

**MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF MINT HILL, NORTH CAROLINA
May 12, 2015**

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Mint Hill met in called session on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Flex Room, Mint Hill Town Hall.

ATTENDANCE

Mayor: Ted H. Biggers, Jr.

Commissioners: Lloyd Austin, Carl M. Ellington, Richard Newton and Katrina (Tina) W. Ross

Town Manager: Brian L. Welch

Town Clerk: Michelle Wells Farrar

Mayor Biggers called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., ruled a quorum present and the meeting duly constituted to carry on business. Manager Welch stated the purpose of the called meeting was to provide budget information for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 (FY16). Manager Welch presented the attached PowerPoint (filed as copy of record).

Manager Welch presented the Manager's proposed budget for FY16 and provided the following totals per Fund: General Fund, \$11,235,238; Powell Bill Fund \$704,500; Stormwater Fund \$458,590; Infrastructure Fund \$50; and, Tourism Fund \$180,500.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed budget. Manager Welch provided details in response to questions from the Board. The General Fund budget included a 2.5% merit pool for qualifying employees. The Planning Department budget was now included in the Administrative budget. The Fire Department budget allowed for a salaried full-time Deputy Director position. The creation of the EMS budget would be funded by Mint Hill Volunteer Fire Department and funded by ambulance proceeds. A request to Mecklenburg County had been sent to increase Fire Service District tax rate to \$.08 in accordance with the "matching" tax policy. The Public Works budget decreased slightly but accounted for new sidewalk construction, storage shed and equipment. The Solid Waste budget increased slightly to accommodate for new homes. The Police Department budget increased due to the purchase of additional body cameras, server/storage upgrades and acquisition of three replacement vehicles. The Town parks were combined to form the Parks budget which decreased from last year.

Manager Welch said the proposed tax rate for the upcoming budget year was \$.27 cents per \$100 valuation and the \$10 registered motor vehicle fee would remain the same. The Board agreed, by consensus, the Public Hearing for the FY16 Budget would be held on June 11, 2015.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mayor Biggers adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Michelle Wells Farrar, CMC, Town Clerk