

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JULY 18, 2023

A BCC Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU) Public Hearing was held at the Tringali Recreation Center, 3460 N. Access Road, Englewood, Florida.

The following members were present: Chair Truex, Commissioner Constance, Commissioner Deutsch, Commissioner Doherty, and Commissioner Tiseo (via teleconference). Also in attendance were: County Administrator Flores, County Attorney Knowlton, Minutes Clerk Welsh, and various County staff members. The following members were absent: None.

**The Meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm**, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. Public Hearings to Set MSBU Rates**

Francine Lisby, Financial Manager gave a brief overview of Agenda, Stages of the Budget Process, and Calendar.

a. South Gulf Cove Street and Drainage Unit RES 2023-127

John Elias, Public Works Director gave a brief overview of South Gulf Cove Street and Drainage, Where Does Your Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU) Dollar Go? South Gulf Gove Street and Drainage, responded to MSBUs, bridge rehabilitation and sidewalk program, vacant and occupied lots, assessment rates, debris removal, cost, beautification, landscaping, specialty and safety mowing, roadways, methodology, and case law.

**Chair Truex** discussed MSBU Advisory Board, increase, Harbor West, first time assessment, and waterways. **Commissioner Doherty** mentioned September 7, 2023 First Budget Public Hearing venue, public input, and rates.

County Administrator Flores remarked on September 7, 2023 First Budget Public Hearing and September 19, 2023 Final Budget Public Hearing venue.

**Public Hearing**

The following citizens spoke against the proposed rate increase by \$55.40 occupied / \$52.76 vacant for maintenance services and the bridge maintenance program: Elaine McNeill, Debbie Bullard, and Robert Weiler.

**COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO CLOSE PUBLIC INPUT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY**

**MOTION CARRIED 5:0.**

**COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-127 ADOPTING THE FINAL ASSESSMENT AND AN ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR SOUTH GULF COVE (NON-URBAN) STREET AND DRAINAGE UNIT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE**

**MOTION CARRIED 5:0.**

b. West Charlotte Stormwater Unit RES 2023-128

Mr. Elias gave a brief overview of West Charlotte Stormwater, Where Does Your MSBU Dollar Go? West Charlotte Stormwater, replied to water quality testing, Water Quality Manager Brandon Moody, pipe lining and networks, budget, cost, inflation, repair and replacement, potable water, total maximum daily load (TMDL) projects, funding, grants, work program, sample tax assessment, proposal, measurements, technology, storm drains, West County Stormwater, Rotonda Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and excavation.

**Chair Truex** commented on TMDL, assessments, measurements, Where Does Your MSBU Dollar Go? West Charlotte Stormwater, calculations, and September 7, 2023 First Budget Public Hearing. **Commissioner Constance** spoke to September 7, 2023 First Budget Public Hearing, map, location, length, cost, results, strategy, impacts, and Where Does Your MSBU Dollar Go? West Charlotte Stormwater. **Commissioner Doherty** noted September 7, 2023 First Budget Public Hearing, pipe evaluation, Public Works, expenditures, data, cost, water quality testing and monitoring, locations, and adjustments. **Commissioner Tiseo** discussed Where Does Your MSBU Dollar Go? West Charlotte Stormwater, proposed rates, calculations, work programs, MSBUs, committee members, recommendations, Hurricane Ian, financial hardships, and assessments.

County Administrator Flores interjected on schedule and programs.

### **Public Hearing**

The following citizens spoke against the proposed increase rate by \$75.00 occupied / \$79.54 vacant for maintenance services, the water quality monitoring program and pipe lining: Christine Carlomany, Mike Alberts, Sam Besase, Gary Fulmer, Chuck Russell, Hank Killion, Patricia Doty, John Barron, Beverly Henrichon, Danny Moore, Rich Demello, Robert Weiler, Holly Giblin, Rita Kitenplon, Elizabeth Wong, and Jean Missoff.

**COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO CLOSE PUBLIC INPUT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY**

**MOTION CARRIED 5:0.**

**COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-128 ADOPTING THE FINAL ASSESSMENT AND AN ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE WEST CHARLOTTE STORMWATER UTILITY UNIT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE**

**MOTION CARRIED 5:0.**

### **c. Barrier Island Fire Unit RES 2023-129**

Ms. Lisby gave a brief overview of Barrier Island Fire, Where Does Your MSBU Dollar Go? Barrier Island Fire, replied to interest rates, personnel services, and funding.

**Chair Truex** mentioned funding, Englewood Beach, options, grants, beach nourishment projects, Manasota Key, Sarasota County, Don Pedro Preserve, private roads, settlement, access, fire department, and assessment rate. **Commissioner Constance** commented on equipment, Barrier Island Fire, Station 10, funding, infrastructure, and safety. **Commissioner Doherty** spoke to funding, Capital Projects Fund, and reimbursement.

Chief Jason Fair, Public Safety Director responded to fire equipment, access, maintenance, availability, and inflation.

**Public Hearing**

The following citizens spoke against the proposed rate for the November 2023 tax bill which includes an increase of 23% resulting in a proposed residential rate of \$882.73 per unit: Jeff Bisgrove and Alexandra Coe.

**COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO CLOSE PUBLIC INPUT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY**

**MOTION CARRIED 5:0.**

**COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-129 ADOPTING THE FINAL FIRE ASSESSMENT AND AN ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR BARRIER ISLANDS FIRE SERVICE UNIT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH**

**MOTION CARRIED 5:0.**



**AA. County Administrator Comments - None**

**BB. County Attorney Comments - None**

**CC. Commissioner Comments**

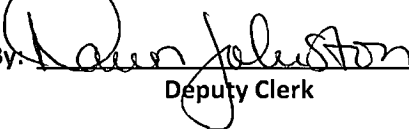
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**ADJOURNED: 6:33 pm**

  
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William G. Truex, Chair  
  
DATE ADOPTED: September 19, 2023

**ATTEST:**

**ROGER D. EATON, CLERK  
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND  
EX-OFFICIO TO THE BOARD  
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

By:   
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Deputy Clerk