

Conference Room No. 1, City Hall  
Millville, New Jersey  
October 17, 2006 6:30 p.m.

The Board of Commissioners met in an agenda session with Mayor Quinn presiding members present. Quinn, Shannon, Parent, Derella and Hollingshead. Absent: None.

The tentative agenda was discussed, but no official action was taken.

The City Clerk/Administrator noted the addition to the agenda regarding the appointment of Captain Edmond Grennon to represent the City of Millville as the Compliance Officer for the National Incident Management System through the Cumberland County Office of Emergency Management.

Commissioner Shannon reported on the forthcoming Halloween Extravaganza Celebration at the American Legion on behalf of Patriot Park and the forthcoming December 10<sup>th</sup> remember me celebration to be held at Glasstown Plaza.

Commissioner Parent noted the forthcoming Trick or Treat Day to be recognized on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and urged everyone to please drive safely.

Commissioner Derella reported the informational bulletin concerning the City of Millville's UEZ Program and Revenue Allocation District are now on the website and also noted the budget presentation has been posted on the City of Millville's Website.

The Director of Revenue and Finance also stated a link through the Tax Collector's Office to assist the City of Millville residents with the available rebate programs through the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs can also be found on the City's website.

There being no further business the agenda session was adjourned subject to the call of the chair, by the following vote:  
Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

Commission Chambers, City Hall  
Millville, New Jersey  
October 17, 2006, 7:00 p.m.

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session with Mayor Quinn presiding members present. Quinn, Shannon, Parent, Derella and Hollingshead. Absent: None.

Reverend Michael Anderson delivered the invocation followed by the salute to the flag.

Mayor Quinn made the statement required by the Open Public Meeting Act of 1975.

"This meeting is being conducted in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975", was advertised, posted and made available to the public as required by Statute. The Municipal Clerk

is directed to include a statement in the minutes of this meeting.

A motion was passed to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to proceed with the regular order of business, by the following vote: Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

The following bills were ordered paid, when properly certified, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

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Mayor Quinn stated the public comment portion regarding agenda items only was now open and asked if any person present wished to be heard.

Emil Van Hook addressed the Board of Commissioners concerning Resolution No. A-5599 concerning the Revenue Allocation District and made several comments and outlined the RAD statutory procedures.

Mr. Van Hook referred to the 28 day requirement and the time stipulation between the introduction of the Ordinance and the passage of the Ordinance.

Mr. Van Hook also referred to the Airport Revenue Allocation District, which has been removed from the plan and therefore Phase II and III cannot take place.

Mr. Van Hook also made reference to the rehabilitation of neighborhoods and noted it is not just the Third Ward and that other ward and districts are also involved.

Mr. Van Hook also noted that by Millville First calculations three hundred eighty-eight thousand dollars has been spent on the RAD and this does not include attorney's fees from Mr. McCarthy.

Don Ayres, Economic Development Director responded to Mr. Van Hook's questions noting that Mr. McManimon has appeared before the Local Finance Board and the Finance Board has provided preliminary approval of the Revenue Allocation District Plan and is subject to final submissions, which are now being prepared for the Local Finance Board.

Diane Mullee addressed the Board of Commissioners on the agenda items and asked for a copy of the bills. She noted several other items on the agenda that had public hearings and deferred any further questions until that time.

Betty Monteleone asked the Board of Commissioners a question concerning the agenda item for the one million five hundred thousand (1,500,000.00) dollar grant from EDA with Mayor Quinn responding that the City of Millville is receiving this grant for infrastructure at the Millville Airport.

Betty Monteleone asked Mayor Quinn if he is sure that the City of Millville will receive the one million five hundred thousand (1,500,000.00) dollars.

The City Attorney, Richard McCarthy, noted the award letter provides the notification and authorization for the Mayor to sign the agreement for the acceptance of the grant.

Paul Porreca addressed the Board of Commissioners and made the following comments:

"Good evening Mr. Mayor and Commissioners, Solicitor, Administrator. My name is Paul Porreca, I live on Porreca Drive in Millville. I have to... the time, I know you have a lot of work to do tonight and that also calls for a lot of comment, because there's a lot of business. So, I apologize in advance for taking some of this time up, but I think it's important and necessary and I have to say aside even though it doesn't seem to change a lot of things, I think it's important that the information be out there. I would respectfully disagree with Mr. Ayres' comments. I have had some occasion to read the law, I've read the statute and it does not say what he said it said. It says what Mr. Fath said it said and there is a discrepancy between the two Ordinances that you have passed. They are at variance with one another, but it does no good to make the case here, I'll not waste anytime on it. We'll take our case to the Local Finance Board. Most of what I want to talk about has to do with your agreement with the Motorsports Park, but a couple of other items that... just to touch on. You have an Ordinance here, oh, there's a public hearing on the CAP, never mind, and there's a public hearing on the COAH and the budget will be a public hearing. So, alright..."

Mayor Quinn: "Thank you..."

Paul Porreca: "with the Motorsports Park, once again, I really just want to comment on the, frankly, the basic unfairness or one sidedness of the contract itself..."

Mayor Quinn: "Excuse me and with all due respect. This is questions and we will have a comment period there will be an Ordinance on this too at the next meeting. So, I, I mean this time is to ask about any questions you have regarding things that we give the answer on that, so if you would reserve that to that point and time or at the end of the meeting, you're certainly welcome to talk about it for the five minutes and we have the Ordinance next month, or in a couple of weeks you can talk about it as long as your heart desires."

Paul Porreca: "Okay and I abide by that and I accept it and I'll do it."

Mayor Quinn: "Thank you."

Paul Porreca: "Except I get one minute. Can I have one comment?"

Mayor Quinn: "sure."

Paul Porreca: "Okay, I don't think I used five yet. In response to that, the difficulty with speaking at the second reading on something like this, this complex, twenty-eight or twenty-nine pages not counting the real estate contract which was not supplied with the other contracting. Which is the meat and potatoes of it. And I know I'll get it tomorrow. But, the problem with waiting until the second reading is that you fellows then don't have time to discuss the suggestions and sometimes, who knows, not me, somebody might have a good suggestion about your agreement and you won't have time to consider it. Because, you know, you're in the middle of the meeting, you have had the two weeks in between, you haven't had the benefit of other peoples thinking on it and bingo, you pass it. So, really it's a flawed system that doesn't allow others to give you constructive thoughts about the contract that you are about to enter

into that is going to bind this City to huge project for many, many years, not the least of which is an option that ties the ground up and off the tax rolls until the Year 2015. And the other thing that I am... and the other thing I'm going to mention, other than saying it's a flawed system that doesn't allow open-public debate in a timely way. The only other thing I'm going to say is that on Page 17, Paragraph B, I NOTE that you have exceeded to something that we've asked for every meeting, since you started redevelopment and that is that Eminent Domain upon completion of this project will be removed from the heads of these folks and I just don't think that's quite fair. Thank you very much."

Mayor Quinn: "okay anyone else on that, okay, I'll close that portion of the meeting..."

Commissioner Parent: "Mayor, if I may, in reference to the Ordinance. To the citizen's of the City, the first reading is available for anyone who wishes to pick it up, I believe it's on the internet now, Joe, you're putting the Ordinances online or..."

Commissioner Derella: "The agenda is online..."

Commissioner Parent: "if anyone has any questions or comments or suggestions in reference to those Ordinances, you can contact any City Commissioner. We're more than happy to sit down and review them prior to the next meeting. Thank you Mayor."

There being no further comments the public comment portion regarding agenda items was declared closed.

The City Clerk/Administrator read correspondence from Earl Sherrick, Director of the Millville Chamber of Commerce concerning the Christmas Parade to be held on November 24, 2006, 7:00 p.m. with the parade beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Harrison and High Street and proceeding south to City Hall and will last approximately two hours.

The City Clerk/Administrator requested that any approvals be subject to the conditions of the Traffic Safety Bureau due to the necessity of staging the parade on the North end and with the parking lots at Wheaton Plaza and Lakeside School not being available.

A motion was passed to receive file and approve the request for the Christmas Parade subject to any conditions set forth by the Traffic Safety Bureau by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

Commissioner Shannon reported on the forthcoming events on behalf of the Department of Recreation with the Halloween Extravaganza, the PAL Recognition Dinner, The Patriot Park Fundraiser and the December 10<sup>th</sup> event for the Remember Me Recognition Event.

The Report of the Municipal Court Clerk for the month ending September 2006 was ordered, received and filed, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

Commissioner Parent reminded everyone that Trick-Or-Treat will be recognized on Saturday, October 28, 2006 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and urged everyone to please drive carefully and be aware of the children in your neighborhoods.

Chief Harvey addressed the Board of Commissioners noting the appointment of Captain Grennon to serve as the City of Millville's

Compliance Officer for the National Incident Management System in Cooperation with the Cumberland County Emergency Management Department.

Chief Harvey also noted the forthcoming Bike Rodeo's to be held in cooperation with the City of Millville's Weed and Seed Program and they will distribute bike helmets at the respective schools.

Chief Harvey also gave a report on the PAL Program and the installation of new digital cameras to replace the video cameras in the police cars, which will download automatically at the Millville Police Department.

Chief Harvey also noted the recent program for the I-DENT-A-KIT Program and that over 40 children attended this event at Wendy's Restaurant.

Commissioner Parent thanked the Millville Police Department, Chief Harvey and all the staff for their work in the community.

The report of the Tax Collector, the Accounting Report and the Construction Official's Report for the month of September 2006 were ordered, received and filed, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

Commissioner Derella reported the informational bulletins concerning the UEZ Program and the Revenue Allocation District are now on the City of Millville's Website and the Budget Presentation from the Budget Introduction date is also available on the Website.

Commissioner Derella also reported the Tax Collector's Office has provided a direct link to the State of New Jersey to provide residents with information and instructions to review all of the rebate programs available.

Commissioner Derella also reported on the Habitat for Humanity Home Project and last Saturday's experience with the construction of the second house and thanked all of the union members for their support and dedication to this project.

Commissioner Hollingshead expressed sincere appreciation to the students and parents of Lakeside School and Silver Run School for their assistance in the recent City Cleanup Program.

The following proposed ordinance was read on first reading:

Ordinance No. 34-2006

An Ordinance to authorize amendments to the Municipal Development Agreement between the City of Millville and New Jersey Motorsports Park, LLC for the development of an Airport Motorsports Entertainment Complex previously approved by Ordinance No. 19-2004 on June 15, 2004.

Director Derella moved for the adoption of the proposed ordinance on first reading with final consideration to be given on Monday, November 6, 2006 after due publication as provided by law.

Director Hollingshead seconded the motion.

Commissioner Derella made the following comments:

*"Real quick, Mr. Mayor this is on first reading. We have in the past listened to the community and listened to things most recently, as the modular home park issue on the very first Ordinance that we did introduce. We listened and we actually voted that down based on my recommendation and went back to the drawing board and came back with something that was a little bit more palatable for both sides to try to create that equity that we needed to have for the taxpayers best interest. We have also tabled things to go back to the drawing board, as well. The professional staff, as well as ourselves are always available to try to answer questions and listen to concerns prior to that two week window that's provided by law for anyone who would like to come in and comment."*

There being no further comments the motion was passed, by the following vote: Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

The following proposed ordinance was read on second and final reading:

Ordinance No. 30-2006

An Ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to establish a Cap Bank.

Director Derella moved for the adoption of the proposed ordinance on second and final reading.

Director Hollingshead seconded the motion.

Mayor Quinn declared a public hearing open and asked if any person present wished to be heard.

Commissioner Derella called upon Ron Charlesworth, Chief Financial Officer for an explanation of the CAP Bank:

Ron Charlesworth: *"That Ordinance is necessary so that we can use three point five percent for our increase of CAP, instead of two point five. The State allows us to do that."*

Betty Monteleone: *"So, could you put that in dollar and cents to the public of how it's going to affect them?"*

Ron Charlesworth: *"I do not have that number here with me, no I can't at this time."*

Betty Monteleone: *"So, we really are just looking at more increases and nobody really knows how much or why?"*

Ron Charlesworth: *"Well, it's, it's not a matter of not knowing how much, I just don't have it with me..."*

Betty Monteleone: *"right."*

Ron Charlesworth: *"and why is, because we need it to balance the budget. The two point five percent is really rather unrealistic when you look at the increases that the State is putting down on us."*

Betty Monteleone: *"Well, if you look at the increases in the City's spending I can understand why you need it, but I don't think it's the matter of understanding why, but all the gentlemen sitting*

up there are businessmen and if their boss came in and told them you cut this budget twenty percent. Trust me, they would cut the budget twenty percent, which we are at... we're pawns and we don't have a choice. But, I know that anybody running any Department can at minimum cut their budget ten percent without touching any major services. I looked at your last years budget and most Departments didn't even spend what they had in their departments..."

Mayor Quinn: "Betty this is not, you know..."

Betty Monteleone: "Well, I was answering his questions, when he said..."

Lew Thompson: "I can answer the question on the CAP Bank it was publicized in the Ordinance, it deals with an increase of one percent, two point five to three point five and was stipulated in the advertisement that appeared in the paper for the Ordinance. It's two hundred eleven thousand, seven hundred eighty-six dollars and eighteen cents."

Mayor Quinn: "Thank you."

Betty Monteleone: "Didn't anybody think about trying to cut it, instead of raising it?"

Commissioner Derella: "I could also ask Lisa Donahue if she would like to comment in regards to, she's our, part of our auditing team."

Lisa Donahue: "With regard to this Ordinance... municipalities to just give you some background on this are permitted to increase their budget over the previous year the cost of living increase each year. This particular year it was at two and a half percent. Municipalities are permitted to increase that an additional one percent by the passage of an Ordinance and that's what we're talking about here. I can tell you that probably five hundred and sixty-six of the municipalities out there had to adopt an Ordinance such as this. Because, their spending, obviously is going up more than two and a half percent. I mean pension alone went up over seventy percent. It's not on an individual line item basis, it's on a total basis..."

Betty Monteleone: "I understand..."

Lisa Donahue: "so, it's, this is not unlike any other municipality..."

Betty Monteleone: "I understand exactly what you're saying, but I also understand that you should look at cutting, not increasing. Because, this City is not in that good of shape. So, after awhile you can't keep increasing and expecting people to pay it. You should be looking at that and I do also understand why you gentlemen do not want people speaking on the first Ordinance, because then they might see..."

Mayor Quinn: "Betty that has nothing to do with this you can talk about it at the end of the meeting..."

Betty Monteleone: "they would see you don't know what you're talking about..."

Mayor Quinn: "alright, that's enough..."

Commissioner Derella: "out of order..."

Betty Monteleone: *"Well, I was being honest."*

Emil Van Hook: *"Thank you gentlemen for the opportunity to speak, my name is Emil Van Hook. Having dealt with Municipal Budgets in the past and having dealt with the Municipal Cap Law when it was first introduced many years ago when it was referred to, when it was the five percent CAP. In fact, in those days there was nothing that was exempted from the Municipal CAP Law. There had been numerous modifications to it and perhaps, I'd ask you Mr. Mayor or actually Miss Donahue through you Mr. Mayor if, are there exceptions to the CAP Law now, or does that encompass the entire budget or are there many exceptions like there has been built into it over the years?"*

Mayor Quinn: *"Lisa, do you want to come back up, please?"*

Lisa Donahue: *"There are exceptions to the CAP Law, but they are dwindling. The insurance line items that were permitted to be put back outside the CAP were now for the first year required to be put inside the CAP. So, really the only things outside now are the Pension appropriations, which are also going to be coming back in, phasing in over next year..."*

Emil Van Hook: *"but, they're not now?"*

Lisa Donahue: *"the Pension?"*

Emil Van Hook: *"yeah..."*

Lisa Donahue: *"No, but insurance is..."*

Emil Van Hook: *"okay, but, so, but the fact of the matter was, I know that it has been mentioned by the Commissioners, as we have, as they went through the developmental process of the budget that the Pension issue, particularly police and fire was a major item in so far as necessitating tax increase, but that's outside the CAP."*

Lisa Donahue: *"that's, right, presently outside of the CAP."*

Emil Van Hook: *"okay, that's what I thought, so the fact of the matter is, the two and a half percent does not include everything in the Municipal Budget."*

Lisa Donahue: *"No."*

Emil Van Hook: *"okay, thank you."*

There being no further comments Mayor Quinn declared the public hearing closed and asked for a roll call on the motion.

The motion was passed, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

The following proposed ordinance was read on second and final reading:

Ordinance No. 33-2006

An Ordinance amending the Municipal Code, Chapter 30, Article VI, Conventional Development Review Procedures, Article XI Zoning Districts and Zoning Map, Article XII Zoning District Regulations, Article XVIII Special Use Design and Performance Standards and Article XIX Planned Unit Development regarding to enable the

Development Fee Ordinance to be in conformance with COAH recommendations

Director Derella moved for the adoption of the proposed ordinance on second and final reading.

Director Hollingshead seconded the motion.

Mayor Quinn declared a public hearing open and asked if any person present wished to be heard.

Paul Porreca: "Good evening, Paul Porreca. There's a reference in there to COAH and the fees in connection with COAH in that Ordinance. Correct? I don't have it in front of me."

Commissioner Derella: "Correct."

Paul Porreca: "Can you tell the folks what COAH is and you can tell us what the fees are for openers?"

Commissioner Derella: "COAH is the Affordable Housing component that the City, as other cities follow and what we have is a recommendation from that particular Department to raise our payment in lieu of providing those houses from developers. Whether it be residential development and/or commercial or industrial development from thirty-five thousand per unit to fifty thousand dollars per unit."

Paul Porreca: "now, you said the recommendation comes from the Commission on Affordable Housing, but is there not some other expert input or some other analysis done to determine what that number should be?"

Commissioner Derella: "this recommendation came directly from our Planning Director, Dr. Kim Warker in regards to how she wanted to handle this..."

Paul Porreca: "oh, it's not so, it's not from the Commission..."

Commissioner Derella: "no and it also came through the Planning Board as well in regards to these changes."

Paul Porreca: "okay, so, at first I misunderstood, I'm sorry, I thought you said the Commission recommended the amount of the fee. Was there some document, some analysis, some expert, you know, by an appraiser or builder that backs up the fifty thousand dollars number?"

Commissioner Derella: "at this time I couldn't give you that answer. I know there was debate and discussion amongst the Planning Board and this has been the recommendation from COAH, discussion with our Planning Director, Dr. Kim Warker and then her recommendation from her gathering the facts."

Paul Porreca: "no, wait a minute, we're back to recommendation from COAH, but it's the number, fifty thousand is not a recommendation from a COAH. Right? You said it is and you said it isn't..."

Commissioner Derella: "???????, you know, Dr. Warker could not be here this evening. The recommendation was to raise the fee, the fifty thousand dollar fee is what has been recommended by Dr. Warker to Planning Board and in turn to us..."

Paul Porreca: "okay, so you have the recommendation from... well, I really think you guys ought to understand that your voting on it. The recommendation then as to the number and that is the amount of money per unit that a developer will pay to the City so it doesn't have to build an affordable unit in connection with a development. Is that right? Is that a correct statement?"

Commissioner Derella: "yes..."

Paul Porreca: "Now you're telling me that the Planning Board has sent over to you the fifty thousand dollar figure that came from the Planning Board. Yes or no?"

Commissioner Derella: "yes, ???"

Paul Porreca: "okay, so there ought to be something in the Planning Board that would fortify or establish how they arrived at that number. I would suspect, although I guess you don't know that. You're just taking what the Planning Board said..."

Commissioner Derella: "can't give you detail off of the top of my head, I don't want to say things that are inaccurate, but there was discussion there, I could refer to our legal expert who did review it..."

Paul Porreca: "yeah, but you're on the Planning Board..."

Commissioner Derella: "correct."

Paul Porreca: "okay, so you're one of the one's who sent the fifty thousand dollar number over. Alright so I guess I have to go ask Dr. Warker, which I'll be happy to do... how she arrived at that number and what the foundation and substance is that supports a fifty thousand dollar number. Correct?"

Commissioner Derella: "you may, yes..."

Paul Porreca: "I am so referred sir. Thank you very much."

Commissioner Derella: "Rich, would you also like to comment in regards to that."

Richard McCarthy: "yeah, the... I was advised by Kim that the... that was a recommendation from COAH to increase from thirty-five thousand to fifty, which was reviewed by her and there were... And with respect to the remainder of the Ordinance the draft of the Ordinance that appears before us was a... was in a draft to the Planning Board. The Planning Board reviewed that and recommended it to the City Commission and that's how the Ordinance got here."

Lew Thompson: "I would also like to note that this deals specifically with eight or more lots in a development. It wouldn't have to be set aside eight or under..."

Al Federici: "My name is Al Federici of Fowler Avenue. I'm trying to understand what this is happening here. And what I'm understanding is that there is some law or Ordinance that would require a developer to construct affordable housing based on some formula. But, that they can pay a fee to the City to be exempt from that responsibility. Am I following so far?"

Commissioner Derella: "So far, yes."

Al Federici: "so, then who inherits the responsibility for building that affordable housing, or is that just ignored, because there's a mechanism that says you can buy your way out of that requirement."

Commissioner Derella: "the City now becomes responsible..."

Al Federici: "The City does. So, can the City provide that housing for fifty thousand dollars?"

Commissioner Derella: "We have setup, Mr. McCarthy can go into detail, an Affordable Housing Trust Fund where those funds will go into... Target has been the first one to contribute and then from there our Planning Director goes through and works with the different groups within the City to make that project, those projects happen."

Al Federici: "But, does that mechanism require that the City and the taxpayers don't have to subsidize that fifty thousand to come out... The end out product is an affordable housing unit?"

Commissioner Derella: "mm hmm"

Al Federici: "and so we're saying to one party, you can be exempted from that by giving us, what seems to be an arbitrary number, because we haven't found out what the basis of that number was. There's no basis of analysis of costs so far. And I don't know what the timeframe might be in terms of the affects of changes in the cost of materials and so forth. So, that today we're getting fifty thousand dollars to inherit a responsibility that we don't know what the ult... eventual cost would be. Can you, I mean, can anybody reasonably say that they can go out today and construct a unit of affordable housing for fifty thousand dollars? I mean we're talking, I'm talking common sense here, I'm not an expert in any of these fields. I'm just an expert in having to eventually be one of the subsidizers. Meaning, that paying the eventual cost, so I would say that if the process of passing this Ordinance is at a point where it can be delayed until some pertinent information is obtained and that the final decision would be driven by rationale and that there'd be some kind of guarantee that says that if we can't produce that, then we can go back to the source and say, you know, there's got to be some kind of inflation provision there. This doesn't make sense that you would accept, I would accept, somebody saying here's fifty grand that sometime in the future you're going to build affordable housing. This doesn't make sense."

Commissioner Derella: "I may also defer to Mr. Ayres who has had some conversation in regards to this as well..."

Don Ayres: "I was speaking on behalf of lawyers, which I'm not before and on behalf of COAH, which I'm not involved with right now. But, I do know that what we're talking about is not constructing a unit for fifty thousand dollars. We're talking about taking a unit and writing it down by fifty thousand dollars, so it is affordable for our working family. So, instead of the unit costing a hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, just picking a number. It will then cost seventy-five thousand dollars and be affordable to a greater range of people and that would be accomplished greatly through working with AHOME and the Millville Housing Authority and the people who put those projects together would not be the City building housing. It would be working on infill units or abandoned houses and writing the cost down so it's affordable to a working family who qualifies for a mortgage and I do believe that we have a significant number of those people in this town..."

Mayor Quinn: "Don, it also would not cost the City taxpayers, that money goes into the trust fund to..."

Don Ayres: "it goes into the Trust Fund, but it's mandated from the state down and it's mandated to every single municipality in the State of New Jersey that you do have a COAH Program. So, it's something coming from the State that you're trying to write down the cost of a unit, so it's affordable, not build a total unit from that money."

Richard McCarthy: "The other factor is the actual Ordinance that's on the books has a thirty-five thousand dollar component and that's actually what we're doing is increasing the cost of the developer by fifteen thousand dollars. The second thing you can do with that, you can also rehab, there's a certain, under the state regulations, you're allowed to rehab a certain percentage to the tune of that amount of money as well. So, it doesn't cost the taxpayers any money, but it does create a trust fund for improving the quality of your housing within the community and affordability."

Emil Van Hook: "Mr. Mayor and Commissioners, Emil Van Hook, again. I'm sorry, I hate to keep coming up here, but you know, I'm not an expert on this field and perhaps you can help me out. But, I think... didn't COAH come about out of something called the Mount Laurel decision..."

Mayor Quinn: "yes."

Emil Van Hook: "and what was the Mount Laurel decision?"

Mayor Quinn: "Well, they needed to have affordable housing in Mount Laurel and they didn't want to have any, so they were charged with coming up with putting in affordable houses in the Mount Laurel area... I believe... and then a lot of people, it's interesting I find now with the COAH situation is they buy off their affordable housing and they give it to Camden and they give it to other communities, that's another aspect of it."

Emil Van Hook: "I, I was always under the impression that the Mount Laurel decision had something to do where, Mount Laurel actually zoned out of the community of affordable housing..."

Mayor Quinn: "okay, right..."

Emil Van Hook: "or, lower, lower or lower..."

Mayor Quinn: "income..."

Emil Van Hook: "priced housing and as a result there was a court decision with the Supreme Court, if memory serves me correctly. Again, I'm not up on this stuff, but..."

Mayor Quinn: "oh, I think you are..."

Richard McCarthy: "it was actually a series of decisions..."

Emil Van Hook: "Yeah, I believe it was, as I can recall, you know, just reading in the newspaper. But... and then as a result, what we're doing is we're contributing to a fund where each community has a minimum number of affordable housing established by COAH, which is a Division of the State Department of Community Affairs. Is that right?"

Mayor Quinn: "yeah, as far as I know..."

Commissioner Derella: "yes..."

Emil Van Hook: "and that we are establishing that number or we are meeting that obligation through Manufactured Housing and Projects that we have been working with through AHOME and Millville Housing Authority and things of that nature. Which would be directly related to the Revenue Allocation District, where we're going to do low-mod income housing in that project, which is going to be supported with borrowed taxpayers money."

Mayor Quinn: "Right."

Emil Van Hook: "Thank you."

Mayor Quinn: "You're welcome."

Al Federici: "Al Federici."

Lew Thompson: "spell your last name please."

Al Federici: "F-E-D-E-R-I-C-I. Who has the primary responsibility to provide affordable housing based on this formula of how many, you know, units are going to... is it the developer who has the responsibility?"

Mayor Quinn: "no."

Al Federici: "and we're discussing a mechanism to give the developer a way to have that passed on to a public authority..."

Mayor Quinn: "Well, what we have decided was we felt that it was important to improve the housing stock in our Center City and Third Ward. And for instance, a developer, if the Holly Ridge Project ever gets off the ground, he said; do you want to build the affordable houses there. They would be obviously, lower priced than the other homes. We said no, we would rather improve the housing stock in our Center City area. So, therefore give us so much per home and that's what this amount would be. So, if they build nine hundred, I think they were supposed to build like nine fifty and say fifty of them, I'm not sure of the exact number. We're going to not build, but fifty thousand dollars now, instead of thirty-five thousand per home would be given to the Housing Trust Fund. That money would then be given to AHOME, or the Holly City Development Corporation/Millville Housing Authority, who are able to build the homes and then that money would be used to buy down across the home. For instance, right now, the Holly City Development Corporation is building homes in the Third Ward. I believe they're selling them for a hundred twenty thousand dollars and probably the market for them might be one hundred sixty-five. I don't know what the market would be exactly. So, what happens is you get AHOME, as Mr. Van Hook said, they put in the modular homes that the school makes, for instance, I think they buy them for eighty thousand, eighty-five thousand dollars. They would be given the monies to be able to help put that in, so you would have affordable housing and nice new housing. It would not be us doing the selection, what we have, you know, AHOME and the Housing Authority involved."

Al Federici: "So, if this mechanism weren't in place, would the developer have to supply it, meet that need themselves?"

Mayor Quinn: "Yes, he would have to, that's exactly right and we, he has, we can say we don't want to take the money, but we felt

*it was better to take the money and try to improve the housing stock in the poorer areas."*

Al Federici: *"Do we have any track record or do we have any way to know that we're having faith that the money we deposit in this trust is going to generate enough income to cover the costs to produce the housing, so that the trust is autonomous and won't have to go back to the taxpayers to supplement, I mean do we have anything..."*

Mayor Quinn: *"that isn't... the money that he gives for one house, doesn't build a house..."*

Al Federici: *"I understand that..."*

Mayor Quinn: *"it can go towards helping buy down the price. As I explained to you, when they buy the house from the Cumberland Vo-tech, they pay eighty-five thousand for that house and then they, whatever they do, they have to buy the land, obviously is another certain amount of money, and they put a foundation in, so when you get the total cost, this money can be used to give to AHOME and Holly City Development Corporation to help put in some new housing. And as I think Lew or Mr. McCarthy pointed out, they could also take some rehab housing, as well and take some of those homes and do that. But, it's not going to come back to costing the taxpayer, it's that share that they have to give when they're building homes in lieu of doing the affordable housing. We can just tell them, hey, go ahead and build affordable housing where you're building your new homes. We opted not to, because we wanted to try to improve Center City and Third Ward and South Second..."*

Al Federici: *"So, you do see this as a risk free enterprise?"*

Mayor Quinn: *"Absolutely..."*

Al Federici: *"financial..."*

Mayor Quinn: *"yes."*

Al Federici: *"okay, I don't have any other basis to question this."*

Mayor Quinn: *"Thank you."*

Paul Porreca, Jr.: *"Paul Porreca, Jr., I think this is the part where you are also doing the buffers?"*

Commissioner Derella: *"say that again."*

Paul Porreca, Jr.: *"buffers, the new buffers..."*

Commissioner Derella and Richard McCarthy: *"no."*

Paul Porreca, Jr.: *"this is Chapter 30?"*

Commissioner Derella: *"This is Chapter 30, Land Use and Development Regulations, but it's strictly dealing with the impact statements, affordable housing and..."*

Paul Porreca, Jr.: *"right, but it's changes to it and there's one that changes the buffers. Is that another part of an Ordinance that also is the..."*

Commissioner Derella: "????? as I understand it, that they can count open-space in surrounding townships and what we're looking to do is amend that, so that the land must be contiguous and this eliminates that open-space. The issue was Fairfield Township and this situations they have with the Planning Board..."

Paul Porreca, Jr.: "right, well I'm looking at the amendment, it says Draft No. 5, there's no page number on it, Land Use and Development Regulation Ordinance Chapter 30 of the code of the City of Millville requires minimum buffer widths and I didn't know if it was part of this Ordinance that we're talking about right now, or if there was another Ordinance on the agenda that was changing the buffers..."

Commissioner Derella: "Do they have the original one?"

Lew Thompson: "Yeah... what section are you referring to..."

Paul Porreca, Jr.: "eight thirty..."

Commissioner Derella: "that was pulled this evening..."

Commissioner Parent: "that was pulled I think, that was pulled. That's not this..."

Richard McCarthy: "That's not on the agenda... That's the Lakeshore Conservation District, that's not on the agenda, that's not this Ordinance, that's a different Ordinance..."

Paul Porreca, Jr.: "alright, I was just concerned about how you could have hundred foot buffers on lots that were allowed to have a hundred foot..."

Commissioner Parent: "no, that would be a little tough..."

Paul Porreca, Jr.: "yeah, I wanted to see how that practically worked..."

Commissioner Derella: "that was pulled today to go back to the drawing board and make some adjustments."

There being no further comments Mayor Quinn declared the public hearing closed and asked for a roll call on the motion.

The motion was passed, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

Resolution No. A-5592 authorizing the City of Millville FY2007 Budget to be read by title only pursuant to NJSA 40A: 4-8 was adopted, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

Resolution No. A- 5568 authorizing a public hearing on the FY2007 Budget was read by the City Clerk/Administrator:

Mayor Quinn declared a public hearing open and asked if any person present wished to be heard.

Commissioner Derella, Director of Revenue and Finance made the following power point presentation:

# City of Millville

## Fiscal Year 2007

### July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007

## Budget

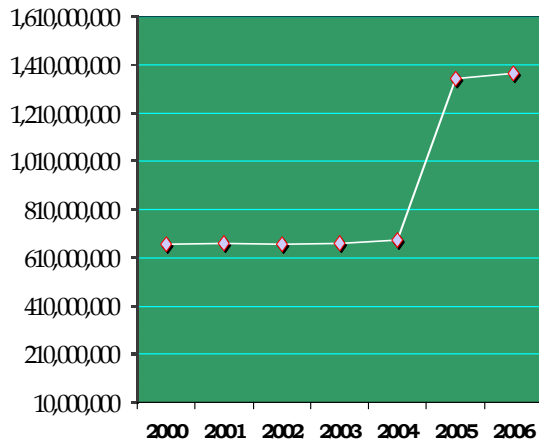


- James Quinn – Mayor – Commissioner of Public Affairs
- Joseph Derella – Vice Mayor – Commissioner Rev & Fin
- James Parent – Commissioner of Public Safety
- John Hollingshead – Commissioner of Public Works
- Tim Shannon – Commissioner of Parks & Public Property

## Net Valuation Taxable

TOTAL RATABLES

• 2000	667,172,360
• 2001	668,747,766
• 2002	665,611,557
• 2003	669,887,491
• 2004	684,072,886
• 2005	1,352,978,038 *
• 2006	1,374,063,669
• 2007	To be filed Jan 10, 2007

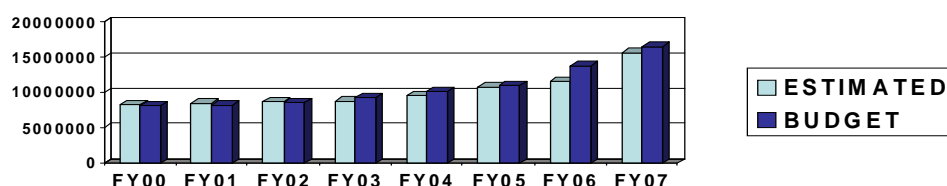


\* - Revaluation

## FY07 PROPERTY TAX FOR SUPPORT OF BUDGET

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ESTIMATED LEVY RATE</u> N.J.S.A. 40A:4-12.1 (3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> qtr Billing)		<u>RATE</u>	<u>ADOPTED BUDGET LEVY</u> N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.1 (1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> qtr Billing)	
FY00	\$ 8,254,459.32	\$ 1.240		\$ 8,121,262	\$ 1.22
FY01	\$ 8,473,088.97	\$ 1.270		\$ 8,219,000	\$ 1.23
FY02	\$ 8,692,302.18	\$ 1.300		\$ 8,562,117	\$ 1.28
FY03	\$ 8,723,582.00	\$ 1.311		\$ 9,273,448	\$ 1.39
FY04	\$ 9,617,123.00	\$ 1.436		\$ 10,168,091	\$ 1.52
FY05	\$ 10,764,475.92	\$ 1.574		\$ 10,926,372	\$ 1.60
FY06	\$ 11,605,121.08	\$ 0.858		\$ 13,804,439	\$ 1.02
FY07	\$ 15,703,782.03	\$ 1.143		\$ 16,092,064*	\$ 1.17*

\* Introduced Excluding Extraordinary Aid  
\$900,000 Extraordinary Aid = \$15,192,064 \$1.105



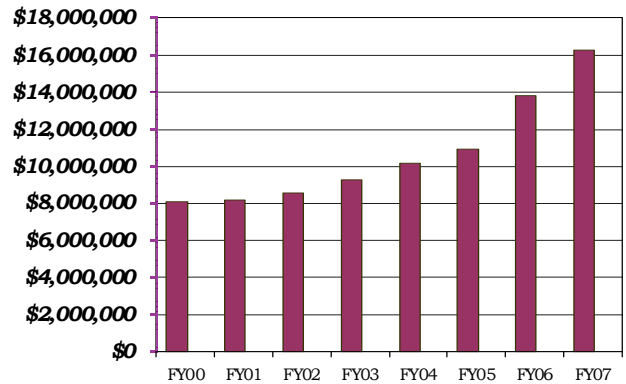
# Amount to be Raised by Taxation to Support Local Budget

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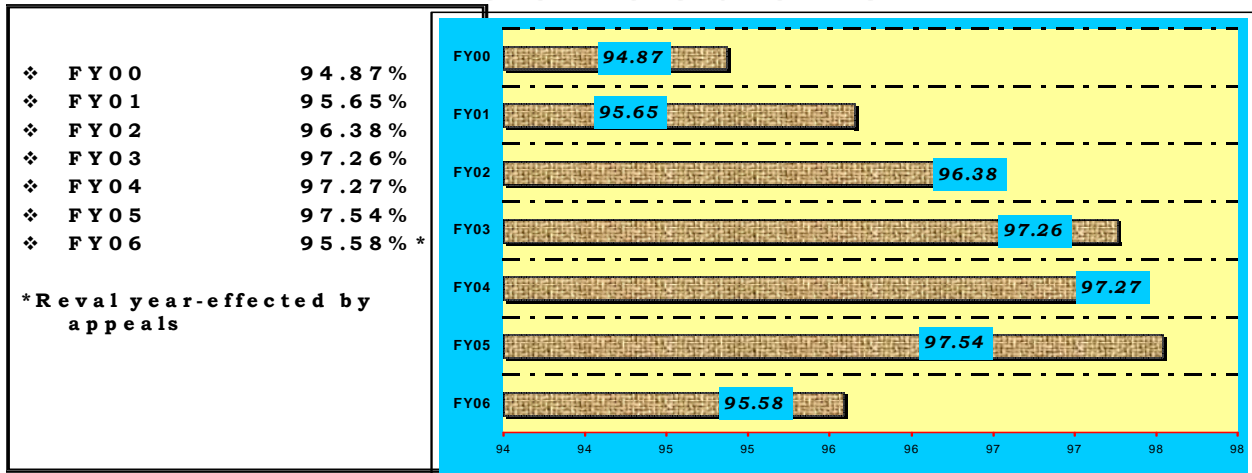
• FY00	8,121,000
• FY01	8,219,000
• FY02	8,562,117
• FY03	9,273,448
• FY04	10,168,091
• FY05	10,926,372
• FY06	13,804,439
• FY07	16,092,064*

\*Introduced Excluding Extraordinary Aid \$900,000 Extraordinary Aid

FY07 \$15,192,064



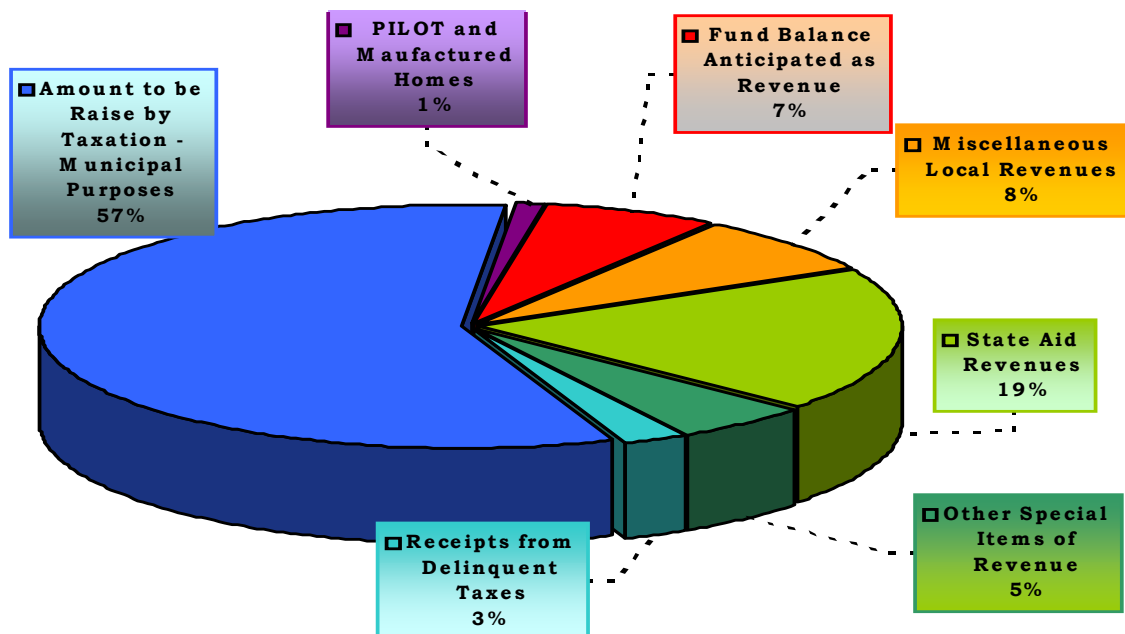
## Percentage of Tax Collections



## Budget Revenues

	<u>FY06</u>		<u>FY07</u>
• Fund Balance Anticipated as Revenue	1,950,000	•	Fund Balance Anticipated as Revenue 1,880,876
• Miscellaneous Local Revenues	1,967,500	•	Miscellaneous Local Revenues 2,183,000
• State Aid Revenues	5,341,435	•	State Aid Revenues 5,344,667
• PILOTS	-0-	•	PILOTS 200,000
• Manufactured Homes	60,000	•	Manufactured Homes 100,000
• Other Special Items of Revenue	1,224,064	•	Other Special Items of Revenue 1,476,855
• Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	600,000	•	Receipts from Delinquent Taxes 700,000
• Amount to be Raised by Taxation - Municipal Purposes	<u>14,733,136</u>	•	Amount to be Raised by Taxation - Municipal Purposes <u>16,092,064</u>
	<b>\$25,876,135</b>		<b>\$27,977,462</b>

## FY07 Budget Revenues



## Budget Appropriations

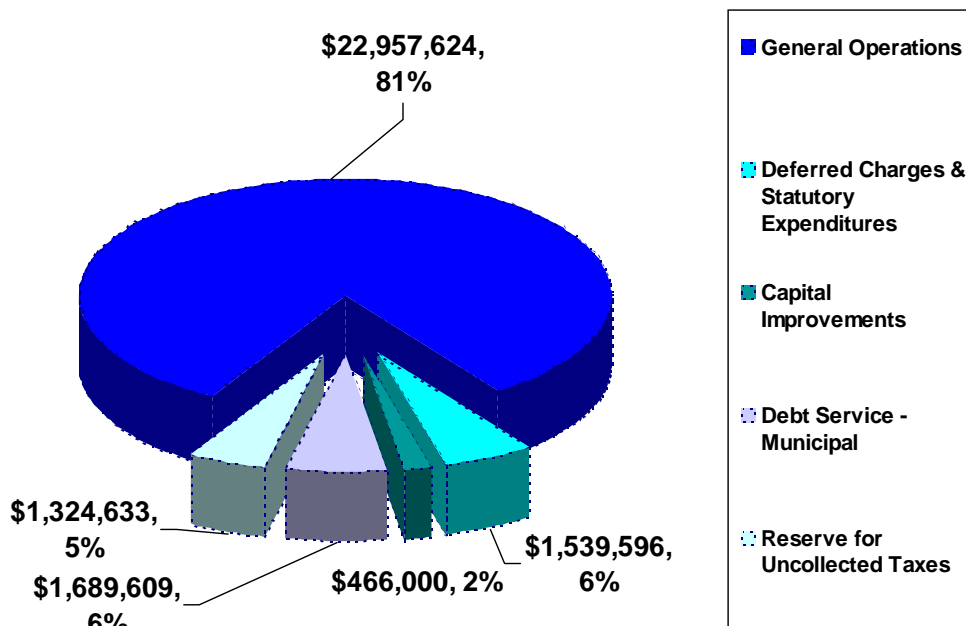
### FY06

• General Operations	\$21,583,818
• Deferred Charges, & Statutory Expenditures	1,193,241
• Capital Improvements	421,000
• Debt Service – Municipal	1,628,135
• Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	<u>1,049,942</u>
	\$25,876,135

### FY07

• General Operations	\$22,957,624
• Deferred Charges, & Statutory Expenditures	1,539,596
• Capital Improvements	466,000
• Debt Service – Municipal	1,689,609
• Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	<u>1,324,633</u>
	\$27,977,462

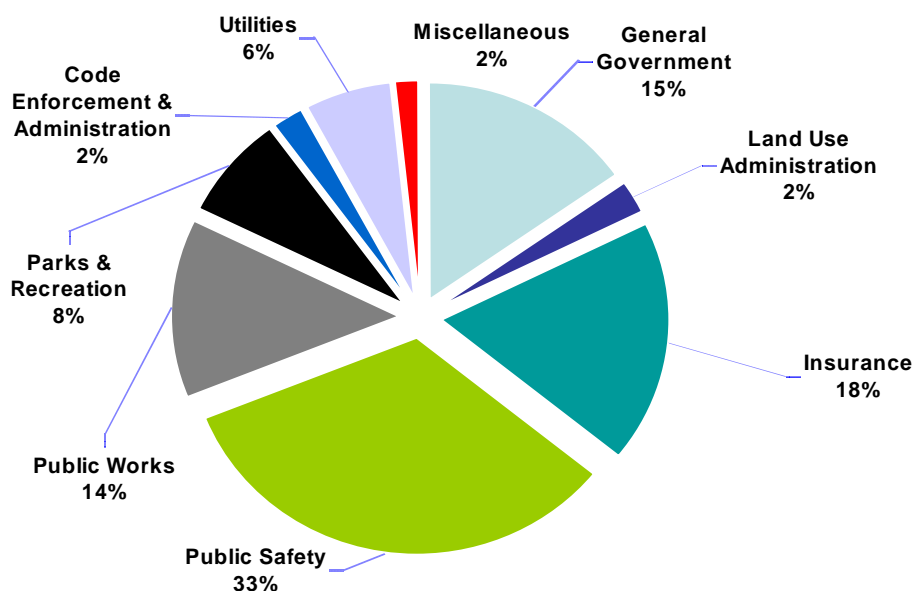
## FY07 Budget Appropriations



## Analysis of General Operations

	<u><b>FY06</b></u>		<u><b>FY07</b></u>
• General Government	\$3,177,517	•	General Government \$3,510,050
• Land Use Administration	473,525	•	Land Use Administration 542,290
• Insurance	4,033,000	•	Insurance 4,166,580
• Public Safety	7,378,203	•	Public Safety 7,521,219
• Public Works	3,180,343	•	Public Works 3,086,719
• Health & Human Services	108,420	•	Health & Human Services 95,650
• Park & Recreation	1,424,760	•	Park & Recreation 1,743,906
• Code Enforcement & Administration	409,050	•	Code Enforcement & Administration 517,010
• Utilities (Gas, Elec, etc)	1,077,000	•	Utilities (Gas, Elec, etc) 1,391,870
• Miscellaneous	<u>322,000</u>	•	Miscellaneous <u>382,330</u>
Total Operating Appropriations FY06		Total Operating Appropriations FY07	
\$21,583,818		\$22,957,624	

## FY07 General Operations

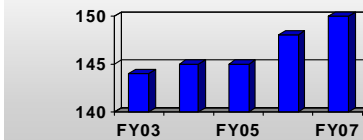


## BUDGETED FULL TIME POSITIONS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>POLICE</u>	<u>FIRE</u>	<u>OTHER *</u>
FY00	69	6	141
FY01	69	8	144
FY02	69	8	144
FY03	69	9	144
FY04	69	9	145
FY05	73	10	145
FY06	79	10	148
FY07	80	11	150



\* OTHER – ALSO INCLUDES WATER AND SEWER UTILITIES BUDGETED POSITIONS

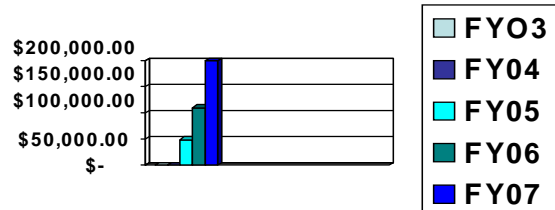


## FY07 BUDGET ANALYSIS PENSION

### PUBLIC EMPLOYEES PENSION SYSTEM

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
FY03	-0-	-0-
FY04	-0-	-0-
FY05	\$48,303	\$ 48,303
FY06	\$ 110,000	\$ 61,697
FY07	\$ 200,000	\$ 90,000

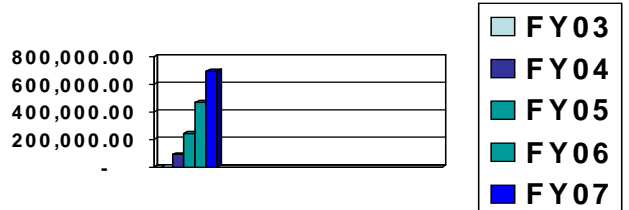
### PUBLIC EMPLOYEES



### POLICE/FIRE PENSION SYSTEM

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
FY03	-0-	-0-
FY04	\$ 92,000	\$ 92,000
FY05	\$241,318	\$149,318
FY06	\$471,482	\$230,164
FY07	\$695,881	\$224,399

### POLICE AND FIRE

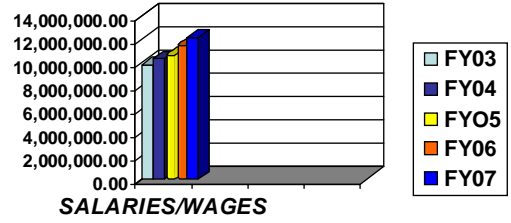


# BUDGET COMPARISONS

## FY07 BUDGET ANALYSIS

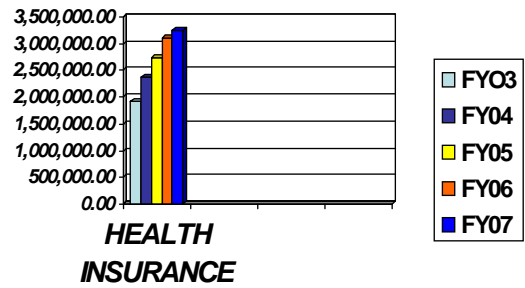
### Salaries and Wages

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
FY03	\$ 9,818,569	\$ 593,583
FY04	\$10,357,376	\$ 538,807
FY05	\$10,659,700	\$ 302,324
FY06	\$11,503,838	\$ 844,138
FY07	\$12,202,375	\$ 698,537



### Health Insurance

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
FY03	\$1,908,000	\$ 318,000
FY04	\$2,381,750	\$ 473,750
FY05	\$2,740,000	\$ 358,250
FY06	\$3,100,000	\$ 360,000
FY07	\$3,237,000	\$ 137,000

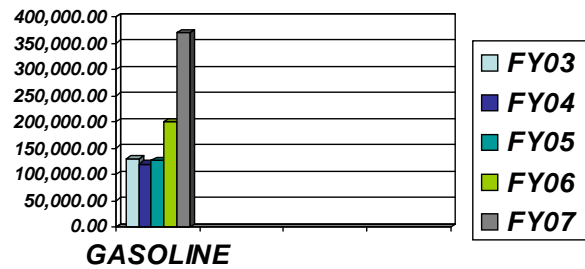


# BUDGET COMPARISONS

## FY07 BUDGET ANALYSIS

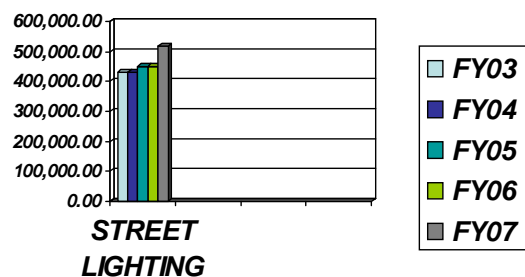
### GASOLINE

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
FY03	\$130,000	-0-
FY04	\$120,000	(10,000)
FY05	\$126,000	\$ 6,000
FY06	\$200,000	\$ 74,000
FY07	\$370,000	\$170,000



### STREET LIGHTING

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
FY03	\$430,000	(20,000)
FY04	\$430,000	-0-
FY05	\$450,000	\$ 20,000
FY06	\$450,000	-0-
FY07	\$517,540	\$ 67,540



# BUDGET COMPARISONS FY07 BUDGET ANALYSIS

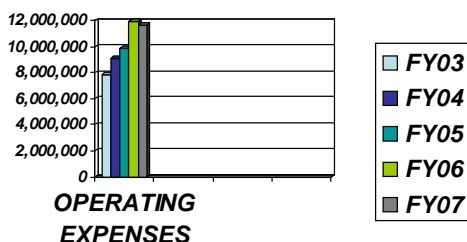
## DEBT SERVICE

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
FY03	\$1,289,369	(100,119)
FY04	\$1,169,940	(119,429)
FY05	\$1,294,698	\$ 124,758
FY06	\$1,628,135	\$ 333,437
FY07	\$1,689,608	\$ 61,473



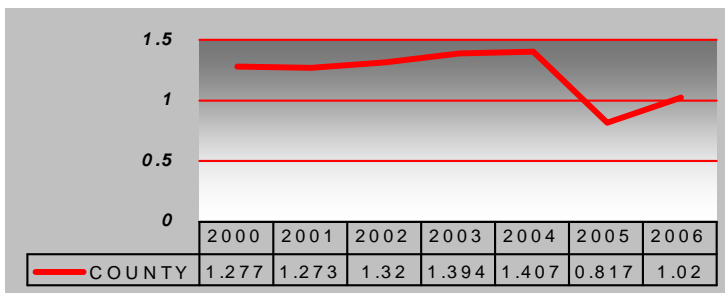
## OPERATING EXPENSES

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
FY03	\$7,860,222	216,841
FY04	\$9,080,707	1,220,485
FY05	\$9,931,496	850,789
FY06	\$11,906,751	1,975,255
FY07	\$11,651,130	(255,621)



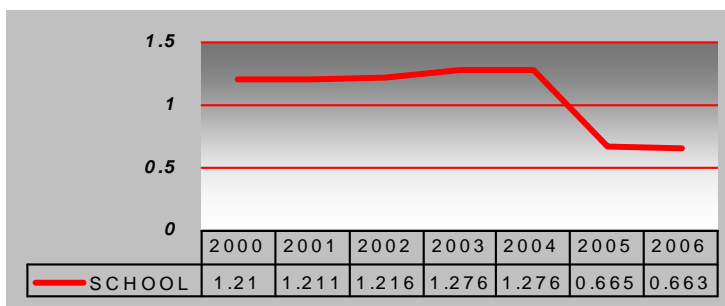
# ADOPTED BUDGET COMPARISONS

	<u>COUNTY</u>
2000	1.277
2001	1.273
2002	1.32
2003	1.394
2004	1.407
2005	0.817 *
2006	1.020



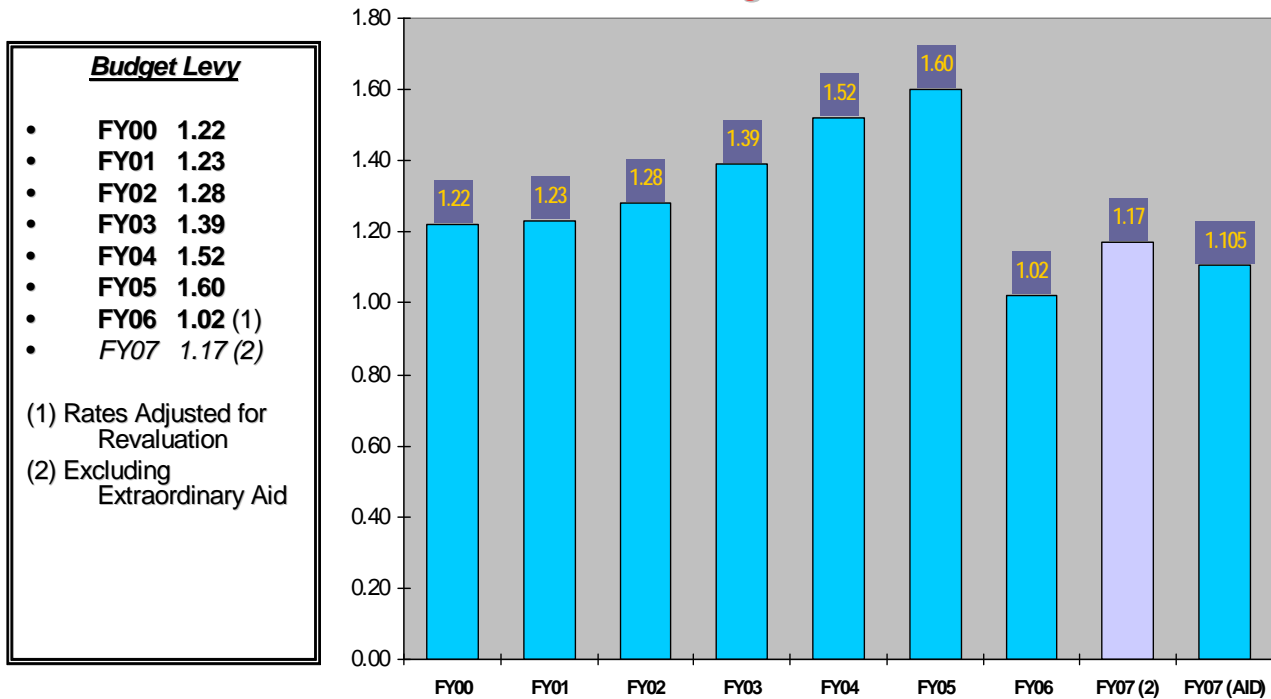
\*Reval Year

	<u>SCHOOL</u>
2000	1.21
2001	1.211
2002	1.216
2003	1.276
2004	1.276
2005	0.665 *
2006	0.663



\*Reval Year

## Historical Analysis of Local Purpose Tax Rate (Budget Levy)



### Revaluation in 2005

Suzanne Olah, Certified Tax Collector, also provided an explanation of an accelerated Tax Sale that would enable the City of Millville to have one hundred percent collections that would occur during the current year of taxes on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month, however noting this could cause some concern for people that do pay taxes passed the June 30<sup>th</sup> date for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter or other portions of the current year.

Commissioner Derella also provided explanations concerning the revenue of the water and sewer to support the FY2007 Budget Current Operations and Lisa Donahue also provided an explanation concerning deferred charges and statutory charges.

Commissioner Derella highlighted the Construction Official's Office and the eight hundred thousand dollars in fees collected in support of the FY2007 Budget.

The Director of Revenue and Finance also highlighted the manpower and current expenses for the Department of Public Safety and the additional revenues regarding state required pension contributions.

Commissioner Derella reminded everyone that he received cooperation from all of the Commissioners regarding an overall 8.4 percent cut in OE Operations and thanked all the Department Heads for their cooperation.

Mayor Quinn stated the public hearing regarding the FY2007 Budget is open and asked if any person present wished to be heard.

Commissioner Derella: "Mr. Mayor, also, if there are, you know, technical questions and thing of that from the general public, again, I've already told you I'm not the expert at this, I will continue to learn and make myself as knowledgeable as possible. But, I do have to rely on the professionals that are on staff and I will defer some questions to them for sure."

Mayor Quinn: "Okay, now, Betty, you may start the process of the public hearing."

Betty Monteleone: "Sure, Betty Monteleone, Briar Drive. I'll sort of try to start at the beginning. I have been coming to these meetings from probably fifteen years and I have sometimes been the only one here attending a budget hearing and I usually get the budget and I look it over. I also... for the fifteen years, we've had Bowman and Company doing the budget and I think it's Bowman and Company, but I think maybe if you want... I know they help you guys put the budget together, maybe you need to look at someone else to help you put the budget together, because I don't think that any company should be the same company, year after year. Also, on the issue of the tax, the new Tax Assessment that we all just had, it is a very flawed tax assessment. The company that was hired to do it was certified by the State of New Jersey, but they farmed it out and it is very flawed. Some people who have homes that are worth five hundred thousand or six hundred thousand are paying six thousand dollars a year, while other people with a little two or three bedroom rancher are paying six hundred thousand a year, so there's no way anyone can tell me that assessment, even in my own neighborhood, houses that are identical and some much more elaborate are paying less than the house next door. So, the system is flawed, it should have been redone and, so that's one thing I want to say about that and I'll discuss that later at the open public meeting. Also, I have come to you repeatedly and asked you to please not burden the people in Millville with higher tax rates. Every time you have sit, every time you guys have voted on the budget, you have every time raised the taxes. You've created this situation, which maybe you should have been doing what you were doing now, of limiting your Department Heads and saying you have to be accountable. It's like closing the barn door after they're out, we're already in this disaster spending and we're already in debt and it's a little late I would say to do this at this point. It should have been done years ago, it's better late than never I guess. I just hope the citizens of Millville aren't more people looking at losing their homes. And I don't, I just don't think it's right, I think... I know that it is possible and I have preached to you many times, I said yeah you can make the City look like Las Vegas, if you're willing to spend the money. You can... I would be flattered, I would be standing here praising you guys if the City looked like it did and you hadn't burdened and putting people out of their homes. That's why I can't praise what you've done, because I know what it's done to the families in Millville, to the senior citizens and people making a choice of food or taxes or medicine or taxes or losing their houses or taking second jobs. It's not a funny, funny issue, it's very, very sad. And I know you made the comment about how down, you were so upset, you were ashamed of High Street when you first took office. There's so much more now to be ashamed of; senior citizens who can't buy food, families who have two jobs, you know, people trying to make ends meet. They can't do repairs to their houses, because they're run down and they would like to do improvements, but by the time they pay their taxes, they can't. I know you blame the State, but I don't want to discuss the State or County, just the Municipal part of the budget is what I usually try to horn in on. And the other thing too, is with this water and sewer, it's a disgrace. Some of you gentlemen sitting

right here, before you got elected agreed with me that it's a disgrace that we're taking money from the Water and Sewer Department to offset the budget and when you get a seat, "this is not going to happen anymore, Betty, trust me". Well, we're still doing the same old thing and it's not right, because... and the State don't tell you to do this. The State says you cannot have a surplus in those accounts, so you either have to spend it, but the State don't tell you, you cannot give that money back to the people you have overcharged. And I know you're not paying any attention and maybe this is the reasons it's not getting through up there, you know. Because, nobody really is paying any attention. You have overcharged these people for their Water and Sewer and not the whole City has water and sewer, so those that are, are paying six hundred thousand more in water and sewer than they need to. So, you can offset the tax rate and granted the people who don't have City water and sewer are making out, because they're, it's helping offset their tax rate. So, you cannot justify that anyway, shape or form and I think it's a disgrace. Thank you."

Mayor Quinn: "Thank you. Next."

William Eissinger: "Good evening, William Eissinger, 156 South Second Street. Okay, I've seen your budget, I've seen your graphs. I said I wasn't going to speak about taxes and I lied, just like you's."

William Eissinger: "and that's not no joke. Like I said before, for three years Mr. Parent kept saying wait until that plaza comes in, our ratables will keep the taxes down. Then you turn around and pass RAD and steal half of the tax dollars that's going to be eventually pushed back on to us as tax payers, that you said... I just asked and you say you cut. You raise the taxes, I got to cut what my income is, when I cut my income, there is no more coming in. But, you's don't care. Let's raise it up, we don't care. You don't care about any senior citizen in this City and don't tell me you do. Because, I've seen it, I'd like to know what, instead of saying what your budget is and how you're trying to keep it down, tell me what did you cut. Like I have to cut something to pay my additional taxes, because I don't got more money coming in. But, what I'm saying is what did you's actually cut to try to keep that deficit from popping up and what are you going to do if New Jersey has one resolution for taxes. One of them, which I know probably will never be passed is charging by tax rate, the local government, by the volume of income, so you guys would be really, you know, poverty stricken if that ever got through. Thank you very much for the tax increase."

David Moore: "David Moore, South Second Street. I got a question, if I could ask Mr. Derella. I'm assuming you are an accounting major or majored in business..."

Commissioner Derella: "no, I do not."

David Moore: "Okay, my question though is, what, as everybody should know this, if you're dealing with people's money and dealing with operating statements and cost. What's the No. 1 controllable in expense, in any business? Any business?"

Commissioner Derella: "Payroll and operating expense..."

David Moore: "Payroll, well payroll is an operating expense..."

Commissioner Derella: "correct."

David Moore: "so, payroll, so did you cut payroll? Because, you got a lot of teams and people speaking, I think, did you cut payroll at all?"

Commissioner Derella: "No I did not cut payroll at all."

David Moore: "Did it go up?"

Commissioner Derella: "it absolutely did, due to contracts."

David Moore: "Okay, alright. Well, that's the number one, so it does really run like many normal business, which is, I already knew that anyway. And some business decisions affect people negatively that's... it's going to not make everybody happy. You raised taxes once, it hurt a lot of people. You did it again, it hurt some more people. You did it again, it hurt some more people. You did it again and now you're going to do it again and it seems that you're going to continue to do it. Even baseball has three strikes and you're out rule, if you keep doing it you would be out. And it lends to me to watching people talk, because you're listening, but you're not hearing. You already have predetermined decisions and nothing anybody says up here, really does matter. It really doesn't, you may say it does, but it doesn't. I gave a specific, very specific incident about people who purchase houses in 2004 to the present. Did anybody up here, and I would like each person... Mr. Hollingshead did you're taxes go up over sixty percent in the last two years, Mr. Derella?"

Mayor Quinn: "Now this isn't, you can't poll, that's out of order, you..."

David Moore: "Okay, okay, I don't have to poll it, because I already know it didn't, so..."

Mayor Quinn: "Well, then why are you asking?"

David Moore: "Well, you do the same thing, so why do you do it, (hehe), it's to prove a point, so people see it..."

Mayor Quinn: "no, I don't do that, I don't try to load questions on you..."

David Moore: "okay, you don't do that, okay. Well, I already said my taxes went up sixty percent, so did many, many other people. Did you address that issue? Because, that was said the last time I spoke. Nobody even looked at that, did they? Now, one thing, the people, let me tell you people vote for politicians, because they support it's candidate who portrays they're for the people and for the best interest of the people. That's why each of you are sitting up there. Because, people believe that you are for them. And I think it's funny that no matter what anybody says up here, no matter what's done... all of you, you can't find five people to agree on anything in this world. People argue about who's pie's better, grandmom's or mom's. What are we going to have at the birthday party, hotdogs, pizza, what are we going to have? Who's the best baseball player of all time? Who's the best... and even politics, we argue about that. Death penalty, pros and con's, pro-life, we argue that, even taxes. Yet, you five agree unanimously every time. Is that the best...how can that possibly be? You guys would be a perfect marriage. But, we even know marriages aren't perfect. People disagree. So, no matter what anybody says, no matter what compassion and people losing houses and your stats are showing there, because the lady spoke about how we're going to get taxes that people can't pay up there. She spent five minutes talking

about it and in the same breath we're raising taxes, so that numbers even a little higher. And how you have no compassion for what no one says. Really, if you did the right thing you would say we need to hold off on this right now with the budget and address certain individual things and come up with an amendment, I can save you a lot of money, because I can look at your budget. I can look at it, you don't even have to pay me and I guarantee I'll find tons of money that you can cut without affecting the people. For free. I mean, I would do that. The thing is, you, are you serving the people or are you serving yourself? Do you have interest in yourself or for the people. ???? specific incidents, the elderly, 2004 purchases since then. And you're just going to go up there and you go yes, we pass this, the budget's are going to go up again. But, if your taxes were up sixty percent you would care. But, you're saying to me, we don't care. See managing and I'll stop here, but managing isn't going, because you said it Mr. Quinn, you said that everybody's taxes are going up in New Jersey, it's, it's everybody, it's happening everywhere. If everybody was jumping off a bridge, would you jump off a bridge. No. The thing is, you know, what managing is, not doing what everybody else is doing, managing is saying the town of Millville, all the other towns get together and go what's Millville doing. They found a way to fix this, that's managing. But, with the attitude up here that doesn't care and has no compassion and is serving your interest, you obviously didn't cut payroll, you haven't addressed the issue that I brought up, I pleaded, the one, you ignored me. You ignored the people. People come to me everyday and I hear how they're losing their houses and it pains me and that's why I'm here. For them. So, people can hear, because they're afraid to come out or they're not very good at speaking. But, flat out, if everyone of you again tonight say yes, without amending it. It's a disgrace and you know and I know it's right. And one thing you said Betty, you know what, Psalms 118 says, do not put confidence in man, trust in the Lord. That's the fact and we can't trust you, unless... that's it, that's pretty much what I got to say."

Mayor Quinn: "thank you."

Emil Van Hook: "Now, that's one to follow. Talk about fire and brimstone. Emil Van Hook, again. I just have a couple of comments and I'm a little confused about a couple of things, but I'm sure you can clear it up. First of all, I have a question of how much does a penny raise on the, in dollars."

Commissioner Derella: "one hundred thirty-seven thousand four hundred dollars."

Emil Van Hook: "okay, that's what I thought. We have heard previously, that one of the reasons or one of the primary reasons that the taxes have increased so significantly is, because of the increase in the Police and Fire Pension Fund, which in your budget line item here, the increase is two hundred twenty-four thousand three hundred ninety-nine dollars. I believe that's correct. That certainly does not equate to sixteen cents, when one penny raises one hundred thirty-seven thousand. So, quite honestly I tend to believe that the amount that is being increased in the Police and Fire Pension Fund could easily have been found in other parts of the budget. And as you will recall Mayor Parent, when you and I served together and when we left office in 1997 and you continued... when I left office in 1997 and you continued on, the tax, the local purpose tax rate was two cents lower than when it was in 1990 and I think that's a tribute to you and to me. So, I applaud you for that. However, when I look at the document here and I'm a little confused, because on the page that makes reference to in the graphic to the

Fiscal Year 06 amount to be raised by taxation for Municipal Purposes, we have in the graphic fourteen million seven hundred thirty-three thousand one hundred thirty-six. And on another page in the same graphic we have the amount to be raised from local purposed at thirteen million eight hundred and four thousand four hundred thirty-nine dollars, a significant difference. Which one's correct?"

Commissioner Derella: "The fiscal year 06 is fourteen seven thirty-three, is that what you're referring to Emil, because there's several charts..."

Emil Van Hook: "correct, the one that's entitled budget revenue's..."

Commissioner Derella: "Budget Revenue's..."

Emil Van Hook: "that one has it at fourteen seven thirty-three one thirty-six..."

Commissioner Derella: "right..."

Emil Van Hook: "and the one, the other graphic that has your bar graph has it at thirteen million eight hundred four thousand four hundred thirty-nine. Evidently, it was not proof read. I can tell you what the budget document says. The budget document says fourteen million, seven hundred and thirty-three thousand and one thirty-six is correct. Okay."

Commissioner Derella: "so, yes the fourteen million is correct."

Emil Van Hook: "the frightening part about that is, that if you look at this graphic, skipping over the 06 number, which is incorrect and the 07 number, which I believe, unfortunately is correct. In 2000 the amount that was raised from all of us collectively for Local Purpose Taxes, was eight million one hundred twenty-one thousand dollars. In Fiscal Year 07 your document puts forth that number at sixteen million ninety-two thousand and sixty-four dollars. That's double since two thousand and that's a frightening number. When you take the inflation rate for the country was not certainly, no where near that number for the same period of time. I'm sorry, I totally disagree with you when you say that ratables drive the budget. Frankly, I don't think anything could be more incorrect. In my view, spending, inefficiency or, I'm sorry, efficiency, cost effectiveness and a commitment to hold the line on spending of taxes is what really should drive the budget. Not ratables. Another thing that concerns me greatly is the collection rate. I'm very, very concerned about that. We have now demonstrated in Fiscal Year 06 the lowest collection rate, since 2001. Now, in percentages it may not look like much, but it's an awful lot. People don't pay their taxes, because they don't want to pay their taxes. People don't pay their taxes, because they can't pay their taxes. The interest rate that the municipality charges is as high as, if not higher than some of the credit cards out there and we don't, we... the City doesn't pass out checks periodically that says transfer your balance to get a lower rate. Like I got in the mail today at 3.99 instead of our usual rate of, whatever. Accelerated tax rate, Commissioner Derella or Vice-Mayor Derella, I applaud the fact that you are very concerned about that, because I can tell you having worked with the State of New Jersey Department of the Treasury and in other municipalities all over this State, it is a very, very serious step to take. It does hurt people and it hurts people severely, so I council you, if nothing else... I mean I'd

like to see the tax rate lower, but I council you, please don't go there. There are many other issues including, I mean, I see where at least one Department had an increase of twenty-two percent in their operating budget. That concerns me. Twenty-two percent is high. And I will leave you with that thought, but conservatism here has got to be the name of the game in the future. This community and the people in it can't afford these kinds of increases anymore. To double the amount of taxes being taken from the people in this community collectively, since 2000 is a very, very serious step. Thank you for your time."

Commissioner Derella: "yes, Lisa could you clarify, does this have to do with the \$900,000.000"

Lisa Donahue is inaudible from the audience.

Commissioner Hollingshead: "would you come up to the microphone."

Commissioner Derella: "that has to do with extraordinary aid..."

Lisa Donahue: "The amount referred to last, in 2006 with the amount to be raised was thirteen thousand eight 0 four, that was the adopted budget last year. That was after the municipality found out that they were awarded nine hundred thousand dollars in extraordinary aid. The five-year budget revenues comparing 06 to 07 was a snapshot when the budget was introduced, so this number of fourteen million seven hundred thirty-three for the amount to be raised was before that nine hundred thousand dollar award was handed to the City so that we were comparing apples to apples on these graphs, otherwise it would be a distortion. So, it's not a mistake, it's just you know, the way the figures are disclosed and the difference is the nine hundred thousand."

Bonnie Schwegel: "Good evening, Bonnie Schwegel, 2600 South Second Street, Millville. We were looking at the scale, Mr. Derella you said the County Tax increase was twenty percent..."

Commissioner Derella: "pardon me?"

Bonnie Schwegel: "you said the county taxes..."

Commissioner Derella: "twenty cents."

Bonnie Schwegel: "twenty cents?"

Commissioner Derella: "correct."

Bonnie Schwegel: "well, you know, you've many times said that, you know, you're open to suggestions on how to cut. How many paid holidays do the municipal workers get a year?"

Commissioner Derella: "I couldn't give you that off the top of my head, but a lot."

Bonnie Schwegel: "a lot."

Commissioner Derella: "work days are about one hundred and ninety-five days out of the year, correct."

Bonnie Schwegel: "no, no each, I mean as far per year of the amount of holidays paid, like Thanksgiving and the day after..."

Commissioner Derella: "there's a difference for the unions, it's approximately sixteen, police and fire is one day higher."

Bonnie Schwegel: "okay, you know, when they negotiate those contracts that's a big, big, that's a lot of holiday's and that's not counting sick time, okay. That's not counting a lot, I mean everyday glassworkers like me, I get five, okay. I mean we're blue collar workers. You know I think that something could be done, I mean, I, the day after Thanksgiving for black Friday, you know, I think something like that could be given, you know the polls are open from 7 in the morning until 7 at night. There's a lot of holidays that could be worked on and that's big money. And another thing, I just got a tax bill today and I see that you're working on it and going back and I had been down, I had spoke with the assessor and I was wondering about Holly Village, had they taxed them yet, like back to 2004? Liberty Village, has anybody, does anybody know anything about that yet. Because, it was supposed to be done by October the 1<sup>st</sup>."

Commissioner Derella: "Brian, would you like to..."

Brian Rosenberger: "that actually was picked up on the added assessment list this year back to May 31<sup>st</sup> of this year for an added assessment..."

Bonnie Schwegel: "excuse me..."

Brian Rosenberger: "for what was complete up til that point..."

Bonnie Schwegel: "okay, so he purchased that property in 2004. Am I correct?"

Brian Rosenberger: "yes."

Bonnie Schwegel: "okay, but you only went back, taxed them back until May of this past year, 2006?"

Brian Rosenberger: "correct."

Bonnie Schwegel: "Oh, well, gentlemen, you know there is revenue that you have that you did not go after. Because, you just found forty-seven dollars and seventeen cents that I built a garage. That I got the bill today. That you found in 2005 and backed me up for forty-seven dollars and seventeen cents, because the structure was up."

Brian Rosenberger: "correct..."

Bonnie Schwegel: "okay..."

Brian Rosenberger: "and we do that with every property in the City."

Bonnie Schwegel: "Why didn't you do it with Liberty Village?"

Brian Rosenberger: "Well, Liberty Village is an animal of it's own. It's consider..."

Bonnie Schwegel: "your right it's an animal, but it pays taxes..."

Commissioner Derella: "Can he please answer the question, please?"

Brian Rosenberger: "it's considered one property, it's one owner, it's one parcel. I could've let it go until it was complete one hundred percent and taxed it at that point as an added assessment. But, I'm choosing to actually tax it partially for each year as it comes on, as each unit is being built, I determine when it should be taxed and how it should be taxed. Now, I can wait until it's fully completed, like I would with say, any commercial building out there. I could wait until it's fully complete. But, in this instance, because of the sensitivity I decided to tax it as it was being completed."

Bonnie Schwegel: "but, the property hasn't been, the land wasn't taxed at all."

Brian Rosenberger: "Well, the land value is a product of the revaluation. That is something that I have no control over as far as..."

Bonnie Schwegel: "so, you have no intentions of going back to for, when any of the structures were up?"

Brian Rosenberger: "No, I'm going from the basis of when a certain amount of structures were completed as of October 1<sup>st</sup> of this..."

Bonnie Schwegel: "do you know when the first structure was up down there?"

Brian Rosenberger: "I believe it was, I believe towards the end of 05..."

Bonnie Schwegel: "I have the date when the first structure was up..."

Brian Rosenberger: "and as do I, I don't have it in front of me, but I do have a list..."

Bonnie Schwegel: "but, you don't have any intentions of going back to 2004?"

Brian Rosenberger: "it would be, it would be a process where I would have to determine the value of what... See, see each unit is not taxed. That's the whole issue here, each unit doesn't, is not subject to taxation. What's subject to taxation is the improvements on the property, your streeting, your curbing, your lighting. Everything else that is on the property that is enjoyed by those residents, not the unit themselves. Regardless of when those units were put into place, I'm actually taxing, like I said the streets, the lighting, all the amenities aside from the manufactured home, not the home itself. So, that is the difference between taxation within a mobile home park and regular taxation on a residential, commercial, anything like that."

Bonnie Schwegel: "Thank you."

Brian Rosenberger: "You're welcome."

Mayor Quinn: "Anyone else on the budget?"

Paul Porreca: "Paul Porreca. Mr. Mayor and Commissioners, don't be frightened by the yellow tabs, I'm not going there, it's much too late and I'm not criticizing the expenditures, etc. But, I do have some questions and I'm trying to get a handle on all of the expenditures of the City. I think some of or many of which are not

included in this budget, and I refer specifically to the UEZ funds. Because, I know there's a mix between UEZ money, some bills are paid partly with UEZ money, partly with general funds, tax money and I'm trying to sort that out, so that we can understand if the UEZ is helping and to what extent. Okay. So, is the UEZ income and expense in this budget and if so, where is it?"

Commissioner Derella: "Lisa."

Lisa Donahue is inaudible she is talking from the audience, not at the microphone.

Paul Porreca: "Okay, so where can one, like me, find or get the amount of money that comes in from the UEZ and on what it is spent. In other words, an income and expense statement of the Urban Enterprise Zone funds from the City of Millville..."

Lisa Donahue is inaudible, because she is talking from the audience and not at the microphone.

Commissioner Parent: "Excuse me, we really need it on record please. So, Lisa if you could please come to the microphone and answer Mr. Porreca's questions."

Lisa Donahue: "those statements will be part of the annual audit report, it's part of the Federal and State Grant fund and all the grants would be part of the grants receivable statements and in the appropriated grant statements..."

Paul Porreca: "I'm not talking about grants, I'm sorry, I'm sorry, I didn't mean..."

Lisa Donahue: "well, they're considered grants under the New Jersey Municipal Fund Accounting."

Paul Porreca: "the three and a half percent sales tax..."

Lisa Donahue: "yes."

Paul Porreca: "that the City gets is considered a grant?"

Lisa Donahue: "yes, each one of those are grants."

Paul Porreca: "alright, now I have looked and maybe I'll have to, if you'd accommodate me and make an appointment you'd help explain it. But, I have looked at the UEZ or the... yeah, I think it's the UEZ Audit and I have looked at the City's audit to some extent and I can't decipher it. And the very interesting thing is that the UEZ audit, of course covers Vineland and Millville, so you have to sort that out and an interesting aspect of that is that, and I don't want to go too far and I'm not going to get into the budget in detail. The interesting aspect of that is that all of Vineland's loans are in the UEZ Audit and none of Millville's loans are there and we were referred to the City's Audit, which I looked at and they're not there either. So, I really am in a quandary about where there is a comprehensive and accurate accounting of all of the money that is collected in the zones and how it's spent and how it interfaces with this budget. Because, I have looked at the list of checks written and the checks written allocate the money written to a bunch of different funds, some UDAG, some UEZ some General Fund. How do you figure out how much money went to, let's say McManimon? Okay, he's not here, so we can talk about him. Okay. He got a bunch of money and it's from a bunch of different places. Now, how do I find out where his money came from and for which item that he

billed? Because, it is extraordinarily important, how do I find that out? Where do I go and look at it? I don't want to trouble anybody, I'll pay for the piece of paper and I'll study it. Though I cannot... I don't know what to ask for. You want to talk about... can you tell me?"

Lisa Donahue: "Well, the audit report won't give you detail by UEZ Project of what, what, you know, what comprises..."

Paul Porreca: "no, it's going to be a big lump sum, yeah..."

Lisa Donahue: "all the expenses there. I mean the City's underlying, you know, detailed records would be able to give you that information..."

Paul Porreca: "I haven't been able to find it. I'm sorry, I've been asking and asking and I don't have it. So, I guess I ask, do I... who do I ask? Who's going to tell me? Direct me..."

Commissioner Derella: "Paul you should..."

Paul Porreca: "I don't want to take your time, DIRECT ME."

Paul Porreca: "I wasn't, I didn't mean to go and ask him, I'm talking about how much he's paid in that case..."

Lisa Donahue: "but, the City has detailed records by UEZ Project of what makes up all the expenses that were charged against those. Those individually Urban Enterprise Zone Projects."

Paul Porreca: "I repeat my question. To whom, a name, to whom do I ask..."

Lisa Donahue: "the Chief Financial Officer I would think..."

Paul Porreca: "Is that a fair question, Jim?"

Commissioner Derella: "he's right there..."

Commissioner Parent: "it's the Chief Financial Officer should be able to provide all that..."

Paul Porreca: "Will somebody tell him that it's okay to talk to me, because we're kind of getting a little bit of, you know, can't talk to me..."

Commissioner Derella: "Check with the Director... I've never said that. Absolutely and I would recommend that you speak with Ron Charlesworth, our CFO as well as Don Ayres, our Economic Director."

Paul Porreca: "I have talked to Don and he's been very forthcoming and you're telling me Mr. Charlesworth is free to answer my questions. Okay, I'll try to run down..."

Commissioner Derella: "If there's a problem with anybody that I'm responsible for directly in my Department that is not being cooperative, please let me know."

Paul Porreca: "No, I don't want to give that impression yet, but..."

Commissioner Derella: "I didn't think he wouldn't be..."

Paul Porreca: "no, no, no, I'm doing pretty good, but, it's getting tough. Now, we just talked about added assessments and I applaud Mr. Rosenberger for doing a lot of work, it's a lot of work involved. But, are the added assessment bills that went out October 1<sup>st</sup> included in this budget as a part of the Revenue?"

Lisa Donahue: "The added assessment for October?"

Paul Porreca: "He just said he sent a bunch of bills, I don't know how much, but October 1<sup>st</sup>."

Lisa Donahue: "Well, when the budgets are prepared and introduced, those numbers are not yet known, because it's known after the fact. So, when those added assessments come in, they come in and they're part of the general amount to be raised. So, they'll be realized during this fiscal year, but it's impossible at that time to be able to predict the amount of revenue that will be collected."

Paul Porreca: "Isn't it possible, because you're only, have the, you have the second reading tonight, can't you amend the budget and say we now have x thousands of extra dollars that are, we expect to collect at a ninety-five percent rate and therefore we can anticipate, because these are anticipated revenues. So, we can an... you understand Joe, what I'm talking about..."

Commissioner Derella: "absolutely..."

Paul Porreca: "you can anticipate those revenues and if you can anticipate a hundred thirty-seven thousand dollars, we knock a penny off the rate."

Suzanne Olah: "It's not actually in the budget, but once the budget is adopted we have a certification that we have to do, because we have to convert that budget dollar amount into a percentage, because your first and second quarter billing is based on a percentage. When we do that we have to plug in the added assessments, so we can allow for that increased revenue, which will lower the percentage..."

Paul Porreca: "right, so why can't we..."

Suzanne Olah: "we allowed for four hundred and seven thousand two hundred and thirteen dollars and eighteen cents so far as a projection for increased revenue that's going to help lower the percentage..."

Paul Porreca: "so at a hundred thirty-seven dollars a penny, we can look at roughly a three and a half cent decrease as a result of added assessments?"

Suzanne Olah: "that is converted into a percentage, because your bill is calculated on a percentage. When you calculate the first and second quarter bill, you don't take the assessment times the rate, like you do your third and fourth quarter bill. What you're actually billing is a percentage of your total prior year tax..."

Paul Porreca: "What's the percentage..."

Suzanne Olah: "in order to come up with that percentage you take the amount to be raised through taxes and you have to account for anything in 2004 that's going to be an assessment change..."

Paul Porreca: "2004?"

Suzanne Olah: "Excuse me, 2007..."

Paul Porreca: "thank you, I thought we were going backwards..."

Suzanne Olah: "yeah. You'd have to account for any assessment changes in 2007, if something is going from taxable to exempt or exempt to taxable. They're adjustments to the MOD IV, you allow for them and you have to, and appeals, any appeals which are assessment changes you allow for them. Also, you take your added assessment, because that's going to be an increase..."

Paul Porreca: "in revenue..."

Suzanne Olah: "in revenue. And those factors all taken in with what we billed for the third and fourth quarter, what we need to raise are factored in and given a percentage."

Paul Porreca: "Now, is the third and fourth quarter October and December or is the third and fourth quarter the end of the year or is the third and fourth quarter..."

Suzanne Olah: "the third and fourth quarter is always the same, February and May is first and second, August and November is always third and fourth. It's just our fiscal year begins with the third quarter and that third quarter..."

Paul Porreca: "June, July 1?"

Suzanne Olah: "August 1<sup>st</sup>."

Paul Porreca: "August 1<sup>st</sup>. Now, this budget is for the fiscal year 2007, is that June or August 06?"

Suzanne Olah: "that is July 1, 06..."

Paul Porreca: "06?"

Suzanne Olah: "through June 30<sup>th</sup> 07..."

Paul Porreca: "okay, so the 07 is the end of it, not the beginning?"

Suzanne Olah: "Right, we're six months ahead."

Paul Porreca: "Okay, gotcha, that might help explain. So, the bottom line is that just without any new ratable after today, we can expect to see revenue in the approximate range of four hundred and some thousand dollars, which should give us close to a three and a half cent decrease in the rate..."

Suzanne Olah: "that's correct, but also you have to remember when we're doing this percentage we have to account for the adjustments made to MOD IV due to appeals or something going from taxable to exempt or exempt to taxable. Any change that's going to make a change in what we call the MOD IV, which is the assessment package, it's going to be affected in the percentage. You have to realize last year we experienced a large influx of appeals and the appeals were on your 2005 assessment, which was canceled off of your third and fourth quarter of 2005, which affected fiscal year 06. That's what happened with our percentage of collections, we canceled over six hundred and eighty thousand dollars in tax appeals in fiscal year 06..."

Paul Porreca: *"that much I understand."*

Suzanne Olah: *"That's what hurt the percentage of collections..."*

Paul Porreca: *"okay..."*

Suzanne Olah: *"with that in thought those appeals are changes made to MOD IV, if we get a State Appeal after that timeframe and it's not calculated in that FY06 billing, then that would also be an adjustment in MOD IV that would in essence affect the percentage this year."*

Paul Porreca: *"Do you have any idea how much in value appeals are still pending?"*

Suzanne Olah: *"Brian?"*

Brian Rosenberger: *"I don't know how close I can get... let me get on the microphone..."*

Paul Porreca: *"I don't know about anybody else, but I won't hold you to it..."*

Brian Rosenberger: *"thank you. We're looking at right now, about... I would say seven, I mean Rich, Rich was it about seven appeals..."*

Richard McCarthy: *"seven with one I'm going to file a motion on, because it may get dismissed, so six probably in reality..."*

Brian Rosenberger: *"I mean the value on those properties, of course are going to be your higher end commercial or industrial structures, so assessment wise, each one I would average, I would average five million maybe. I mean we have some up in the ten, fifteen million dollar range, we have some down in the million dollar range..."*

Paul Porreca: *"so, it's five times six and a half..."*

Brian Rosenberger: *"yeah and these are just off the top of my head, I didn't really total the amount of the assessments to figure out what's the total being appeals..."*

Richard McCarthy: *"we have large assessments in there..."*

Paul Porreca: *"yeah, I thank you very much I appreciate that..."*

Brian Rosenberger: *"you're welcome."*

Paul Porreca: *"I just have, I think, a last question and on Sheet 9 of the anticipated revenues is probably a question for Miss Donahue. Sheet 9 and Sheet... compared to 24 and 24A, back to UEZ. I'm still trying to figure that out and I see in anticipated revenues in 2006 there is a million five hundred and ninety-two thousand dollars down at the bottom of the page and then for 2007 that's back to three hundred and eighty-seven thousand dollars and I thought that our Urban Enterprise Zone money coming in was growing, I mean that's what we discussed, and yet I see that down. However, if I look at page 24 or sheet 24, maybe it's the answer, but you're going to have to confirm it for me. I see that we have police officers, the Main Street MDC and UEZ firefighters and those monies, there was nothing appropriated... or there was something appropriated*

in 2006, but there's nothing appropriated in 2007, so that... is that UEZ stuff? It says it is..."

Lisa Donahue: "well, the..."

Paul Porreca: "How's that work? What's that about?"

Lisa Donahue: "well, what happens is when the budget's introduced we can only include the grant. Once the budget's introduced and it's sent to DCA we can only include the grants that we have signed grant agreements for at that time. During the year the municipality is permitted to what's called a Chapter 159 Resolution when they receive a grant, they're permitted to, by resolution, to amend the budget throughout the year. They have twelve months to do that and add any grants that are signed and executed for that budget year. So, what happens, if you look at last year, that includes not only what was introduced, but also amendments during the year, in Fiscal Year 2006. So, you see that in 2007 there are only a handful of grants on here..."

Paul Porreca: "right..."

Lisa Donahue: "probably by the time this budget is amended, once the aid figures are, once the aid is announced by DCA there will be an amending resolution, which will add a whole host of additional grants that we already have on hand. I'm sure there are some now that we have that just aren't reflected in here, but will be part of the amendment..."

Paul Porreca: "and, and when that amendment... what I'm hearing tonight is, some amendments, one, two, three amendments. Everyone of which, is going to reduce my taxes..."

Lisa Donahue: "well, in the terms of the grants it's..."

Paul Porreca: "well, it's income I mean..."

Lisa Donahue: "well, yeah, but it's income, but it has to offset with an appropriation..."

Paul Porreca: "but, you've got the appropriation, you've got the..."

Lew Thompson: "the UEZ funds can't be used to reduce taxes, in the budget. It's used for... all during the course of the year we will make application to the State UEZ through this governing body, then to the Joint Urban Enterprise Zone, then to the State of New Jersey asking them to draw down, from our money allocated up there, that's sent from the stores for the three and a half percent sales tax. When those funds are determined for use, whether it's a loan for a business, whether it's for the police, three police officers, one firefighter, whether it's for the MDC or other eligible expenses. Probably four or five times during the course of the year we have a Resolution, public hearing that says it's in the best interest to submit the application and then the appropriation and the revenue comes down. Strictly a grant thing, no taxpayer dollars involved in the process for UEZ. It is eighty/twenty percent for the police and fire, so that whether or not a police officer is totally used in the zone, we have to have sufficient funds for matching grants for a police officer, which would be the 80/20 of a starting salary. We have to designate the police officer that's going to work in the UEZ zone and there are reporting requirements that the Chief of Police does and/or Mr. Ayres for compliance with

who is designated to that area. And presently we have three police officers and one firefighter."

Paul Porreca: "and a Main Street MDC, whatever that is..."

Lew Thompson: "that's correct, that's the MDC Development Corporation, which does handle the sidewalk Street Sweeping Program and other activities that the governing body recommends for funding through the MDC for the Riverfront Projects."

Paul Porreca: "Okay, but there's no appropriation in 2007, so what your telling me is that you won't make an appropriation for these UEZ employees, even though they are on the budget until you get the money from the UEZ, at which time you will appropriate the money, so it's not reflected in this tax bill now. In this budget now, the appropriation is not reflected in this budget..."

Lew Thompson: "we're anticipating..."

Paul Porreca: "it's a simple question, it's not there..."

Lew Thompson: "well, I'm trying to give you a simple answer and I'm trying to help with Lisa with... we anticipate three police officers and one firefighter and the accounting process and the drawdown for that, okay, is in the budget for the twenty percent I believe. Is it not?"

Lisa Donahue: "right, the appropriations not in there, but nor is the revenue. So, when the budget is amended the revenue will be offset with an appropriation. It won't have any impact on the tax rate at all."

Paul Porreca: "I trust these people are being paid, even while we're waiting for this to happen..."

Lew Thompson: "well first off, we have several vacancies, because they're not all on board yet and all of the people are not out of the academy yet. The police officer and the firefighter that were on board for the previous years budget, yes. The other one's haven't been hired yet."

Mayor Quinn: "Don..."

Paul Porreca: "and that the Main Street people are on board, I mean..."

Lew Thompson: "Yes, sir..."

Don Ayres: "and that money is applied for on an annual basis..."

Paul Porreca: "but, they're getting paid even though there's no appropriation number in this budget..."

Lew Thompson: "and that money goes to the MDC, which..."

Paul Porreca: "well, yeah, but it's not I'm looking at..."

Don Ayres made an attempt to provide an explanation to Mr. Porreca with Mr. Porreca making the following comments:

Paul Porreca: "excuse me, excuse me, no I don't, I'm looking at, I'd rather, I'm not done..."

Commissioner Parent: "Mr. Porreca, if we may please, Mr. Ayres may be able to answer your questions, and I know that, you know, maybe you don't want him to answer the question. But, Mr. Ayres is the professional, who's dealing with Urban Enterprise Zone, and may be able to answer your question, so that you understand and the people in the audience can understand."

Paul Porreca: "the question then, let's frame the question. The question is: Is it so, that in page 24 for the UEZ Police Officer, UEZ Main Street MDC and UEZ Firefighter, there is no appropriation? I'm looking at it, it's blank. True? I'm looking at it's true, is that..."

Don Ayres: "I can't address it as far as what's on page 24..."

Paul Porreca: "but, geez..."

Don Ayres: "but, the..."

Paul Porreca: "Wait a minute, that's the document that the public is given to look at, to find out what's going on, so now you're telling me don't look at it. I won't look at it..."

Don Ayres: "No, I'm not telling you don't look at it, I'm telling you the professional can answer that, I don't draw up the budget document. But, I can answer your question about the police officers and the MDC and the firefighter. So, if that's what you want to hear, if not I'll go sit down..."

Paul Porreca: "I have a money question, I know there are, them that are apparently paid by that, I just don't get how, I just don't get it..."

Don Ayres: "they're paid through a contractual grant that runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> of one year to December 31<sup>st</sup> of the next year. We applied in October. I am drawing those applications up now. On November the 6<sup>th</sup> those projects will be brought to the City Commission for hopefully, their approval and direction to send it to the State. In December the State UEZ authority examines those projects. In the past thirteen, fourteen, fifteen years they have approved those projects every time. They then send us a contract and that contract starting date will be January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2007 and the end date of December 31, 2007. And we do that every year, I'm drawing the applications up now and I'll bring them to the City Commission in November."

Paul Porreca: "so, what I hear is that that's part of the confusion that's created that Commissioner Derella refers to as the overlap of calendar year verses fiscal year, because of that overlap and that's a part of this confusion. At least it confused me in the budget."

Commissioner Derella: "Absolutely Judge."

Paul Porreca: "Now, two last things will the next bill that we get have an increase in it and if so, for how much based on this budget."

Commissioner Derella: "The next bill, which would be quarters and correct me if I'm wrong professionals. Would have a three cent tax increase over quarters three and four of the year 2006 Calendar Year. With Discretionary and Extraordinary Aid that we've gone after, it would then reflect a four cent or a tax rate of a dollar

ten, rather than a dollar seventeen. The nine hundred thousand dollars would lower..."

Paul Porreca: "if you get the..."

Commissioner Derella: "correct..."

Paul Porreca: "but, there will be an increase, in the absence of that..."

Commissioner Derella: "and at the very beginning I did say that there would be a three cent tax increase without that."

Paul Porreca: "okay, last I want to just remind you of something and this is a quote, "I would hope and I know the Commissioners support this after the first two quarters of next year, hopefully will start to see a turnaround in regards to what we'll be able to do for our budget in the future. We will continue to, just like what we do with our households, continue to look for cost saving measures across the board and we are looking to drive some revenue wherever we can with land sales." Now, that was a quote from Commissioner Derella in November of 05, a year ago. I hope that your future comes sooner than it did after this statement, and I know you hope that too. But, I want to remind you and we'll talk about that more later, when you, from discussion, I want you to specifically think about that we're going to derive some revenue from land sales. Land sales."

Mayor Quinn: "Let me remind you this is on budget and budget only, Steve??, this is about our budget, so if you have something to talk about the budget you're more than welcome too."

Steve Durst: "I'm fascinated that two or three people in a room with a hundred and twenty people can get up here and dominate ninety percent of the time taken. I am also fascinated that those same people have been quoted as no comment, when they were asked relative, relevant to your budget, relevant to everything I've heard here tonight. When they were asked about paying farmland assessment taxes of twenty-seven hundred bucks a year on two hundred acres and they were quoted the next day in the paper as saying, "no comment". It's kind of fascinating to hear those same people excoriate these Commissioners and demand answers and demand results from people who have no profit motive..."

A member of the audience protested the relevance of Mr. Durst's statement to the ordinance.

Steve Durst: "who have nothing... I am standing here, sir..."

Mayor Quinn: "please give, yeah, you have to give your name..."

Steve Durst: "I am standing."

A member of the audience is continuing to protest.

Mayor Quinn: "alright, wait a minute, give your name Steve. Quiet please."

Steve Durst: "I'm sorry?"

Mayor Quinn: "your name."

Steve Durst: "my standing is that my company will pay, beginning this year, six hundred thousand dollars a year in taxes to

the City of Millville for five years. Thereafter, we'll pay about a million and a half dollars a year to the City of Millville, we'll employ... you don't have to hope so, we're paying them and..."

Commissioner Parent: "excuse me, Steve. Point of Order Mr. Mayor, what's his name?"

Steve Durst: "Steve Durst, Goodmill, LLC, we're the developers of the shopping center that's in the process of opening at the North end of town."

Commissioner Parent: "Point of Order, Mr. Durst, Point of Order, Mr. Mayor please. Mr. Durst, please address the Commission, not members of the audience and please audience do not address any question to any speaker. We really would appreciate it, we've been doing, so, we've been doing pretty good so far. Let's keep it that way, and please, you know, get to the point about taxes. Okay."

Steve Durst: "A point that was made earlier this evening was that you have paid three hundred eighty-eight thousand dollars to, I guess your consultants on the RAD and that actually the total, in addition to the legal consultants went to well over five hundred thousand dollars. Our development alone in spending on... during the PILOT period we'll spend over six hundred thousand dollars a year as a return as tax income to the City. So, the RAD will pay for itself handsomely and we're certainly not the only guys or the only development in the RAD. I'll close now and wait for the comment session."

Richard Myers: "Richard Myers, Crescent Boulevard here in Millville. I guess I would just like to make a statement regarding the budget. Before that I'd like to ask you all a question. Why do you all serve under these terms and conditions?"

Mayor Quinn: "It's no fun, it's no fun at all. And you know it's easy to criticize, but it's tough to sit up here and try to do what's right and provide police and things that people want."

Richard Myers: "I have employees and I know the cost of having employees. We're up to thirty-seven percent of our total compensation for employees in benefits alone. Our health insurance increased twenty-two percent this year, but yet we're not standing on the doorsteps of the healthcare provider insurance companies and treating them like you all are being treated here. And I don't think that that's a fair way to treat the elected officials that we have here..."

Richard Myers: "secondly, knowing each of you on a personal basis, I am sure that you do not set these budgets based on how much money you can burden us with and lay upon us, that we are going to have to choose between paying our taxes and eating. Let's talk about paying our medical bills and our medicines verses eating, and it's not fair that we lay on the burdens of our senior citizens, and I deal with them every day of my life here, as the Pastor of a church and seeing them, it is not just taxes. It is medical bills, it is gasoline, it is a number of things that affect their level of life and it's not fair for us to come up here and criticize you all, for the total condition that we find some of our families in. And on behalf of many of us in Millville and knowing many of you personally, I know that your hearts are for the people of this City and that you try to do the best that you possibly can. And I applaud you and I would ask those who are criticizing line by line to help with some solutions and help with some ideas to offset the cost of increase of life today in the United States. Thank you."

Bob Testeroni: "Bob Testeroni, Howard Street in Millville. Good evening Commissioners. I want to direct this to Commissioner Derella on the budget. During your presentation you had stated that the Department Heads worked approximately fifty hours on this budget, is that correct?"

Commissioner Derella: "I said that the Finance Committee spent well over fifty hours to try to work and develop this budget. That's just the part that I was involved with through the process, there were many other hours with me being away from the building that the process continued..."

Bob Testeroni: "When did this process take place?"

Commissioner Derella: "We started doing this particular budget, my first meeting occurred back in February..."

Bob Testeroni: "Okay, well, I, I make an interesting observation here. I was here three meetings ago and I explained about the nine hundred thousand dollars, and we have nine hundred thousand dollars in extraordinary aid that's going to have a major impact on our taxes, on our tax bill. That's correct right?"

Commissioner Derella: "yes it would."

Bob Testeroni: "we were talking about nine hundred thousand and it happens to be the same figure on the Pension Fund that we had to repay and when I asked what we did with that money when we got five years that we didn't have to pay into it. The Mayor couldn't answer it and Mayor in fairness to you I understand that you don't know all. So, you turned to Mr. Derella, now he said, he just stated he was working on this budget back in February. He couldn't answer you. Then you turn to our solicitor, when your attorney looks down and doesn't answer you, you know, you're in trouble. And then you looked at Mr. Thompson and he couldn't answer it and yet last Commission Meeting, just in passing comments at the end of the night, Mr. Derella spoke on that nine hundred thousand dollars that we use that money to offset any tax increase. That's what the people want to hear and you told them exactly what they wanted to hear. But, it would have been prudent on you if you had put that money in escrow knowing you were going to have to pay it back. It's just an observation on my part that no one knew two meetings ago where that, what happened to that money and yet you've been working on this since February. And, now all of a sudden at the next meeting you know where that money went. You told the people exactly what they wanted to hear. It went to stave off your taxes. It's all about credibility, gentlemen."

Mayor Quinn: "Bob, we actually use to receive that money before they dumped the pension back on us, so that was..."

Bob Testeroni: "Jim, I understand that, but if we're talking nine hundred thousand dollars in this budget. I would know nine hundred thousand dollars, what happened to that money. I wouldn't have to wait two weeks to come back and say, oh, by the way, this is what we did with that money. It's about credibility gentlemen. It's all about credibility. Thank you."

Lew Thompson: "Mr. Mayor, I'll answer the question as far raising my head and addressing your concerns. The State of New Jersey will not permit you to put the money in escrow and still receive nine hundred thousand dollars in Extraordinary Aid and put money away when we're sitting there trying to reduce the taxes,

which is exactly what they did. You can't reserve money in that capacity and still request state aid..."

Bob Testeroni: "well, we don't have a problem doing it with sewer and water (????? inaudible was not at microphone)

Lew Thompson: "I'm addressing the issue as you presented it."

Mayor Quinn: "Okay, Mark, are you next?"

Mark Krull: "I won't be very long, I just wanted to know. Is there, are there any other ways the City can raise revenue, besides property taxes?"

Mayor Quinn: "Well, it's interesting the Governor today in the paper if you read, discussed, which many states do. They allow the municipality to impose a one cent sales tax or in some cases more than one cent. The argument I've always had is, and we've all had in all the years we've been in government, that you get one third, or actually in this case now, we're probably getting more like four-tenths or two-fifths of the budget and then the others split up. So all you get is, I used to say approximately a third of the property tax came to the City. And it is interesting, because people look and even myself. I look at my taxes and I say, wow, you know, the x amount of money. But, only thirty some percent comes to the City and then the County and the school gets the other. But, they did, it was interesting today, because Corzine threw out a trial balloon when he stated that they could possibly let municipalities do one-cent. Don Ayres and I talked about it and in fact, I met with Van Drew this morning at a legislative meeting in Vineland. Mayor Barse and I talked about that, and Don had said, Mayor it's a shame in essence for the UEZ communities, because they wouldn't let us take one of the three and a half cents we get back and use that for property tax reduction. Because, we have to, you know, we need to have that somehow come forward. So, that's a good point. Whether that's going to go forward, I don't know Mark, but that's something the legislators are looking, you know, to do something..."

Mark Krull: "Well, I've noticed that Corzine, instead of talking increase, oh we'll just let it go up three percent, so I think some of the anger should be, and energy should be taking a trip to Trenton sometime and putting the pressure on them. I mean, because they're backpedaling. The State is backpedaling, but these guys are getting abused for it. I mean you look at the State Legislator, which is fat and happy and it has a record of corruption, by both political parties and nobody's, nobody even in their anger has accused our Commission here of being corrupt. So, I think I'm going to blame the State again. I'm one of the blame the State First people. Instead of blame America first, but... the second thing, so... what was I going to say about it, another speaker said that, that the number of ratables is not the case. But, if you don't have, but most of your tax money comes from ratables, right?"

Mayor Quinn: "yes."

Mark Krull: "okay, so would you say that ratables do matter?"

Mayor Quinn: "Very much so, yes."

Mark Krull: "okay, so if we have RAD and we improve the properties in Center City and the Third Ward. Doesn't that increase the value of the ratables in Millville, New Jersey?"

Mayor Quinn: "absolutely."

Mark Krull: "Okay, so I, I rest my case on the fact that... there are reasons to question, this is good. You need to ask questions to the Commission, but they've laid it out and the same people that are against the UEZ and the RAD want to reduce taxes. And that's great. But, what are you for? I know what the Commission is for, motherhood and apple pie. Right? Right, so are we all, so I just want to again, I just wanted to thank you guys for your patience and your commitment to the Center City area, but... my address is 112 East Pine, in Center City, my name is Mark Krull. Thank you."

Mayor Quinn: "anybody else who would like to speak on the budget? Seeing no one I'll close the budget hearing and we'll ask any Commissioners have any comments they'd like to make, Joe."

Commissioner Derella: "First of all, thank you for the comments. Contrary to some thought, sometimes anger makes us not listen, we try not to do that. We try to maintain in being open-minded. There was a lot of effort put into the budget, as is every year. Anyone who sat in this seat knows the effort and the time and the confusion it takes to mandate this budget. It is extremely challenging. The process will continue to be as transparent as possible. I believe this year is probably the most transparent that we could possibly be and I want to remind people that yes, we pay taxes as well. As a matter of fact my taxes have went up over thirteen hundred in the last year and I also just got a letter today from my tax assessor in regards to mistake made by the reval company in regards to the land value that my house sits on. So, I've gotten a fifteen thousand dollar increase in regards to the land value and assessed part of my property, which means I'm going to experience another four hundred dollar increase as well. It's unfortunate that everything is about taxes. It is a controversial subject no matter what side of the fence you sit on. We were hoping to looking for direction from Trenton in regards to this, but obviously we can no longer depend on that. And I've made the statement before and it's been said at the microphone about credibility. I think credibility is measured by your efforts and I think it's made by in trying to do your homework and coming back with correct answers and I believe it's responding to every phone call you possibly can, stopping in the store, stopping eating your dinner. And doing all those things where people you are a public servant of are asking you questions and that's what I think credibility is all about. Again, I want to thank everyone who spoke, I also want to thank all department heads and all the members of our staff, especially the one's this evening that took time to come here and to put this budget together. Yes, guess what, labor is your biggest cost. There's no question. The company I work for on labor cost is sixty percent of what we do, because we're service oriented and we have to have people deliver that service. We again are going through negotiations and when we go through those negotiations it's a challenging period. Now, we get yelled at by the other side of the table, the people we have to work with day in and day out. I hope people pay close attention to the negotiations that don't only go on here with the City, that's our municipal rate and we will continue to fight that and we will look for support from the community when we are at odds, when we think we're correct. But, pay close attention to our Board of Education, pay close attention to what happens in our County. All three of those entities are taxing entities and all the taxes get split up in those three ways. Our school board so far has done a wonderful job in maintaining and staying level. Again, we all know the treacherous road of havoc. Our County had a significant increase to us, as do other municipalities in our County. Please, again, watch all those budgets, because they all work together."

Commissioner Parent: "Once again Mr. Mayor, Joe, I really want to give you a lot of thanks, you know, it really starts with you as the Director of Revenue and Finance. I know the many hours and the fifty hours is really cutting it short, you probably spend fifty hours a week in trying to put together this package. And it isn't easy, anyone who sat in that chair would know how difficult it is to put a budget together. This evening you heard a lot of comments on both sides. I think the one thing that you're all going to leave here tonight and those that maybe are still up and listening to the Commission Meeting is how complex the budget really is. It's not cut and dry. There's certain statutory requirements that every municipality has to deal with and it isn't easy trying to work within government system. It's not private business folks. One thing that I think is so important is that the ratables are so important to this City, don't let no one kid you. Our future is going to lie in the ratables that we can anticipate in the next ten years. We've made a tremendous inroad, this administration, of going out aggressively and bringing in new business and new ratables to this City. Now, we can question how we go about doing it. You can talk about throwing money out the window or out the door, but you know folks we had to make an investment in the City for everyone. Not, the chosen few, but for everyone in this City and the only way we can do that is to stabilize taxes and you do that in Economic Development, there is no other cure. We're very fortunate that we have an aggressive Economic Development Department that has gone out and seeked the new business and industry that you may not see the next year or two years from now, but there is no question in my mind that within the next five to eight years a tremendous amount of new tax dollars will be coming into this City. Now, you can hear all the negatives that we have done, but the one thing that you're not going to be able to disagree on are those ratables are real. Those ratables are here and you can just drive up on 47 and as you're going... you don't have to go to the Cumberland Mall anymore. And boy, you know, I love it seeing all these Vineland traffic coming down south to Millville to Target and Kohl's and to our shopping center and that's going to benefit every citizen in this City through Urban Enterprise Zone's and taxes. And taxes, we just can't wait to see it happen. Be patient. And you're going to hear it again from some of the critics, we've been saying it all along. Well, you know something I've been sitting here for a long while and I've said you're going to see a new beginning in this City, a new major, major Economic Development in this City. The downtown district, the 47 Mall, shopping centers is only the beginning of what's happening and the only way you can stabilize taxes is through Economic Development. There is no cure, because let me tell you folks governments not going to get any cheaper than what it is. I don't care what the nay sayers have to say how much you're going to cut back. But, if you want City services you're going to have to pay for it. There's no cure. The only way we can do is to stabilize that and that's through tax ratables and business and industry and that's what we're doing and that's what we're going after and we will not stop until we see it completed. Again, Joe, I want to thank you personally, I want to thank the people in your Department of Revenue and Finance and all of the professional staff, I think it's a pretty good solid budget that you've been able to put together for us. Again, thank you Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Quinn: "I just often have thought, you know, and I know people don't want to hear it, but the State of New Jersey's average, the average property tax payer in the State is six thousand dollars a year. That's a fact. You can check it anywhere you want, website, talk to anyone. It's very high and I think Mr. Boyle at the last meeting explained a very good point and I sat with the

legislators today and talked about the same thing. Five hundred and sixty-six municipalities. That's crazy in a State this small. Six hundred and sixteen school districts. That's absurd. But, nobody has the courage to stand up in the State level and say it's time we consolidate. Buena, Buena Vista Township, Princeton, Princeton Borough. Jeff Van Drew gave an example today. Avalon, Stone Harbor and Sea Isle City have so few kids in the school that all three together would maybe equal one normal elementary school in Millville, but they won't consolidate. Well, you know what, maybe it's time the State mandates that you do that for everybody's sake and that's something that I wish, believe me, I wish we were all the City Commission in any other State except New Jersey, we wouldn't be taking the flack that we take constantly at these meetings, because we'd be in a State that ran as John pointed out at the last meeting, you take Maryland, you take Virginia, you take some of those states that run by Counties, our County Superintendent's a figurehead and we got sixteen superintendents in the County with fourteen municipalities. That's what's absurd folks. And as, you know, you all get up and especially those and I understand, it's passionate, it's frustrating. I had a guy call me today and he said to me, you know Mayor, if your Dad were alive he'd be mad at you. I said absolutely, because my Dad was one of the critics and Emil Van Hook could tell you that, because when he was the Mayor, my father was here giving him the same troubles that a lot of you are giving us. And he used to say to me, ah there's fat in the budget, don't tell me there's not fat in the budget. You know what come look at the budget, what do you want to cut? You want to cut cops. Hey, there's eighty of them, there's a good place you can start. Do you want to do that? You let us know. What don't you want? Do you not want your leaves picked up? Do you want streets swept? And Joe and I talked about that years ago, he said street sweeper, we ought to do it ourselves and maybe that is true, maybe we shouldn't rely on the City to do it. But, there's so much duplication in the State of New Jersey, that's why we live in such a difficult State. No. 1 in the nation in property taxes, so therefore it figures that we have to pass that similar situation along."

A motion was passed to close the public hearing and to defer action pending the DCA approval of the FY2007 Budget, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

Resolution No. A- 5593 authorizing Water and Sewer Termination on October 30, 2006 due to payment default was adopted, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

Resolution No. A-5594 authorizing adjustments to the Tax and Utility Records was adopted, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

Resolution No. A-5595 authorizing the Board of Commissioners to act upon the proposed amendments to the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund Bylaws, by vote in support of rejection of said revisions in accordance with NJSA 40A:10-36 et seq and NJAC 11:15-2.1 et seq was adopted, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

Resolution No. A-5596 authorizing the approval of grant application to DiNaso Millville Building Supply Company in the amount of fifty thousand (50,000.00) to be funded from an Urban Development Action Grant second generation fund grant toward the cost of rail siding improvements was adopted, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

Resolution No. A-5597 authorizing resolution to affirm and certify funds that are available from the 2006 Weed and Seed Grant in the amount of eleven thousand seven hundred (11,700.00) dollars for professional consulting services with the Center for Family Guidance, P.C. of Marlton, New Jersey to provide individual and group mental health counseling services to high school youth as a part of the 2006-07 Weed and Seed Strategic Plan was adopted, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

Director Parent submitted the appropriate certification as to the availability of funds.

Resolution No. A-5598 authorizing the affirmation and certification of funds are available from the 2006 Weed and Seed Grant in the amount of three thousand (3,000.00) dollars for professional consulting services with AHOME, Inc to provide individual and family financial literacy counseling, workshops and technical assistance as part of the 2006-07 Weed and Seed Strategic Plan was adopted, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

Director Parent submitted the appropriate certification as to the availability of funds.

Resolution No. A-5599 authorizing application to the Local Finance Board pursuant to NJSA 52:27D-471 for approval of an Ordinance approving the Final Revenue Allocation District Plan for the Center City Revenue Allocation District was adopted, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

Bingo License No. 199 and Raffle License Nos. 800, 801 and 802 on behalf of BPO Elks Lodge No. 580 were approved by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

A motion was passed to approve Special Events on Public Land Application submitted by the Millville Recreation Department for a Candle Lighting Service (Compassionate Friends Worldwide) on Sunday, December 10, 2006 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Glasstown Plaza and In His Presence Church for the Fall Harvest Health Walk to be held on Saturday, November 4, 2006 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Corson Park were approved by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

A motion was passed to approve a Demolition Derby, Sponsored by the Cumberland County Fair Association to be held at the Cumberland County Fairgrounds on October 21, 2006, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

A motion was passed to authorize Mayor Quinn to sign an Economic Development Administrative Financial Assistance Award Agreement in an amount not to exceed one million five hundred thousand (1,500,000.00) dollars for funding the construction of roads and installation of infrastructure to facilitate the development of the Millville Airport Industrial Park and neighboring seven hundred acre privately owned Motorsports Park Facility, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

A motion was passed to receive and file correspondence for a potential land sale for block 576, lot 6, 1201-1209 Wade Boulevard.

Commissioner Shannon moved for the correspondence to be received and filed and referred to the appropriate City Officials for recommendation, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

A motion was passed to appoint Captain Edmund Grennon, as the National Incident Management System Compliance Officer for the City of Millville, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

Mayor's Statement: We have now reached the public comment part of our meeting. Anyone who would like to address the commission, please go to the podium, state your name, and address your concerns. Please limit your comments to approximately 5 minutes.

Richard Meyers: *"Richard Meyers, 11 Crescent Boulevard, Millville, New Jersey. I know we've talked about taxes and I don't want to go into those again. But, I think one of the issues that we do need to address is taxes are for the provision of our people and to make a comment that ratables are not important and drive the budget is absolute foolishness. Taxes do, are affected by the ratables of our City and the key for our City to stabilize to taxes, let alone reduce taxes is to get ratables in this City. I read an article in the paper yesterday about our tax abatement program. Come on folks it's time to wake up and smell the coffee. That's the way of doing business today and I believe if I'm not mistaken that under the Tax Abatement Program, we as a City in that first or that second through the fourth years wind up with more money than had the tax burden been paid directly from the beginning. Is that correct?"*

Mayor Quinn: *"Third, fourth and fifth year..."*

Richard Meyers: *"third, fourth and... so, we wind up over the life of that Tax Abatement Program earning more money for the City to help us offset budget expenses. Is that correct?"*

Mayor Quinn: *"correct."*

Richard Meyers: *"okay. Around the Nation today there are cities that are offering one hundred percent tax abatement for five, ten and fifteen years. Why, because it's about jobs, jobs, jobs, jobs and the more we get into our City, the more jobs we get, the more people move in, the more houses we sell, the more ratables we bill and when that happens the tax burden gets lighter and lighter on all of us. And so to argue against abatement, to argue against RAD Programs that are going to help improve the quality of the housing and the businesses in our City. I remember and I was here, when half of High Street was boarded up and you couldn't get anybody down there. Now, we're adding to that. We need to address the crime problems on Second and Third and Fourth Streets and this program will help do that and by doing that we make our City a place where people will want to come to. We've got an airport out there who's going to offer a great opportunity for corporate America. They have an easy in and an easy out without having to deal with commercial flights, without having to deal with trips to Philadelphia, New York or Atlantic City. They can use their private jets, they can build their corporations and it's a benefit to our Nation... or our City. I want to thank you on behalf of the people that I deal with for the job that you guys do. I know that many of you take personal money out of your pockets to help get businesses and to promote the City of Millville, but we don't hear about that. We hear about the line by line little faults that you all make. You're going to make mistakes, you're going to make mistakes in the future. I hope you do, because if you don't make mistakes you're*

not making any decisions and we need decisions made and we need decisions by people who care about this City. So let me encourage each and every one of you, regardless of all the criticism you hear. You are appreciated. You're appreciated by the majority of the people in this City, because we do understand that you do have the heart of this City. And I'll be honest with you as a citizen and a taxpayer I hang my head in shame for the character assassination that I've seen against you men and heard against you men. People ought to be ashamed of themselves. We can have differences, we can disagree, but to assassinate each others integrity and character is just not called for. Thank you for doing a great job and we applaud you."

Diane Mullee: "Diane Mullee, One Cleveland Drive, Millville. First, I really appreciate the opportunity afforded us to ask questions and speak up at the City Council Meetings and I wish more people would take advantage of these opportunities. You gentlemen are the governing body of Millville. Yes?"

Mayor Quinn: "yes."

Diane Mullee: "Okay... how, I don't know how it's decided who may speak up when, you know, like whatever. What I find offensive is that countless people have been told to sit down, because what they were saying was not on point on the subject, but yet tonight I've seen two people get up and talk that had nothing to do with the taxes, but they were praising you. So, it was okay. Now, the Maurice River Project, if you guys... at the last meeting on 10/3 while I was speaking and mentioning various projects that are proposed and suggesting other ways to spend and save money. Mr. Parent asked Mayor Quinn "what is she talking about?" And Mayor Quinn made a big show, which seemed to me to be for the benefit of the cameras and said "I don't know". Gentlemen, why didn't you ask me? I'd of been glad to tell you what I was talking about. If you guys don't know what is being proposed, No. 1- Shame on you. It is on the Millville Site, it is the Maurice Riverfront Project. It specifically says Broad Street Grocery Store with rooftop parking, it specifically says every single thing I mentioned..."

Mayor Quinn: "Can you bring that and show me that..."

Diane Mullee: "I have it with me, yes..."

Mayor Quinn: "okay, good, well let's look at it..."

Diane Mullee: "but, shame on you for not knowing it, because it's on the Millville site..."

Mayor Quinn: "well, you're right, I did not know there was a grocery store with parking on the roof..."

Diane Mullee: "it scares me and it angers me that you gentlemen sitting up there who are elected officials that are in charge of deciding what happens to the City did not seem to know what is going on in this City. Now, I've made a point of attending every meeting and asking questions, because I'm sincerely interested in what is going on in my City. I don't ask questions for my health. I ask, because I want to learn and ask the City Council directly. It's a shame that I was not shown the same respect and courtesy by this council and was instead treated disrespectfully. Shame on you. The other item I would like to address is that it seems at every meeting someone asked about figures for some agenda item. It is also happened that the standard reply is, I don't have the figures with me, but I'll be happy to get them. Well, heck

guys, you know what's on the agenda. You've been doing this long enough. Why don't you have the figures available when people ask you these questions and why do they never seem to surface. Isn't it a convenient very repetitive excuse. Shame on you, for not having the figures available. It's your duty to have answers for your constituents. We come to these meetings to find out what is happening in our City and you don't seem to want to honestly share that info with us and the seemingly standard answer to questions is that you can't recall the exact terms right now and you don't want to misquote or mislead. Well, gee I guess all your memories are pretty foggy and seem to be getting worse all the time. Maybe it's time for someone else with better memories. Shame on you all, with your ambiguities, evasions and omissions. Emil said the people in this community can't afford the increases you've given us. Frankly, I no longer think the people in this community can afford you. Thank you."

Mayor Quinn: "Thank you."

Betty Monteleone: "Betty Monteleone, Briar Drive. I just want to draw your attention to the fact that... and I'm sure you guys know this, the Zoning Board is going to have another hearing. The gentlemen's asking for five people in attendance, Joe are you familiar with this?"

Commissioner Derella: "Say it again, the Zoning Board?"

Betty Monteleone: "I mentioned it at the last meeting about the Liberty Village, the gentlemen from Liberty Village is applying for zoning over and you had said it had been postponed. Well, he only asked for a postponement, because he wanted five members to be there... the article in the paper. I'll give it to you afterwards, but..."

Commissioner Derella: "I would have to understand that Betty, I'd have to see the article..."

Betty Monteleone: "I'll give it to you... I don't want to waste my five minutes on that, because five minutes is short and I've got..."

Mayor Quinn: "talk fast..."

Betty Monteleone: "I stand here and I really and Joe, please pay attention..."

Commissioner Derella: "I'm writing down your question..."

Betty Monteleone: "please, this is very, this is very important I have some..."

Commissioner Derella: "Excuse me, Mr. Mayor, Point-of-Order please..."

Commissioner Parent: "yeah, point of... yeah..."

Commissioner Derella: "I'm writing down your question to make sure that I..."

Betty Monteleone: "okay..."

Commissioner Derella: "can address it for you and I listen to everything you say, if you would like..."

Betty Monteleone: "okay..."

Commissioner Derella: "to check my notes, I do write it down..."

Betty Monteleone: "I said I'd get with you afterwards, but I want you all to hear this. This to me is really important. I come to these meetings and I've been coming to them for years and you know what I see. I see discrimination in the City and it bothers me. And let's look around, we have the haves and the have nots and the haves are here, praising you and the have nots are saying, please don't put us out of our homes. This is not right, you guys are at each other throats. These guys are saying shame on you. Maybe not shame on them, as the gentlemen said, he said you don't, you have groceries, you have prescriptions, there's other expenses that run and that's true. But, you have a choice, you don't have to buy the best kind of meat, you don't have to put gas in the car, you can stay home. The things that are driving people... the taxes you don't have a choice. So, people can cut back, they don't drive as much, they may not buy the best meat and you have to understand that. You know, the minister said, you know, God can come down any minute and punish, oh the house???, you could've had it yanked out of here tomorrow. So, when people come here and say what they think and feel, because they can't afford to pay these taxes, don't belittle them. And I speak to all of you, because don't look at me and smirk and nod at me, because..."

Mayor Quinn: "Betty, address the Commission and not..."

Betty Monteleone: "I know and it's a shame, it really is a shame, because this should not be happening. You know, I've lived in Millville for 17 years, I love this City. I used to attend every School Board Meeting and every City Commission Meeting. I have been involved. I'm not here, because I'm getting paid or I'm getting an attorney's fee or any other thing. I'm here, because I care what happens and I care for the people who live here and I'm here for them, not for me. But, you know, what tonight I am going to be here for me, because I am not... you got all this money to give away and pay consultants and this and that and the other. It cost me three hundred sixty-five dollars, because this City made a mistake on my taxes. I had to pay fifty dollars, first I came here and wasted my time, they were supposed to fix it and then I had to go to the County and pay fifty dollars for my appeal, I had to take time off of work. I had to drive backwards and forth with my husband, all of this stuff. I want my three hundred sixty-five dollars. Now, who do I go see about getting it?"

Mayor Quinn: "Don't know..."

Betty Monteleone: "I want to know, because I am going to small claims court. I want my money back. If you can overlook other people's taxes and you can say to Lowe's, "oops forget it, we're not going to, we made a mistake, we're not going to go back and get the taxes you owe us and oops, we're not going to go back to 2004 and oops we can forgive this" Well, guess what, I want my three hundred sixty-five dollars and I want to know how to go about getting it. Now, who's going to answer that question? I want to know. This is about me, now. Me."

Commissioner Derella: "Mr. McCarthy could you give us some direction on how she would go about, if there is a process in place."

Richard McCarthy: "There isn't any."

Betty Monteleone: "Why not? It cost you... the City's mistakes cost me three hundred sixty-five dollars. They made error after

error. So, how do I get my three hundred... if I made a mistake, if I do something wrong, you're going to fine me. If I park illegally, you're going to fine me. I want to know how I get my money back..."

Mayor Quinn: "well, I think Mr. McCarthy..."

Betty Monteleone: "Can I go to the small claims court, Mr. McCarthy?"

Richard McCarthy: "Not for taxes."

Betty Monteleone: "It's not for taxes, it's for my expenses. The fifty dollars I had to pay..."

Richard McCarthy: "It's related to taxes."

Betty Monteleone: "huh?"

Richard McCarthy: "anything related to taxes deals with the County Board of Taxation or the Tax Court."

Betty Monteleone: "I mean, it's not taxes though, it's my expenses..."

Mayor Quinn: "it's related to taxes..."

Richard McCarthy: "it's related to taxes..."

Mayor Quinn: "thank you..."

Betty Monteleone: "well, I might still do it anyway, just for the principle."

Ronald McDonald: "509 N. Ninth. I don't attend many meetings and I guess I should say shame on me, because it is important and the City is important. But, as I sat here tonight, and it was a long session. A lot of things, a lot of things were involved and a lot of people had a lot of things to say, pro and con. But, I love this City, my family is rooted here, grandchildren and the family's growing. And, I guess, I'm one of those... I'm in the middle. I'm a production control manager in a steel factory and I put in a lot of hours, a lot of time and I realize how hard it is to try to pull all of the pieces of this together. Pull all of the strings to get everything, to lay everything in place to where everything fits and works. It's not easy and it's not and it takes a lot of work and it takes a lot of effort. But, the complexity of what you gentlemen face to try to run this City and still try to keep it to where it is affordable to live here, to provide jobs and safe streets and good homes and everything else. It's far beyond anything that I deal with everyday and I just came to express my gratitude to you for this Commission for the work you do and I just... again, I just came to say thank you for the effort and the love that you have for this City and the time that you've taken. I stood here tonight and watched you be abused and it offended me. But, I tell you what, you sat here and listened, I saw respect, I saw... there's no doubt that there's times that you get overwhelmed with the things that are coming against you. But, you spoke quietly, you tried to answer as straightforward as you could and I appreciate that, so I want to, I got to tell you I can't come to the meetings like a number of other people can, but it doesn't mean that I'm not interested in this City. And again, so I just came tonight, I just wanted to take the time to express my thanks to each of you."

Mayor Quinn: "Thank you very much."

Todd Oliver: "Good evening, Todd Oliver, Morias Avenue. I would like to give the people of Millville some facts about Oliver's Twist and its tax abatement. I read in the paper that these out of town people come in to Millville and receive all the benefits. But, my family has been part of Millville for many years, our grandfather is a founding member of the Millville Airport, our father had a construction business in Millville for over thirty years. My brother and I have a construction business going to our nineteenth year. We live in the town and pay taxes to the City. We are part of the community and we give back our time, we coach, we volunteer, we support many organizations financially. Oliver's Twist was a business start up for us that took over an old three car garage on Sassafras Street that had no value and paid very little taxes to the City. The building that, we built a building that we feel improves Sassafras Street and the waterfront area. This building has been assessed at over four hundred thousand dollars, a significant amount more than the old garage. We received no financial help from the City of Millville in any form. We did not ask for any either. This project was funded entirely by us and we presently employ over twenty-five people in this operation. As you know starting a business in the State of New Jersey is no easy undertaking, with large amounts of paperwork and red tape, but without the Tax Abatement Program, this project probably would not have worked for us. Some... so, please think about what you're doing to the small business people of this community and what the long-term affect would be by taking any tax abatement away from them. I just wanted to say that I also received a tax bill today for that property, which is more than we paid for the ten years that we owe, which I mean, so we made a major improvement to that area and people want to take that away from us. We've been here all of our lives and it's ridiculous. Okay. I also have a good story to tell you. I was in the restaurant last week and I talked to a couple from Lewes, Delaware and they went to the Delaware Bay and they decided to go up the Maurice River, not knowing what they would find. They came to the public dock in Millville and decided to explore. They said they could not believe how nice Millville was, as they shopped in the stores and even purchased items and decided to have lunch with us. It got late for their four hour ride home, so they stayed the night on their boat and had dinner at another area restaurant on High Street. In closing, I would like to say that we are proud to be part of Millville's downtown. Thank you."

Mayor Quinn: "Thank you, Todd and let me say we're very happy to have you downtown and thank you for all your family has done for this City. Yes, ma'am.

Deborah LaRosa Pettit: "Hi, my name is Deborah LaRosa Pettit and I too am a taxpayer in Millville. I live on Sassafras Street. I was born and raised here, as was my family. I sat and listened tonight, I've watched sometimes on the TV when I can. I am currently disabled, so I understand what a fixed income is. My family does have a construction company, so I also worked in there before I was disabled and I knew a lot of the problems and the cost that are associated with businesses. Millville is a business and it's run to make money to give back. When everyone was talking about the taxes, my taxes were raised, but I also want to say that my insurance went up, my medical cost alone for my medicines and I've never spoken before, so forgive me, for my prescriptions are a thousand dollars a month. So, you can lay blame where you want, but I was watching the budget and I saw that they actually were able to bring the cost of insurance down and yet no one complimented you on that. I applaud you for that. I know that your paychecks do not compensate for the hours that you put in here and I just want to say

*I applaud you, from the bottom of my heart, and for the work that you are doing for the City of Millville. Thank you."*

Mayor Quinn: *"Thank you. Anyone else."*

Bob Testeroni: *"The hour is late, we'll make it short. Bob Testeroni, Howard Street in Millville. I'm following closely, this project or planned project out on Nabb Avenue. Commissioner Derella is involved in that, with the Planning Board, and most recently it was turned down by the Planning Board, but you voted yes. Is that correct?"*

Commissioner Derella: *"correct."*

Bob Testeroni: *"We agree on something. I too, would have voted yes and I'll tell you why. Because, they met the criteria set forth for that, but there's a lesson to be learned here gentlemen. They are now litigating that and they're going to prevail in a court of law. What does that tell you as Commissioners? We can close this candy store now. These people want to come here. This is prime real estate for them. We're in the center between the shore and the City. They want Millville. They want this land around us. They'll pay. You don't have to give them all these giveaways. They will come here. Trust me, they will come here. But, we have to concern ourselves and Vineland is addressing this and maybe when you met with Mayor Barse I hope you spoke about this, they're passing ordinances that will slow down the rate of growth, because our infrastructure gentlemen does not, does not support what we're doing. We're in big trouble. Someone said we're spiraling downward, other people say we see the light at the end of the tunnel. I've said in the past that light could be the train getting ready to run you over, it's not the end of the tunnel. I caution you to watch what we're doing. In closing, I would like to... and I appreciate what you do. It's a tough job sitting up there. I appreciate that and the other people do too and it's not that they're against the growth in Millville. But, we're spending, spending, spending. We have to curtail that. And people question, you know, we point to Trenton and I've heard this said, let's blame Trenton. We can blame Trenton, because Trenton you can't put a face or a name to. They're not sitting here, we can't talk to them. We just point to them and say Trenton's to blame. But, then we go to Trenton and we say give us a grant for a million dollars to build a dock that we can't fish off of, we can't swim off of, we can't sunbathe off of. Boats can't dock there overnight and people look at that and say what are we spending this money on. Is it necessary. You know there's things you want, things you need. The things you want you have to put on the backburner. In closing, and I know or I feel comfortable that you gentlemen are against Eminent Domain for private industries. Correct? For the most part you're against Eminent Domain for private industries? Is that a fair statement?"*

Commissioner Derella: *"I'm not in favor of Eminent Domain if it's going to take someone's home. Correct."*

Bob Testeroni: *"Okay. Then I'm going to extend to you an opportunity on Friday, in front of the post office and I'll have a booth set up and anyone can come there and sign and we have a petition that it will... ban Eminent Domain for private purposes. And it's pretty clear what that means. Thank you."*

Mayor Quinn: *"Thanks Bob. Okay, anyone else? Seeing none, I'll close the public hearing. I have some things I'd like to respond to Bob that you were saying. First of all, we never, ever*

go out, Don Ayres and I are out all the time beating the bushes to get businesses here, we never encourage houses to come, other than 55 and over and I've said that on many, many occasions. Housing does not help us. We don't, we didn't go to Canusso and say hey come to Millville. We could care less whether he came or not. But, you're right, they have certain... Joe and I, when I was on the Planning Board, we had a group that was out on Newcombtown Road and we turned down something they wanted to do there and they said we'll see you in court, we're going to sue you. And they did and they won. But, at least we had the opportunity to say we really don't want that density to go out on Newcombtown Road. Secondly, the waterfront, and it's difficult somehow to try to explain to people, because it's hard. You saw the intricacies of the budget. All of the improvements that were done when Mayor Parent was in office and over the period of time that were done. They were done with grants and UEZ money, not taxpayer, property taxpayers money. The waterfront thing, even though you said Bob, nobody did. Mr. Oliver just said that somebody did stay there and went to the thing, but that came not from tax... not from property taxpayers money, but from UEZ Grants and as Mayor, Vice or Commissioner Parent always said, we need to bring back to our City as much money from the State as we possibly can and we've been very good at doing that. In all of the improvement, High Street, the Riverfront, they were all done with grants or UEZ money. We're blessed to be a UEZ community, I can tell you that. Without it I don't know where we would be. As far as the Eminent Domain issue is concerned and that's a very difficult one and in fact I just spoke on a housing seminar at Atlantic City. The fellow with me was from Penn Rose Developers, they did Salem City. They were called in, it was Salem City's streets, he showed slides of it and it looked ten times worse than even Third and Fourth Street in Millville do and he went and he took that project on and they did do the development. But, he stated at that meeting and I will tell you, paraphrase what he said. He said if it wasn't for the possibility of Eminent Domain that project would never have happened. I recently have talked to two developers that came and they wanted to take and do an entire block in the City of Millville. I said to them, look, God Bless You, go try to do it, but we won't do Eminent Domain on any property whatsoever in that block. It was interesting in that entire block, one home in the entire block was owned by the person who lived there. You have rentals, rentals, rentals and a few businesses and it didn't to through, because one of the business people wanted... he offered one hundred twenty-five percent, if your house was worth a hundred, he was going to give you a hundred and twenty-five and one business person wanted much, much more than that, so the deal went south. I go back to the Goodman properties deal and I guess he's not here now, but I would like to try to explain to you something. If we didn't have the possibility of Eminent Domain and which we ended up having to do on the billboards and came close with the veterinarian. That seventy million, seven zero, seventy million dollar shopping center would not be. The increase in ratables from that went ten times, it was like one point five million I believe and it's now, it's, that the taxes paid, it would be like ten times over the improvement. So, you know it becomes an emotional thing, people say, ehh, you're going to throw Mrs. Jones, that poor 80 year old widow out of her house. No way will we do that, plus when Eminent Domain occurs the person receives much more in most cases or at least whatever the property is valued at. I will give you an example of the gas station that sat there on that property abandoned, I'm sure Bob, you went by it many times, it was closed up, it hadn't been open in years and then you got a Super Wawa coming across the street. The owner of the gas station, they had a value I was told of eight hundred thousand. Is that correct?"

Richard McCarthy: "the reval figure was eight hundred thousand."

Mayor Quinn: "the reval, but the normal figure before that was about five hundred thousand..."

Richard McCarthy: "lower than that..."

Mayor Quinn: "the man... yeah, probably even lower than that. The person wanted one and a half Gary, was that correct? One point five million for it and at that time it was less than a half a million. Now, had we not had the possibility that Eminent Domain could come, and this guy was an attorney and he was a Vineland person, he could have easily said, no, I'm not going. So, then that would have killed the seventy million dollar project that you see, that shopping center and it would have also taken away the thousand jobs that came with that project that's there. So, to get the point, I understand and that's a hot button topic, don't you dare do Eminent Domain, we're going to get the petitions out and all of that stuff. That's fine, but I have to tell you there's two sides to it. And as Joe said, we've never, ever said we're going to throw somebody out of their house and as I said to you, that entire block, which is a blighted block. And Mark I apologize if you're here, because it's in the Center City, I was hoping it would come through, but we had someone, who in my opinion asked for a higher price than maybe what was a fair price. But, that's free enterprise and that's the way it operates. So, that did not happen. Thank God we had at least the ability and I talked with the man who owned the Gas Station and he was, I want a million and a half, and I said, you know, sir, this is valued at, I think it was four hundred thousand, he said I don't care, they're going to make a lot of money, I want to make a lot of money. Well, we in that case, and we had no ability if we could not have said to him, you know what, we may have to do Eminent Domain on you sir, because it's for the betterment of the entire City of Millville. We would not have the seventy million dollar ratable, we would not have the millions of dollars in sales tax that's going to come back to this City. So, you know, you have to weigh that. I mean, it's a great hot button, a hot button topic, everybody, we don't want Eminent Domain, but you got to understand sometimes you at least need to have the ability to consider in that case and I think we all did what was right in that situation. The billboard was the only one that got condemned. The billboard did get condemned and what did they pay, four hundred dollars a year in taxes or something. It was very minimal and that could have fouled up that entire deal. So, if that's what you'd like to have, hey, we're here to listen, you want it, that's no problem. We won't do that, I told the guy we're not doing that development, which would have been about a five, six million dollar development that would have gone on that block of town. We're not doing it, because you can certainly sit and you can throw rocks at us, yeah, what bums you are, you want to do Eminent Domain. No. No, we don't. But, I'll tell you what, if we didn't have that possibility and you can check, you can check with other communities and God, Salem did a beautiful job and this guy said to me and he told everyone in the meeting, if we didn't have the possibility of Eminent Domain it would have never, ever happened, because people get greedy, they see, hey, there's dollars man. I'm not only... and they went in and they ended up paying, what a million and a half? They paid more than double to that person of what that property was worth and he still wasn't happy, he wanted a million and a half. So, there's some of the things that I think you have to consider and I understand everybody has their situation that they think is right. And I also have to tell you, I feel for you Bill and for many of the people who spoke tonight. The emotions and it's understandable, because the tax

burden is horrible. There is no question about it, I pay fourteen thousand five hundred dollar taxes on my two properties. I have money, I can afford to pay it and you know, and I'm lucky. I'm blessed, I earned the money the old fashion way, I worked for it. But, I am blessed. But, you know what, I feel, my heart bleeds for the people. I mean, I donate, I donate, I donate. In fact, I laughed, one person put a letter in that we should all resign or give back our salaries. Well, I donate twice my salary to charities throughout this area all the time, because I can. I wish I could help every person, I wish I could go to your Holly Village and pay everybody's increase for them. I wish I had that money to do that, because I have a heart and I care, and that's something... and we all do. All five of us care. Nobody, as I said in the past, nobody's here and we certainly aren't here for the money. We're here to try to make this a better town. And thank you for some, who do at least tell us that you do appreciate it, because at most of the Commission Meetings we feel like we are the biggest dummies in the world and we don't know what we're doing and it is intricate, we do try and you know we've been here, most of us, for ten years and trying... and Vice or Commissioner Parent for many more, we're trying to do what's right for the City. And I'll tell you what, I know we all love the City in our own way, but we have to try to come to a, you know, a compromise as to how we can make things better. Somebody mentioned, and I will take this as my final comment. Somebody mentioned one night, and I don't know if it was Diane or who said it, but it was a good point. They said we ought to have a suggestion box and I don't know if you were here one night or... oh, your sister did. But, that was a great idea, because we don't have all the answers and maybe somebody can come up with a suggestion that would be helpful to save money on the budget, you know, and that's an important situation. So, we would certainly like to look at that, but we've been here long enough, I filibustered more than my five. Joe, it's your turn."

Commissioner Derella: "Just real brief, to clarify Eminent Domain is a hot topic. We've researched it and looked at it and we will continue to do so. Our Millville Housing Authority has the ability to do Eminent Domain and they did exercise that back in the 60's to make a public housing project. I do not agree with Eminent Domain in regards to, you know, private homes. But, there are, could be exceptions, you know, we have a serious problem with Millville Gardens. That's a cancer in our neighborhood, it is a residential complex. I would not hesitate if it qualified under the State Constitution and all the lists, there's seven or eight things that you have to identify to make sure property could be taken to qualify. I would have to support that, the same with the nuisance property and some of our troubled areas in the neighborhoods where, you know, it needs to be eliminated, it needs to be taken care of. Again, I would exercise it cautiously and would not support it. I would not support coming into a nice neighborhood and trying to take over things for that, that's inappropriate. But, there are times when it could be. As far as the property on Nabb Avenue, yes the Planning Board voted that down. It did qualify in every, every aspect of what the Ordinance was, they actually applied seven different times with different plans, because they couldn't hit this moving target that was established by our Planning Board. One of the issues there is that, that's... there's no incentives from the City to be there. They have to run their own infrastructure, they would be required to buy land through a private sale, they've actually conceded on some of the requests from the Planning Board and from the City Staff for land set aside for a school. We also have in our Ordinance if they have to go after the water allocations, which is one and a half, John, or three... One and a half times?"

Commissioner Hollingshead: "yeah."

Commissioner Derella: "One and a half times their actual usage, so that there is always surplus in regards to that. So, we've made it very difficult on these. And as far as the City of Vineland, yes, I'm very friendly with Perry Barse. He's been a lifelong friend. They actually are following the City of Millville's lead with our Master Plan and a few other things in regards to restrictions in trying to put development in specific areas. We do have conversations, he and I, as do our professional staff, in trying to make sure that cross-acceptance does occur. With that Mr. Mayor..."

Mayor Quinn: "Okay, any other comments?"

Commissioner Parent: "Just one real quick one. I know the investors from Thunderbolt Raceway either left or they're still here, some people are still here and, you know, I want to thank them for coming this evening. You know that is a solid project and we're looking forward to moving forward with that and we just want to extend our appreciation for all you folks for coming here. Even though, you know, sometimes you were criticized by investing in this City. I don't know how you can criticize investors in this City, who are coming to Commission Meetings who want to spend money. I just can't quite understand that and then on the other hand complain, because there's no ratables. We appreciate what you're doing, we appreciate, we just can't wait to put the shovel in the ground and get that project moving. I think it would be a tremendous asset to this City. Again, two Commissioners have been criticized by a member of the public, one of our speakers, once Commissioner Shannon was criticized, because he looked at somebody, I don't know, and again this evening Commissioner Derella was criticized. Folks, that's totally uncalled for. You know, that's not what we're up here to do, to be criticized, because we're not looking at you in the face or not paying attention to you. Believe me, we do pay attention to you. Believe me, we do write things down. But, it's very insulting for a member of the public to attack a member of this Commission in that manner. That's very much unacceptable. We don't say anything when members of the audience are out there elbowing each other, laughing and high fiving, because they want to play "I gotchya" to this administration and it happens every meeting. The camera's just not on you, the camera's on us. So, you know, it does go both ways, but yet we're, you know, we see that and yet we just bite our tongue. We ask you to please understand our position up here, that we do care, we do write things down and we do pay attention. We may not agree, but we do pay attention, so it does not go in one ear and out the other. Again, Mr. Mayor, the night has been long, again thanks folks for coming out and also the supporters who came out for the Thunderbolt Raceway this evening."

Mayor Quinn: "anything else?"

Commissioner Shannon: "I just wanted to clarify, if the City Solicitor could answer me a question, because it was pointed out we're losing our minds up here. When did this Commission change the procedure on the Ordinance readings, the flawed system that we have now? I needed to check that. Did we change that..."

Mayor Quinn: "the budget you mean?"

Commissioner Shannon: "or has that been..."

Richard McCarthy: "you're talking about the..."



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