

BAYSHORE FIRE PROTECTION & RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING
September 10, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Mere

Invocation – Chairman Mere

Commissioner Hansen – Present (7:10)
Commissioner Griffin – Present
Commissioner Mere - Present
Commissioner Ducrou – Present
Commissioner Cook – Present
Chief Doug Underwood - Present
Office Manager - Present
Attorney Ian Mann – Present

Others Present: Some Public

Chairman Mere announces:

- District Identity: **Bayshore Fire Protection & Rescue Service District**
- Rollback Rate **3.1854**
- Proposed Millage Rate **3.5000 Mills**
- Percentage increase in millage over RBR is **9.88% 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 2024-03 Adopting the Tentative Millage Rate.

Commissioner Ducrou moves to adopt Resolution 2024-03 and the Tentative Millage Rate of 3.5000 Mills. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. Chairman Mere calls for any discussion and hearing none, he calls for vote and with all commissioners in favor, motion passed 7:04pm.

Chairman Mere calls for Budget Discussion

Chief Underwood covers the proposed budget stating a bit different this year, we have gone ahead and entered a projected carry-forward based on our receivables and anticipated expenses remaining in the current budget. He also draws attention to the newly utilized expense in Assigned Reserves to a line for Accrued Leave to set aside for the potential of those approaching retirement for their vacation buy backs and the associated expenses. He states we also increased the 3-Month Reserves by more than \$30,000 to bring those more in line with current expenditures and the Unassigned Reserves by nearly \$200,000. It also reflects the Board's direction with regard to contract negotiations

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it does contain the proposed he discussed with the Board individually through contract negotiations. He states he worked very intensely with the Insurance Agents on the work comp, building, vehicle and liability policies to keep those escalating costs to a minimum. He continues, we did change agents while remaining with PGIT for Workers Comp and VFIS for the building and vehicles, but our agent is local and worked very well with us to get what we believe is the best rates. He has handled our health insurance for a number of years. Health insurance is up about 8%. Building was the highest at about 40% but overall for the package it was up about 15% and workers comp was up about \$2000 but that was with the increased wages and he anticipates that will take a pretty significant hit next year with the claim that's out there. We moved most of the allocation for operations equipment into the non-capital expenditure line non-capital inventory assets since we moved the capital threshold to \$5,000. No significant increases elsewhere. He adds overall, our unencumbered reserves are looking pretty good and collecting decent interest. Chairman Mere calls for any questions on the budget and hearing none, calls for any public input on the budget.

Public Input – Hearing none Chairman Mere calls for motion to adopt the budget. Commissioner Cook moves to adopt Resolution 2024-04 and the tentative budget. Commissioner Ducrou seconds the motion, vote is called and with all in favor, Resolution 2024-04 and the budget are adopted 7:11pm.

Chairman Mere announces the Final Budget Hearing date as Tuesday September 24, 2024 at 7:00pm.

Adjournment – Commissioner Cook moves to adjourn the Tentative Budget Hearing. Commissioner Griffin seconded. With none opposed, Chairman Mere adjourns the Preliminary Budget Hearing. Meeting adjourned 7:11pm.