

BAYSHORE FIRE PROTECTION & RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING
September 12, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman Mere

Invocation – Commissioner Hansen

Commissioner Hansen – Present
Commissioner Griffin – Present
Commissioner Mere - Present
Commissioner Ducrou – Present
Commissioner Cook – Present
Chief Doug Underwood - Present
Office Manager - Present
Attorney Ian Mann – Absent

Others Present: Some Public

Chairman Mere announces:

- District Identity: **Bayshore Fire Protection & Rescue Service District**
- Rollback Rate **3.4358**
- Proposed Millage Rate **3.5000 Mills**
- Percentage increase in millage over RBR is **1.87% over the Rolled Back Rate**

Chairman Mere states the reason the ad valorem revenues are being increased:

- The Ad Valorem revenues are increased due to an increase in property values and growth within the District

Chairman Mere calls for Public Input on the Tentative Millage Rate

Public Input – None offered. Hearing no Public Input offered, Chairman Mere looks for motion to adopt Resolution 2023-02 Adopting the Tentative Millage Rate.

Commissioner Ducrou moves to adopt Resolution 2023-02 and the Tentative Millage Rate of 3.5000 Mills. Commissioner Griffin seconded the motion. Chairman Mere calls for any discussion and hearing none, he calls for vote and with all commissioners in favor, motion passed 7:06pm.

Chairman Mere calls for Budget Discussion

Chief Underwood covers the proposed budget stating it does contain the proposed he discussed with the Board individually through contract negotiations, as well as the change in the FRS which was our biggest increase this year which was about \$62,000 to the budget. There were some minor changes to the operational side of the budget but he did not increase the building and vehicle maintenance items even though we went over this year as it was mainly due to the hurricane and insurance reimbursed us, and the PPE due to grants. He offers to answer questions. Chairman Mere calls for any questions on the budget and hearing none, calls for any public input on the budget.

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Public Input – Hearing none he calls for motion to adopt the budget. Commissioner Ducrou moves to adopt Resolution 2023-03 and the tentative budget. Commissioner Cook seconds the motion, vote is called and with all in favor, Resolution 2022-04 and the budget are adopted 7:10pm. Chief Underwood adds that there may be some minor adjustments to insurances that will be presented in the final budget hearing as the numbers are being tweaked. He had to beat insurances up this year as we are seeing substantial building and vehicle increases this year, and life and disability numbers are still being worked and may go down a bit.

Chairman Mere announces the Final Budget Hearing date as Tuesday September 26, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Adjournment – Commissioner Cook moves to adjourn the Tentative Budget Hearing. Commissioner Hansen seconded. With none opposed, Chairman Mere adjourns the Preliminary Budget Hearing. Meeting adjourned 7:10pm.