

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

A Public Hearing on Proposed County Budget Fiscal Year 2022/2023 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 Flores, County Attorney Knowlton, and Minutes Clerk Johnston. The following members were absent: None.

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

County Administrator Flores highlighted budget and goals.

Gordon Burger, Budget and Administrative Services Director gave a brief overview of Agenda.

1. Review of FY2022/2023 Budget Process

Mr. Burger gave a brief overview of Stages of the Budget Process, Calendar, and 2nd Year Calendar.

2. Millage Rates

Mr. Burger gave a brief overview of Assessed Valuation, Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Property Valuations, Neighboring Counties, Revised Ad Valorem Revenues, Ad Valorem Variance, Valuation Impact on Homestead Tax Bill, Residential Permits, Number of Units Sold Per Calendar Year, Real Estate Transaction in \$ Per Calendar Year, Mean & Median of Residential Transactions, Homestead Tax Valuation, How Your Tax Dollar is Spent FY 2022/2023, Millage Rate Scenarios, Revised Ad Valorem Revenues, Undesignated Revenue, Public Safety Fund, Option Impact on Homestead Tax Bill, Sheriff Capital Fund, Capital Projects Fund (10 Year Projection), Street Lighting, and Street Lighting District.

Chair Truex discussed millage rate, reduction, future impacts, and reserves. Commissioner Doherty mentioned Public Safety Fund, millage rate, and reserves. Commissioner Tiseo noted Homestead Exemption, caps, How Your Tax Dollar is Spent, School Board Referendum, Millage Rate Scenarios, and Public Safety Fund.

3. Presentation of Budget

Mr. Burger gave a brief overview of General Fund, Total County Budget, Net Amended Budgets, Net Budget, BCC County-wide full-time equivalent (FTE) Count, BCC Countywide Occupied FTE Count, Charlotte County 20 Year Debt Position, Charlotte County Debt Breakdown, Ad Valorem Reserves, Reserves, Total Reserves: 10 Year History by Category, 10 Year History by Fund, and 5 Year Budget History.

Commissioner Deutsch spoke to Net Amended Budgets. **Commissioner Tiseo** commented on Millage Rate Scenarios.

4. Public Hearing to adopt County-wide tentative millage rate and proposed budget RES 2022-103 / RES 2022-104

Mr. Burger read into the record County-wide tentative millage rate and proposed budget.

Public Input

Richard Russell commented on community, taxes, service, wants, needs, and budget.

Dennis Hartig discussed budget, taxes, values, revenues, increases, July Workshop, millage rate, economy, and inflation.

Tim Ritchie mentioned inflation, county growth, home sales, taxes, millage rate, tourism, Charlotte Harbor, Peace River, Myakka River, water testing, leadership, phosphate mining, and discharge.

Dave Kesselring noted millage and roll-back rate, revenue, increases, property tax, values, and unused funds.

Tracie York spoke to economy, affordability, and rates.

David Kalin commented on increases, property values, inflation, economy, TRIM notice, affordable housing, budget, cost of living, spending, and taxes.

Paul Demski discussed millage, income, spending, and inflation.

Phyllis Benincasa mentioned language, millage rate, TRIM notice, property values, homestead properties, taxes, cost of living, budget, and cap.

Susan Gervais, Charlotte County Clerk of the Circuit Court and County Comptroller Finance Director noted Clerk's Office budget, reduction, excess funds, and requested approval.

Alixandra Mixon spoke to homestead cap, taxes, and School Board referendum.

COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO CLOSE PUBLIC INPUT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH

MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

Chair Truex discussed millage and roll-back rates, budgets, reductions, impacts, future projections, tax roll, growth, and projects. **Commissioner Deutsch** mentioned budget, millage rate, reduction, revenues,

service level, inflation, and reserves. **Commissioner Doherty** noted millage and roll-back rates, undesignated revenue, Constitutional Officers, budgets, needs, challenges, recession, and Charlotte County Sheriff's Office. **Commissioner Tiseo** spoke to millage and roll-back rates, budget, projects, Murdock Village, debt, Harborview Road, community support, tax payers, savings, Charlotte County Sheriff's Office, and unused funds.

COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-103 ADOPTING A TENTATIVE COUNTY-WIDE MILLAGE LEVY FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TISEO

MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-104 ADOPTING A TENTATIVE COUNTY-WIDE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TISEO

MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

5. Public Comment prior to the adoption of the Environmentally Sensitive Lands millage rate and proposed budget RES 2022-105 / RES 2022-106

Mr. Burger read into the record Environmentally Sensitive Lands millage rate, proposed budget, and replied to bond payback.

Public Input

Dave Kesselring commented on government roll, taxpayer dollars, environmentally sensitive lands, involvement, and county ownership.

Tim Ritchie discussed funding, environmentally sensitive lands, and utilization.

Commissioner Constance remarked on land and bond payback.

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-105 ADOPTING A TENTATIVE SERIES 2008 (GOB) DEBT SERVICE FUND MILLAGE LEVY FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-106 ADOPTING A TENTATIVE SERIES 2008 (GOB) DEBT SERVICE FUND BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH

MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

6. Public Hearing to adopt the MSTU millage rates and proposed budgets RES 2022-107 / RES 2022-108

Mr. Burger read into the record Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) millage rates and proposed budgets.

Public Input

Dave Kesselring mentioned Charlotte County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) budget, ordinances, salaries, surrounding counties, spending, taxes, and affordability.

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

MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-107 ADOPTING A TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE TO BE LEVIED WITHIN THE GREATER CHARLOTTE STREET LIGHTING UNIT, DON PEDRO/KNIGHT ISLAND STREET AND DRAINAGE UNIT, MANASOTA KEY STREET AND DRAINAGE UNIT, CHARLOTTE MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND SANDHILL MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH

MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-108 ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR DREDGING MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT, 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 2022-2023, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TISEO

MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

7. Public Hearing to adopt final MSBU rates and proposed budgets for the remaining Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Funds, Enterprise Funds and MSBU Funds RES 2022-109 / RES 2022-110

Mr. Burger read into the record final Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU) rates and proposed budgets for the remaining Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Funds, Enterprise Funds, MSBU Funds, and replied to sanitation MSBU, rebate, and City of Punta Gorda.

Public Input

Erica LaBarbera mentioned Ackerman Sewer Expansion program.

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO CLOSE PUBLIC INPUT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH

MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

Chair Truex noted rebate. Commissioner Constance spoke to homestead properties, increase, millage, rollback, per home savings, expenditures, Constitutional Officers, budgets, unused funds, General Fund, reserves, ARPA funding, job positions and salaries, inflation, law enforcement, community safety, project costs, surplus amount, rebate, and hardship. Commissioner Deutsch commented on reserves, goal, preparedness, Public Safety, and staff shortages. Commissioner Tiseo discussed rebates, millage, tax bill, impacts, hardship, assessed values, and reduction.


COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-109 TO ADOPT ALL FINAL MSBU RATES AS LISTED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE

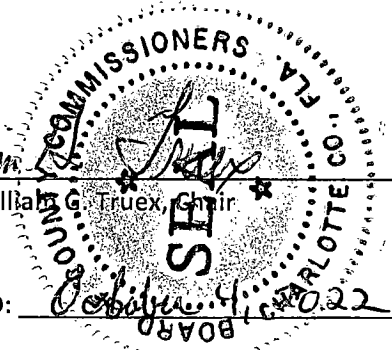
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COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-110 ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGETS FOR THE REMAINING SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, DEBT SERVICE FUNDS, ENTERPRISE FUNDS, AND MSBU FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 TOTALING \$1,189,573,312, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH

MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

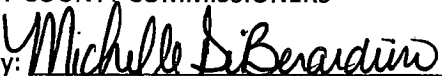
ADJOURNED: 7:17 pm



William G. Truex, Chair
DATE ADOPTED: October 4, 2022


ATTEST:

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

By: 

Deputy Clerk