

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SEPTEMBER 26, 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 (arrived at 5:59 pm), Commissioner Deutsch, Commissioner Doherty, and Commissioner Tiseo. Also in attendance were: County Administrator Flores, County Attorney Knowlton, and Minutes Clerk Welsh. The following members were absent: None.

The Meeting was called to order at 5:19 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Administrator Flores remarked on budget, goals, and focus areas.

1. Announce Total Proposed Net Budget

Gordon Burger, Budget and Administrative Services Director gave a brief overview of Agenda, General Fund Projection, Recession scenario, Reserve Policy, History, Capital Projects Fund, Sheriff Capital Fund, Ad Valorem Reserves, Undesignated Revenue, Public Safety Fund, Projected Millage Fiscal Year (FY) 2025, Impact on Homestead Tax Bill, Escalated Future Costs: Parks Infrastructure, Fire Apparatus, Construction Costs, Public Works Materials, Public Works – Concrete Culvert Pipe, Millage Rate Scenarios, and Homestead Millage Impact.

Chair Truex commented on Sheriff Capital Funds, Homestead Millage Impact, fiscal stabilization, Public Safety Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU), and County General - Capital Projects. **Commissioner Constance** discussed Public Safety MSTU, Homestead Millage Impact, commercial and non-Homesteaded properties, County General - Capital Projects, savings, Edgewater Drive, Flamingo Boulevard, impact, and Greater Charlotte Street Lighting District. **Commissioner Deutsch** mentioned Reserves, landfill, reimbursements, Hurricane Charley, Impact on Homestead Tax Bill FY 2025, millage rate, Homestead Millage Impact, tax payers and rate, Reserves, natural disasters, Fire/EMS study, County General - Sheriff, and Public Safety MSTU. **Commissioner Doherty** noted needs, Sheriff Capital Funds, Public Safety MSTU, millage rate, revenue, fiscal stabilization, salary vacancies, Homestead Millage Impact, County General - Capital Projects, Edgewater Drive, Greater Charlotte Street Lighting District, contingency account, and fund. **Commissioner Tiseo** spoke to surplus funds, Sheriff Capital Fund, Sales Tax, General Fund, needs, Reserve Policy, statutory requirements, Lee County, millage rates, Hurricane Charley, reimbursement, Homestead Millage Impact, millage, Public Safety MSTU, budget, County General - Capital Projects, Edgewater Drive, savings, and Greater Charlotte Street Lighting District.

Charlotte County Sheriff Bill Prummell responded to surplus funds, Sales Tax, and needs.

County Administrator Flores interjected on Ad Valorem, Capital Funds, Gas Tax, road projects, options, study, Fire/EMS, impact, funding, budgets, and General Fund.

Deputy County Administrator Emily Lewis replied to Edgewater Drive, design elements, board input, project savings, Flamingo Boulevard intersection, and 2014 surplus.

RECESS: 6:11 PM - 6:17 PM

2. Public Hearing

3. Board Discussion

4. Adopt Final Millage Rates and Budgets by Resolution

I. Ad Valorem – Countywide Funds RES 2022-116 / RES 2022-117

Mr. Burger read into the record County Wide Millage Rates and Funds, remarked on Cityworks, process, and LA Consulting recommendation.

Chair Truex commented on millage rate, reduction, and General Fund. **Commissioner Constance** discussed Sales Tax, road projects and improvements, Parkside, savings, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Sewer Master Plan, process, Water Authority, Pipeline 2B, West County water supply, Sarasota County, City of North Port, and funding. **Commissioner Doherty** mentioned General Fund, total dollars, millage rate, and budget. **Commissioner Tiseo** noted budget, process, quality of life, level of service, landscaping, community pride, cost, citizen surveys, Performance Base Study, programs, Sales Tax, taxpayer savings, piggyback purchasing, inflation, staff, rate case study, retention, Public Works, infrastructure, and technology.

Deputy County Administrator Lewis interjected on Cityworks, Public Works, agency accreditation, and efficiencies.

Public Input

Tim Ritchie spoke to millage rate, decrease, funding, emergency, water saturation, Peace River, disasters, Myakka River, Charlotte Harbor, Water Quality Manager Brandon Moody, budget, funding, Mosaic, Bartow Gypsum stack, Piney Pointe, clay settling breach, Horse Creek, and sediment testing.

James Fuccillo commented on limited and fixed incomes, senior citizens, tax rolls and payers, development, revenue, millage rates, Charlotte County Sheriff Prummell, goals, Sunseeker, benefits, and Veterans Boulevard affordable housing project.

Suzanne Hayes discussed home and business owners, spending, budgets, tourism dollars, costs, millage rate, home values, and taxes.

Dan Hudson mentioned proposed budgets, rental properties, property assessed values, taxes, budget, inflation, government spending, reductions, citizens, development, monetary needs, and Englewood Beach parking.

John Everson noted programs, funds, Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), Charlotte Preservation Fund, millage rate, school tax, allocation, projects, infrastructure, and Reserves.

David Kalin spoke to recession, household expenditures, taxation, fiscal responsibility, budget, millage rate, Clerk of the Circuit Court and County Comptroller Roger D. Eaton, reduction, spending cuts, and Bachmann Tract affordable housing.

Matthew Cancar commented on spending and tax reduction, recession, housing demand, revenue, pay increases, expenditure cuts, Charlotte County School Board, meeting times, Charlotte County Sheriff's Office (CCSO), budget, and resources.

David Kesselring discussed budget, Ordinances, repealing, cost, tax payers, government roles and responsibility, CCSO, Code Enforcement, restrictions, infrastructure, growth, amenities, County Attorney and County Administrator salaries, legal services, and educational expenses.

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

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-116 ADOPTING A FINAL COUNTY - WIDE MILLAGE LEVY FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-117 ADOPTING A FINAL COUNTY - WIDE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TISEO

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

II. Voted Debt Service Funds (Environmentally Sensitive Lands) – Ad Valorem RES 2022-118 / RES 2022-119

Mr. Burger read into the record Environmentally Sensitive Lands millage rates and proposed budgets.

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-118 ADOPTING A FINAL SERIES 2008 (GOB) DEBT SERVICE FUND MILLAGE LEVY FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TISEO

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-119 ADOPTING A FINAL SERIES 2008 (GOB) DEBT SERVICE FUND BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TISEO

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

III. Ad Valorem – Municipal Service Taxing Units – MSTUs RES 2022-120 / RES 2022-121

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

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

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

COMMISSIONER TISEO MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-120 ADOPTING A FINAL MILLAGE RATE TO BE LEVIED WITHIN THE GREATER CHARLOTTE STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT, STUMP PASS 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 DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

COMMISSIONER TISEO MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-121 ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR GREATER CHARLOTTE STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT, STUMP PASS 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 DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

IV. Non-Ad Valorem Funds and Municipal Service Benefit Units (MSBU) RES 2022-122

Mr. Burger read into the record Non-Ad Valorem Funds and Municipal Service Benefit Units (MSBU's).

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

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-122 ADOPTING TENTATIVE BUDGETS FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, DEBT SERVICE FUNDS, ENTERPRISE FUNDS AND MSBU FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023: COUNTY TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND; FINE AND FORFEITURE FUND; LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND; DRUG ABUSE TRUST FUND; CHARLOTTE COUNTY LAW LIBRARY; CHARLOTTE COUNTY LEGAL AID; RADIO COMMUNICATION; CRIMINAL JUSTICE

EDUCATION FUND; STUDENT DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM; CRIMES PREVENTION FUND; ANIMAL CARE TRUST FUND; METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FUND; TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND; TOURIST DEVELOPMENT – 4TH & 5TH CENT; BUILDING CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FUND; IT EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT; VEHICLE REPLACEMENT FUND; NATIVE TREE REPLACEMENT TRUST FUND; HABITAT CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT FUND; HABITAT CONSERVATION ENDOWMENT FUND; BOATER REVOLVING FUND; ENHANCED 911 SYSTEM; LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE TRUST FUND; SENIOR SERVICES – CHESTER COLE TRUST FUND; CHARLOTTE HARBOR REDEVELOPMENT FUND; MURDOCK VILLAGE REDEVELOPMENT FUND; PARKSIDE REDEVELOPMENT FUND; DON PEDRO/KNIGHTS IS BEACH NOURISHMENT MSBU; N MANASOTA KEY BEACH NOURISHMENT MSBU; IMPACT FEES TRUST FUND; SPECIAL GRANTS FUND; COMMUNITY HEALTH GRANT FUND; TRANSIT FUND; BP SETTLEMENT FUND; SPECIAL ASSESSMENT – CANAL MAINTENANCE; SPECIAL ASSESSMENT – ROAD REVOLVING; SPECIAL ASSESSMENT – WATER IMPROVEMENT; BARRIER ISLANDS FIRE SERVICE UNIT; CHARLOTTE COUNTY FIRE RESCUE UNIT; LITTLE GASPARILLA ISLAND FIRE SERVICES; CHARLOTTE COUNTY HEALTH UNIT; LOCAL PROVIDER PARTICIPATION FUND; CHARLOTTE HARBOR EVENTS CENTER; STADIUM IMPROVEMENT FUND – M&O; STADIUM IMPROVEMENT FUND; STADIUM IMPROVEMENT DEBT SERVICE; CARES ACT FUND; TRANSPORTATION REV NOTE 2019; ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUND; SALES TAX EXTENSION 2009; SALES TAX EXTENSION 2014; SALES TAX EXTENSION 2020; INFRASTRUCTURE FUND; GROWTH INCREMENT FUND; CHARLOTTE SANITATION DISTRICTS; BOCA GRANDE SANITATION DISTRICT; DON PEDRO SANITATION DISTRICTS; CHARLOTTE COUNTY LANDFILL; UTILITY SYSTEM CCU OPERATING FUND; UTILITY SYSTEM CONNECTION FEE FUND; UTILITY SYSTEM SINKING FUND; UTILITY SYSTEM RENEWAL & REPLACEMENT FUND; UTILITY SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION FUND; UTILITY SYSTEM LINE EXTENSION; UTILITY SYSTEM WATER CONNECT FEE FUND; HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST FUND; SELF INSURANCE FUND; FLEET MANAGEMENT FUND; ACCRUED COMPENSATED ABSENCES; MID CHARLOTTE STORMWATER UTILITY UNIT; SOUTH CHARLOTTE STORMWATER UTILITY UNIT; WEST CHARLOTTE STORMWATER UTILITY UNIT; BOCA GRANDE STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT; BURNT STORE VILLAGE STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT; COOK AND BROWN STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT; DEEP CREEK STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT; ENGLEWOOD EAST STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT; FARABEE ROAD STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT; GARDENS OF GULF COVE STREET & DRAINAGE; GREATER PORT CHARLOTTE STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT; GROVE CITY STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT; GULF COVE STREET AND DRAINAGE UNIT; HARBOR HEIGHTS STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT – MAINTENANCE; LEMON BAY STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT; NEAL ROAD STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT; NORTHWEST PORT CHARLOTTE STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT; PEACE RIVER SHORES STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT; PIRATE HARBOR STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT; PLACIDA AREA STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT; PUNTA GORDA NON-URBAN STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT - MAINTENANCE; ROTONDA HEIGHTS STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT; ROTONDA LAKES STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT; ROTONDA MEADOWS & VILLAS STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT; ROTONDA SANDS NORTH STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT; ROTONDA WEST STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT; SOUTH BURNT STORE STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT; SOUTH GULF COVE STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT - MAINTENANCE; SOUTH PUNTA GORDA HEIGHTS STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT; SOUTH PUNTA GORDA HEIGHTS EAST STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT; SOUTH PUNTA GORDA HEIGHTS WEST STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT; SUNCOAST BOULEVARD STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT; TOWN ESTATES STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT; TROPICAL GULF ACRES STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT; ACKERMAN WATERWAY UNIT; ALLIGATOR CREEK WATER WAY UNIT; BUENA VISTA WATERWAY UNIT; EDGEWATER NORTH WATERWAY UNIT; GULF COVE WATERWAY UNIT; HARBOUR HEIGHTS WATERWAY UNIT; HAYWARD CANAL WATERWAY UNIT; MANCHESTER WATERWAY BENEFIT UNIT; NORTHWEST PORT CHARLOTTE WATERWAY UNIT; PIRATE HARBOR WATERWAY UNIT; SOUTH BRIDGE WATERWAY UNIT; SOUTH GULF

COVE WATERWAY BENEFIT UNIT; SUNCOAST WATERWAY MAINTENANCE UNIT; SOUTH GULF COVE PHASE 2 WATER EXPANSION; SOUTH GULF COVE PHASE 2 SEWER EXPANSION; SOUTH GULF COVE PHASE 3 WATER EXPANSION; SOUTH GULF COVE PHASE 3 SEWER EXPANSION; SOUTH GULF COVE PHASE 4 WATER EXPANSION; SOUTH GULF COVE PHASE 4 SEWER EXPANSION; SOUTH GULF COVE PHASE 5 WATER EXPANSION; SOUTH GULF COVE PHASE 5 SEWER EXPANSION; ACKERMAN MSBU; EL JOBEAN MSBU; NORTH SHORE WASTEWATER MSBU; PIRATE HARBOR WASTEWATER MSBU; ROTONDA MEADOWS WASTEWATER MSBU; ROTONDA SANDS WASTEWATER MSBU; EAST AND WEST SPRING LAKE WASTEWATER MSBU, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TISEO

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

ADJOURNED: 7:15 pm

ATTEST:

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

By:


Deputy Clerk

DATE ADOPTED:


William G. Truex, Chair

