

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SEPTEMBER 09, 2019

A Public Hearing on Proposed County Budget 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 was held at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center, 75 Taylor Street, Punta Gorda, Florida.

The following members were present: Chair Doherty, Commissioner Constance, Commissioner Deutsch, Commissioner Tiseo, and Commissioner Truex. Also in attendance were: County Administrator Sandrock (Departed at 7:14 pm), County Attorney Knowlton, Deputy County Administrator Flores (Arrived at 7:14 pm), Minutes Manager DiBerardino, Minutes Clerk Light, 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.

County Administrator Sandrock gave a brief overview of the budget process.

1. Review of FY 2019/2020 and FY 2020/2021 Budget Process

Gordon Burger, Budget and Administrative Services Director gave a presentation on Agenda, Stages of the Budget Process, and Calendar.

2. Millage Rates

Mr. Burger gave a brief overview of Assessed Valuation, Fiscal Year (FY) 2019/2020 Property Valuations, Neighboring Counties, Valuation Impact on Homestead Tax Bill, How Your Tax Dollar is Spent Fiscal Year 2019/2020, and Millage Rates.

Commissioner Tiseo noted How Your Tax Dollar is Spent Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

3. Presentation of Budget

Mr. Burger spoke to General Fund, Total Proposed Net County-wide Budget, Net Amended Budgets, Net Budget, BCC County-wide Full Time (FT) Approved Personnel Count, Charlotte County 20 Year Debt Position, County Debt Comparisons, Ad Valorem Reserves, Reserves, 5 Year Budget History, and responded to Board inquiries.

Commissioner Constance commented on Net Amended Budgets, BCC County-wide Full Time (FT) Approved Personnel Count, County Debt Comparisons, and 5 Year Budget History.

4. Changes since July 17, 2019 Budget Workshop

Mr. Burger gave a brief presentation on Changes made since July 17th, BCC Action, and responded to Board inquiries.

Chair Doherty discussed Changes made since July 17th. **Commissioner Constance** noted Changes made since July 17th. **Commissioner Deutsch** discussed Reserves. **Commissioner Tiseo** mentioned Reserves and Comprehensive Annual Financial Statement.

Public Comment

J Reynolds inquired to adopted changes.

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

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

5. Public Hearing to adopt County-wide tentative millage rate and proposed budget

Mr. Burger discussed Approval of Tentative Rates and Budgets, read into the record County Wide Millage Rates and Funds, and responded to Board inquiries.

Commissioner Constance commented on Ad Valorem – Countywide Funds, Charlotte County Health Unit millage, property valuations, Capital Projects Fund, and Proposed Budgets. **Commissioner Tiseo** mentioned Charlotte County Health Unit and Capital Projects Fund.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ed Zupal noted Charlotte County School Board and Sheriff's Budget.

Sara Spencer spoke to Health Department, Interim Director, and services.

Raquel Hawthorne remarked on future projects.

Roberta Keene discussed millage rates and Charlotte County Schools.

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

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Chair Doherty noted Charlotte County School Budget. **Commissioner Constance** mentioned Charlotte County School Board Budget Public Hearing. **Commissioner Tiseo** commented on Charlotte County Schools and Charlotte County Health Unit.

COMMISSIONER TISEO MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-100 ADOPTING A TENTATIVE COUNTY-WIDE MILLAGE LEVY FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TRUEX

MOTION CARRIED 4:1., COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE OPPOSED

COMMISSIONER TISEO MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-101 ADOPTING A TENTATIVE COUNTY-WIDE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 AND APPROVE A PLANNED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TRUEX

MOTION CARRIED 4:1., COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE OPPOSED

6. Public Comment prior to the adoption of the Environmentally Sensitive Lands millage rate and proposed budget

Mr. Burger read into the record Environmentally Sensitive Lands millage rates and proposed budgets and responded to Board inquiries.

Commissioner Tiseo discussed Environmentally Sensitive Lands, revenue, and debt service payments.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-102 ADOPTING A TENTATIVE SERIES 2008 (GOB) DEBT SERVICE FUND MILLAGE LEVY FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TRUEX

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-103 ADOPTING A TENTATIVE SERIES 2008 (GOB) DEBT SERVICE FUND BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 AND APPROVE THE PLANNED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TRUEX

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

7. Public Hearing to adopt the MSTU millage rates and proposed budget

Mr. Burger read into the record MSTU millage rates, roll back rates, and proposed budgets, and responded to Board inquiries.

Chair Doherty commented on Sandhill Municipal Service Taxing Unit. Commissioner Deutsch noted Stump Pass Dredging.

PUBLIC HEARING – None

COMMISSIONER TISEO MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Commissioner Constance discussed Stump Pass Beach Renourishment.

COMMISSIONER TRUEX MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-104 ADOPTING A TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE TO BE LEVIED WITHIN THE GREATER CHARLOTTE STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT, INTEGRATED SHORELINE MANAGEMENT UNIT, DON PEDRO/KNIGHT ISLAND STREET AND DRAINAGE UNIT,

MANASOTA KEY STREET AND DRAINAGE UNIT, CHARLOTTE COUNTY MSTU FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SANDHILL MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TISEO

MOTION CARRIED 4:1., COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE OPPOSED

COMMISSIONER TISEO MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-105 ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR GREATER CHARLOTTE STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT, INTEGRATED SHORELINE MANAGEMENT UNIT, DON PEDRO/KNIGHT ISLAND STREET AND DRAINAGE UNIT, MANASOTA KEY STREET AND DRAINAGE UNIT, CHARLOTTE COUNTY MSTU FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SANDHILL MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 AND APPROVE A PLANNED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TRUOX

MOTION CARRIED 4:1., COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE OPPOSED

8. Sanitation MSBU

Lorenzo Daetz, Solid Waste Supervisor gave a presentation on Background, Sanitation Assessment Areas, Components of the Sanitation Assessment, Mainland Unincorporated Area Rate per Residential Unit, Boca Grande Rate Area per Residential Unit, Don Pedro/Knight Island Area Rate per Residential Unit, and responded to Board inquiries.

Mr. Burger replied to Sanitation District.

Chair Doherty mentioned neighboring county comparisons. **Commissioner Constance** noted Background, Sanitation District, and recyclable cost. **Commissioner Deutsch** discussed recyclables, bid process, Waste Management, and cost. **Commissioner Tiseo** commented on bid process, Waste Management, and containers. **Commissioner Truox** responded to bid process and Waste Management.

9. Public Hearing to adopt final Sanitation MSBU rates and proposed budgets

PUBLIC HEARING

Deborah Nolan mentioned cost, rate increase, and services.

Anne-Marie Hunter noted rate increase.

J Reynolds discussed rate increase and negotiated rate.

Raquel Hawthorne commented on rate increase and biweekly collection.

Roberta Keene inquired to Local Board, Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU) and Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) assessments, and Murdock Village repayment.

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

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Mr. Daetz responded to services, contract, pickup frequency, rates, Garbage and Trash Consumer Price Index, Lee County contracts, bids, and population.

County Administrator Sandrock noted MSBU and MSTU assessments.

Chair Doherty mentioned MSBU and MSTU assessments. **Commissioner Constance** discussed rates. **Commissioner Tiseo** commented on services, pickup frequency, price increases, Garbage Index, Lee County contracts, bids, in house trash hauling, and MSBU's.

COMMISSIONER TRUEX MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-106 APPROVING FINAL ASSESSMENT RATES FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY SANITATION UNIT, BOCA GRANDE SANITATION SUB-UNIT, AND DON PEDRO/KNIGHT ISLAND SANITATION SUB-UNIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 AND APPROVING NEW MAXIMUM ASSESSMENT RATES FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY SANITATION UNIT, BOCA GRANDE SANITATION SUB-UNIT AND DON PEDRO/KNIGHT ISLAND SANITATION SUB-UNIT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH

MOTION CARRIED 4:1., COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE OPPOSED

10. Various Street & Drainage MSBU Units

a) Public Hearing – Gardens of Gulf Cove Street and Drainage Unit

Tara Musselman, Operations Supervisor gave a presentation on Gardens of Gulf Cove Street and Drainage (SD), Survey Responses, Darnell Avenue and Cove Bennet Drive, and Road Degradation Chart.

Commissioner Deutsch mentioned Road Degradation Chart. **Commissioner Tiseo** noted Answer Choices.

Joanne Vernon, County Engineer replied to Road Degradation Chart.

PUBLIC HEARING - None

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

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

COMMISSIONER TISEO MOVED TO APPROVE 15-YEAR INCREASE (5-YEAR RESERVE BUILD-UP/10-YEAR LOAN) OF \$200 FOR PAVING FOR A TOTAL RATE OF \$350, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TRUEX

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

b) Public Hearing – Pirate Harbor Street and Drainage Unit

Ms. Musselman gave a presentation on Pirate Harbor SD, Survey Responses, Yacht Club Boulevard and Treasure Island Boulevard, and responded to Board inquiries.

Mr. Burger replied to rates.

Chair Doherty mentioned Survey Responses and MSBU assessment. **Commissioner Constance** discussed rates. **Commissioner Tiseo** commented on Survey Responses, paving, cost, drainage plan improvements.

PUBLIC HEARING

Lynn McCulloch spoke to street widths, drainage, and paving.

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

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

COMMISSIONER TISEO MOVED TO APPROVE 20-YEAR INCREASE (3-YEAR RESERVE BUILD-UP/17-YEAR LOAN STARTING IN FISCAL YEAR 2020) OF \$167 FOR PAVING AND TOTAL RATE OF \$299.51, SECONDED BY CHAIR DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 3:2., COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE AND COMMISSIONER TRUOX OPPOSED

c) Public Hearing – Rotonda West Street and Drainage Unit

Ms. Musselman gave a presentation on Rotonda West SD, Survey Responses, Mariner Lane and Rotonda Circle, and responded to Board inquiries.

Mr. Burger spoke to Beautification Fund and rate.

Chair Doherty discussed Survey Responses, bridges, paving, and Beautification Fund. **Commissioner Constance** mentioned Sarasota Joint Meeting. **Commissioner Tiseo** commented on Survey Responses and Beautification Fund. **Commissioner Truox** spoke to Winchester Road, beautification, MSBU, and rate options.

PUBLIC HEARING

Franklin Davis mentioned paving, street widening, Boundary Road, sidewalks, drainage, and survey.

Diane Shaw noted MSBU, sidewalks, Beautification Fund, survey, and rates.

Patricia Aho spoke to rates, bridges, and Beautification Fund credit.

Jim Shaw opined previous comments.

Carol Delucca commented on rates, increases, bridges, and Beautification Fund refund.

Suzu Goheen inquired to Beautification Fund.

Anne-Marie Hunter mentioned paving, cost determination, Beautification Fund, and MSBU.

Frank Warren noted roads, Winchester Road, and Beautification Fund.

Allyson Eakin commented on options, cost of living, reserves, and Beautification Fund.

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

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Commissioner Constance commented on Beautification Fund. **Commissioner Tiseo** discussed Beautification Fund.

Mr. Burger spoke to credit.

COMMISSIONER TRUEX MOVED TO APPROVE 20-YEAR INCREASE (5-YEAR RESERVE BUILD-UP/15-YEAR LOAN) OF \$145 FOR PAVING FOR A TOTAL RATE OF \$245 TOTAL PAVING COST: \$2,900 WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE WILL BE A CREDIT TO THE \$245 TOTAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

11. Public Hearing to adopt final MSBU rates and proposed budgets for the remaining Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Funds, Enterprise Funds and MSBU Funds

Mr. Burger read into the record Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise/Internal Service Funds, and Special Revenue Funds – MSBU's.

PUBLIC HEARING – None

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

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Commissioner Constance inquired to total budget numbers.

Mr. Burger replied to budget and language.

COMMISSIONER TRUEX MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-107 TO ADOPT ALL FINAL MSBU RATES AS LISTED WITH AMENDMENTS OF THE ANNUAL RATE OF \$350 PER EQUIVALENT RESIDENTIAL UNIT (ERU) FOR THE GARDENS OF GULF COVE STREET AND DRAINAGE UNIT, THE ANNUAL RATE OF \$299.51 PER ERU FOR THE PIRATE HARBOR STREET AND DRAINAGE UNIT, AND THE ANNUAL RATE OF \$245 PER ERU FOR THE ROTONDA WEST STREET AND DRAINAGE UNIT, SECONDED BY CHAIR DOHERTY


MOTION CARRIED 4:1., COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE OPPOSED

COMMISSIONER TRUEX MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-108 ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGETS FOR THE REMAINING SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, DEBT SERVICE FUNDS, ENTERPRISE FUNDS AND MSBU FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 TOTALING \$852,009,230 AND APPROVE PLANNED


BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 TOTTALLING \$665,084,628 WITH AMENDMENTS OF THE ANNUAL RATE OF \$350 PER ERU FOR THE GARDENS OF GULF COVE STREET AND DRAINAGE UNIT, THE ANNUAL RATE OF \$299.51 PER ERU FOR THE PIRATE HARBOR STREET AND DRAINAGE UNIT, AND THE ANNUAL RATE OF \$245 PER ERU FOR THE ROTONDA WEST STREET AND DRAINAGE UNIT, SECONDED BY CHAIR DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 4:1., COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE OPPOSED

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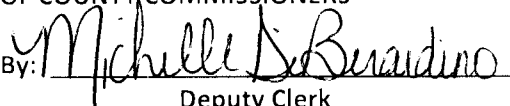
Kenneth W. Doherty, Chair


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DATE ADOPTED: 10/07/2019

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