

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JULY 18, 2017

A Tentative Budget Workshop was held at the Murdock Administration Complex in Commission Chambers; Room 119, Port Charlotte, Florida.

The following members were present: Chair Truex, Commissioner Constance, Commissioner Deutsch, Commissioner Doherty, and Commissioner Tiseo. Also in attendance were: County Administrator Sandrock, County Attorney Knowlton, and Minutes Clerk Cash. The following members were absent: None

The Tentative Budget Workshop was called to order at 2:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

Paul Polk, Charlotte County Property Appraiser discussed taxable market value increases, lowering millage rates, and additional homestead exemption on 2018 ballot.

Scott Thibadeau mentioned proposed water park tax valuation.

1. Certified County-wide Valuations

Gordon Burger, Budget and Administrative Services Director gave a brief overview of Certified County-wide Valuations, Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Property Valuations, Neighboring Counties Valuation Increase, Revised Ad Valorem Revenues, Ad Valorem Variance (Estimated), Valuation Impact on Homestead Tax Bill (Charlotte County Millage Only), and responded to Board inquiries.

Commissioner Constance inquired about Estimated Ad Valorem Variance. **Commissioner Deutsch** asked about Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Property Valuations. **Commissioner Doherty** questioned City of Punta Gorda and City of North Port valuations and Estimated Ad Valorem Variance.

2. Review of General Fund

Mr. Burger gave a brief overview of General Fund Five Year Financial Plan - Revenue/Expenditures Preliminary Projection May 2, 2017, General Fund Five Year Financial Plan - Revenue/Expenditures Revised Projection July 18, 2017, Long-Range Variables, Sales Tax Operating Costs, Additional Homestead Impact, Long-Range Variables, Constitutional Budgets, Law Enforcement Fund, Law Enforcement Proposed Budget, Ad Valorem Reserves, Reserves, and responded to Board inquiries.

County Administrator Sandrock mentioned Long-Range Variables.

Commissioner Constance discussed General Fund Five Year Financial Plan - Revenue/Expenditures Revised Projection, Long-Range Variables, Ad Valorem Reserves, and Reserves. **Commissioner Deutsch** spoke to Long-Range Variables, Millage Rate, and Reserves.

3. Proposed FY18/FY19 Total County-wide Budget

Mr. Burger gave a brief overview of Proposed 2017/2018 & 2018/2019 Total County-Wide Budget, Net Amended Budgets, Net Budget Capital vs Operating, BCC County-Wide Full Time Personnel Count, County Debt Comparisons, and responded to Board inquiries.

Commissioner Constance opined the Net Amended Budgets. **Commissioner Doherty** referenced the Net Budget Capital vs Operating.

4. Millage Options

Mr. Burger gave a brief overview of Tentative Millage Rates, Assessed Valuation, How Your Tax Dollar is Spent Fiscal Year 2017/2018, and responded to Board inquiries.

Chair Truex inquired about How Your Tax Dollar is Spent Fiscal Year 2017/2018. **Commissioner Constance** mentioned How Your Tax Dollar is Spent Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

5. Set Tentative Millage Rates

Mr. Burger gave a brief overview of Setting Tentative Millage Rates and responded to Board inquiries.

John Elias, Maintenance and Operations Manager explained the Don Pedro/Knight Island millage rate reduction request.

County Administrator Sandrock recommended returning with millage rate options.

Chair Truex spoke to ad valorem revenues, valuations, capital projects, lowering millage rates, and Constitutional budgets. **Commissioner Constance** discussed the Don Pedro/Knight Island millage rate reduction request, capital projects, current millage rate, fiscal stabilization, possible legislative millage freeze, lowering millage rates, sales tax projects, new construction, and impact fees. **Commissioner Deutsch** commented on residential homestead properties, non-homestead properties, property tax revenue, and lowering millage rates. **Commissioner Doherty** mentioned lowering millage rates, long-range variables, capital projects, current millage rates, future millage rate legislation, and Constitutional budgets. **Commissioner Tiseo** conversed about Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU) funds, ad valorem funds, lowering millage rates, and sales tax projects.

COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO TENTATIVELY ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED MILLAGE RATES THAT WAS THE SAME AS THE CURRENT YEAR WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DON PEDRO/KNIGHT ISLAND STREET AND DRAINAGE

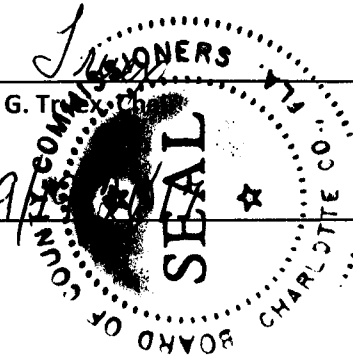
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COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES SHOWN ON SLIDE THIRTY-ONE WHICH ARE THE SAME AS THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DON PEDRO/KNIGHT ISLAND PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF 1.4410, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR WILL COME BACK AT THE NEXT BUDGET MEETING AND DISCUSS OPTIONS RELATIVE TO THE GENERAL FUND RATE OF 2.0707 MILLS AND ASK OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN THE COUNTY-WIDE TO TAKE A LOOK AT THEIR BUDGETS TO SEE IF THEY CAN TIGHTEN UP, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH

MOTION CARRIED 4:1., COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE OPPOSED

ADJOURNED: 3:19 pm

William G. Trotter
William G. Trotter, Ex. Ch.
DATE ADOPTED: 09/13/17



ATTEST:

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

By: Michelle D. Brainerd
Deputy Clerk