else came up.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any other comments from the public.

10 percent cut in overtime across the board, \$380,000

To amend the Closing Fund Balance, reduce the millage by 1/4 mill. Reorganize Information Systems taking it back to the original. Leaving the Aquatics Manager as Part-time. Replacing the setaside for the Pay Grade Implementation. 10 Percent Cut in the Overtime Budget.

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Mr. Juan Camacho stated that Council can take comments and public discussions and Council discussions.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any more Council discussions.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks reminded his colleagues and the administration that this is not eliminating a tax hike, it is simply reducing it. Something that the administration asked Council to do. To come up with some ideas of where we could cut and we did so. He encouraged the administration to follow through in supporting these cuts. 27 percent is extremely large increase in taxes. There is no question, an increase is necessary, but we need to cut expenses. He urged his colleagues to support this.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated to Mayor O'Connell that they cut spots where they felt it was needed. What else in your opinion can we do to get to where we need to get?

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that he has no comment. He is waiting for a vote and then he would respond accordingly at the next few days.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments from Council or the public.

Mr. Juan Camacho stated just to be clear five votes.

A motion to Approve As Amended Bill 77 was made by Ed Zucal, seconded by Julio Guridy. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Roger MacLean, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

No: 2 - Candida Affa, and Courtney Robinson

ADJOURNED: 7:13 PM