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OBSERVER CORPS REPORT
Deltona City Commission Meeting
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ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of the new millage rate for the 2026-2027 budget year

The request to set the millage rate on the Deltona properties at 6.4948 per thousand was approved with Commissioners Colwell and Howington dissenting.

This rollback rate remains the same as last year, with no increase. It will be applied to the total property valuation in Deltona at 95% of current market. Volusia County Appraiser's office recently published the total property valuation for Deltona, which stands at $5,920,885,741, ($5.9 Trillion)

2. Approval of the revised budget for the 2026-2027 budget year

The Finance Director presented the revised budget for next year totalling $177,524,364, ($177.5 Millions). Besides the property taxes, funding for the budget comes from many other sources including other taxes, licenses and permits, impact fees, charges for services, assessments, fees, intergovernmental revenues, fines, etc....

The city Finance Director explained that this funding goes toward the General Fund, which includes the operating expenses of the administration and public safety for a total of $78.7M, as well as the Special Revenue budgets of $9.2M, the Capital Project Fund budget of $10.4M, the Enterprise Fund budget of $63.1M, and the Internal Service Fund budget of $16M.

The City budget was approved 4/3, with Commissioner Colwell, Howington and Vice Mayor Avila-Vasquez dissenting.

Other Items:

The City Manager noted that the new Culver's restaurant on Howland Blvd. Is now open.

He also discussed the status of the 4B Lakeshore project, aka the "straw" project around the Lakeshore drive, Lake Monroe boat ramp. This project is expected to take around 6 months to complete and will provide much needed alternative water supply and aquifer recharge.

He also mentioned that the City of Deltona made the U.S. News and World report ranking US cities on cost of living, education, crime rate, weather and job market with Deltona ranking 38 out of 411 cities in Florida and 353 out of 19500 cities nationwide.

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Previous – August 24th Commission meeting

An important resolution was approved unanimously at the August 24th Deltona Commission meeting calling for a 12 months moratorium on ALL data centers, regardless of size. During the next 12 months, the Commission intends to explore the issue and draft an ordinance that would create a complete ban on all data centers in Deltona.