

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2017**

A First Public Hearing On Proposed County Budget Fiscal Year 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 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 Meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm**, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Administrator Sandrock discussed conservative budget approach, employee positions, and long-range variables.

**1. Review of FY 17/18 and FY 18/19 Budget Process**

Gordon Burger, Budget and Administrative Services Director gave a brief overview of the Agenda, Stages of Budget Process, Calendar, Summary of Proposed Budget, Assessed Valuation, Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Property Valuations, Neighboring Counties, Valuation Impact on Homestead Tax Bill, How Your Tax Dollar is Spent, and responded to Board inquiries.

**Commissioner Constance** commented on Assessed Valuation, How Your Tax Dollar is Spent, and Valuation Impact on Homestead Tax Bill. **Commissioner Deutsch** spoke to millage rate and Hurricane Irma financial impact.

**2. Millage Rates**

Mr. Burger gave a brief overview of Millage Rates, General Fund Five Year Financial Plan – Revenue/Expenditures, Long-Range Variables, General Fund Five Year Projection Updated for Long-Range Variables, General Fund Five Year Projection Reduced General Fund Millage Rate – 2.0001 mills, General Fund Five Year Projection Reduced General Fund Millage Rate – 1.9079 mills, Millage Rates, and responded to Board inquiries.

County Administrator Sandrock discussed millage rates and reserves.

**Chair Truex** mentioned reserves. **Commissioner Constance** spoke to Hurricane Irma costs. **Commissioner Doherty** questioned reserves. **Commissioner Tiseo** discussed revenue projections, Hurricane Irma costs, millage rates, and Multiple Service Benefit Units (MSBU's).

**3. Presentation of Budget**

Mr. Burger gave a brief overview of Total Proposed Net County-Wide Budget, Net Amended Budgets, Net Budget, BCC County-Wide Full Time Personnel Count, Reserve Policy - Adopted 9/8/09, Ad Valorem Reserves, Reserves, County Debt Comparisons, 5 Year Budget History, and responded to Board inquiries.

County Administrator Sandrock mentioned reserves.

**Chair Truex** commented on reserves. **Commissioner Constance** spoke to Net Amended Budgets and reserves. **Commissioner Deutsch** conversed about reserves. **Commissioner Doherty** asked about reserves. **Commissioner Tiseo** mentioned reserves, revenue projections, and tax bills.

#### **4. Changes since July 18, 2017 Budget Workshop**

Mr. Burger gave a brief overview of Budget Changes Since July 18th Workshop, Changes made since July 18th, BCC Action: Adopt changes as listed on page 7, and responded to Board inquiries.

**Chair Truex** discussed future unknowns, reserves, millage rate, tax bills, and Lemon Bay Street & Drainage MSBU. **Commissioner Deutsch** commented on tax bills, future unknowns, and millage rates. **Commissioner Doherty** conversed about General Fund Five Year Projection, additional Homestead Exemption, Legislature, and other future unknowns. **Commissioner Tiseo** mentioned current millage rate, tax bills, and projected revenue.

**COMMISSIONER TISEO MOVED TO ADOPT A REVENUE AS ORIGINALLY PROJECTED FIVE PERCENT OVER 2017**

**MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF SECOND**

**COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE THE GENERAL FUND MILLAGE RATE STAY AS CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH**

**MOTION CARRIED 3:2., COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE AND COMMISSIONER TISEO OPPOSED**

**RECESS: 6:24 pm - 6:30 pm**

**COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO ADOPT LEMON BAY STREET AND DRAINAGE MSBU REDUCTION CHANGE FROM THE JULY 18, 2017 WORKSHOP, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH**

**MOTION CARRIED 5:0.**

#### **5. Public Hearing to adopt tentative millage rates and budgets and final MSBU rates**

Mr. Burger gave a brief overview of the Approval of Tentative Rates and Budgets.

**RECESS: 6:38 pm - 6:44 pm**

#### **I. AD VALOREM – COUNTYWIDE FUNDS**

Cari Branco, Fiscal Services Division Manager read into the record the county-wide millage rates and funds.

**Public Hearing – None**

**COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH**

**MOTION CARRIED 5:0.**

**COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-204 ADOPTING A TENTATIVE COUNTY-WIDE MILLAGE LEVY FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH**

**MOTION CARRIED 3:2., COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE AND COMMISSIONER TISEO OPPOSED**

**COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-205 ADOPTING A TENTATIVE COUNTY-WIDE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018 AND APPROVE A PLANNED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH**

**MOTION CARRIED 3:2., COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE AND COMMISSIONER TISEO OPPOSED**

**II. VOTED DEBT SERVICE FUND (ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LANDS) – AD VALOREM**

Ms. Branco read into the record the Environmentally Sensitive Lands millage rates and proposed budgets.

**COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-206 ADOPTING A TENTATIVE SERIES 2008 (GOB) DEBT SERVICE FUND MILLAGE LEVY FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH**

**MOTION CARRIED 5:0.**

**COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-207 ADOPTING A TENTATIVE SERIES 2008 (GOB) DEBT SERVICE FUND BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 AND APPROVE A PLANNED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH**

**MOTION CARRIED 5:0.**

**III. AD VALOREM - MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNITS – MSTU'S**

Ms. Branco read into the record the Municipal Service Taxing Units millage rates, roll back rates, and proposed budgets.

**Public Hearing – None**

**COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH**

**MOTION CARRIED 5:0.**

**COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-208 ADOPTING A TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE TO BE LEVIED WITHIN THE GREATER CHARLOTTE STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT, INTEGRATED SHORELINE MANAGEMENT, DON PEDRO/KNIGHT ISLAND STREET AND DRAINAGE UNIT, MANASOTA KEY STREET AND DRAINAGE UNIT, CHARLOTTE COUNTY MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND SANDHILL MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH**

**MOTION CARRIED 4:1., COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE OPPOSED**

Commissioner Tiseo referenced the Sheriff's budget.

**COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-209 ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR GREATER CHARLOTTE STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT, INTEGRATED SHORELINE MANAGEMENT, DON PEDRO/KNIGHT ISLAND STREET AND DRAINAGE UNIT, MANASOTA KEY STREET AND DRAINAGE UNIT, CHARLOTTE COUNTY MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND SANDHILL MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 AND APPROVE A PLANNED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY**

**MOTION CARRIED 4:1., COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE OPPOSED**

IV. NON-AD VALOREM FUNDS AND MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNITS (MSBU)

Ms. Branco read into the record the Non-Ad Valorem Funds and Municipal Service Benefit Units.

Public Hearing – None

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.


COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-210 ADOPTING ALL FINAL MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT RATES AS LISTED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH

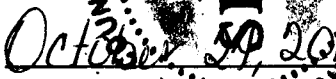
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COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-211 ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGETS FOR THE REMAINING SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, DEBT SERVICE FUNDS, ENTERPRISE FUNDS, AND MSBU FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018 TOTALING \$788,303,990 AND APPROVE PLANNED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 TOTALING \$625,807,470, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH

MOTION CARRIED 4:1., COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE OPPOSED

ADJOURNED: 6:59 pm

  
William G. Trulex, Chair

DATE ADOPTED:  29, 2017



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

By:   
Deputy Clerk