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OBSERVER CORPS REPORT
Deltona City Commission Meeting
Reported by Ann Newman

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Consent Agenda:

The Board approved by consent the resolution awarding Whitehouse Contracting the contract for the concrete sidewalk enhancements at Harris M. Saxon Community Center.

Ordinances and Public Hearings:

The Commissioners unanimously approved the temporary moratorium on Data Centers

Action Items:

The 2026-2027 final millage for the city of Deltona and the 2026-2027 final city budget was discussed at length.

The total taxable value for operating purposes is $5,920,885.74. The total millage rate is stable at last year's rate of $6.4948 mills per 1000's of valuation. This includes all operating and capital costs for FY 2027.

Commissioner Howington suggested the City could look into reducing the millage rate by reducing the fluff in the budget, looking at the commercial tax base and the Amazon tax credit, new development, event funding, and looking at the 10% budget reduction exercise. This did not result in a motion.

The request for approval of the millage rate of $6.4948 mills per $1000 valuation was approved 5 to 2 with Commissioner Colwell and Howington dissenting.

A request for approval of the final 2026-2027 final budget was discussed at length. The above millage would result in a final operating budget for the City of $36,532,220 from Ad Valorem proceeds.

A motion by Commissioner Nabicht to move $1.5 million from Park and Recreation to road resurfacing died for lack of a second,

The request for approval of the final City budget initially failed but after some further discussion, including the fact that the millage rate has already been approved, the motion to accept the final budget, as presented, was approved 4 to 3, with Commissioner Colwell, Commissioner Howington and Vice Mayor Avila-Vasquez dissenting.

The resolution passed last year to grant Aloha Estate approval for the development of 536 apartments on 45.3 acres of land within the City has expired as the City never received the plat or site plan, as required by the resolution. A new application will be required.