

CLEARWATER DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
SECOND AND FINAL PUBLIC HEARING

September 16, 2014 – 5:30 PM – City Hall – Council Chambers

Members Present:	Thomas Wright	Vice-Chairman
	Craig Rubright	Treasurer
	Dennis Bosi	Member
	Stu Sjouwerman	Member
	Tony Starova	Member
Also Present:	Bill Jonson	Ex-Officio/Councilmember
	Anne Fogarty France	Board Administrator
	Geri Campos Lopez	Director, Economic Development & Housing Department
Absent:	Paris Morfopoulos	Chairman
	John Doran	Member
	Ex-Officio Councilmember	Jay Polglaze

1. Vice-Chairman Wright called the Downtown Development Board (DDB) Second and Final Public Hearing to order at 5:30 p.m. and introduced members.
2. Citizen comments – There were no citizen's comments.
3. **Final Public Millage Hearing – Resolution 01-14.**

In accordance with Chapter 200 of the Florida Statutes, which defines requirements for the Determination of Millage and the rules governing Truth in Millage (TRIM) compliance, the DDB must hold two public hearings to adopt a final millage rate for the new fiscal year. The adoption of this resolution to establish the millage rate and the related budget resolution are an integral part of fulfilling these requirements.

The DDB set a tentative millage rate of .9651 mil on August 6, 2014, which is the rate that appeared on the TRIM bill notices mailed to taxpayers in August. The millage rate of .9651 mil represents a 7.01 percent increase from the rolled back rate of .9019 mil.

Resolution 01-14 is presented in order to adopt the millage rate of .9651 mills to support the operating budget for the 2014/15 fiscal year.

Treasurer Rubright read Resolution 01-14

**Member Doran moved to adopt Millage Resolution 01-14. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:**

**Ayes": Vice-Chairman Wright, Treasurer Craig Rubright, Member Bosi, Member Sjouwerman and Member Starova.**

**“Nays”:**      **None.**

**4.      Final Public Budget Hearing – Resolution 02-14.**

In accordance with Chapter 200 of the Florida Statutes and the rules governing Truth in Millage (TRIM) compliance, the DDB must hold two public hearings to adopt the budget. The adoption of this resolution adopting the 2014/15 millage rate is an integral part of fulfilling these requirements.

On June 5, 2014, staff provided the DDB with a Preliminary Budget that outlined proposed estimates of revenues and expenditures for the 2014/15 fiscal year. The preliminary budget was also presented at the August 21, 2014 special budget meeting.

Treasurer Rubright read Budget Resolution 02-14.

**Member Bosi moved to adopt Budget Resolution 02-14. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:**

**Ayes”:**      **Vice-Chairman Wright, Treasurer Craig Rubright, Member Bosi, Member Sjouwerman and Member Starova.**

**“Nays”:**      **None.**

**5.      Final Comments**

Ex-officio Councilmember Jonson commented that the communication between all organizations and individuals, not just the Church of Scientology was important. He noted that he and Ex-Officio Councilmember Polglaze were authorized to meet on September 23, 2014 for the Subcommittee regarding downtown issues. He added that he asked Anne Fogarty France to check on advertising requirements with the DDB attorney to see if they could be changed.

Member Sjouwerman advised that a representative of the Office of Special Affairs for the Church of Scientology asked him to distribute copies of the latest Freedom Magazine to members as it included information about downtown.

**6.      The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.**