



**MINUTES
GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FINAL BUDGET HEARING
September 28, 2021**

I. MEETING OPENED

Chairman Gerrity called to order the Final Budget Hearing of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District at 5:05 p.m., on September 28, 2021 at Administrative Headquarters. Present were Commissioners Duffy, Cottiers, Stedman, Biondo, and Gerrity. Staff in attendance: J. Nolan Sapp, Nicole Chesser, Alan McLaughlin, Sal D'Angelo, Sharon Sickels, James West, Janice Monteagudo. District Attorney Laura Donaldson was in attendance. Public in attendance: George Danz.

A. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Commissioner Gerrity opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Commissioner Stedman.

B. Discussion of Rolled Back Rate, Proposed Millage rate, and Budgets for the General Fund, Impact Fee Fund and Hydrant Fund

Chief of Staff, Nicole Chesser discussed the definition of the rolled back rate and indicated the following; 1.) The current year rolled back millage rate is 1.4397 mills. 2.) The proposed rate of 1.5 mills is a 4.19% change from rolled back rate. The 1.5 mills will provide additional revenue of \$2,679,120 additional Ad Valorem revenue. 3.) The additional revenue is needed to fund the \$3,298,990 projected increase in expenses for FY 2021-22.

Discussion included:

- Verbal confirmation from FDOT that they will be reimbursing the District for Mile Marker 63 for their next fiscal year.
- Chief of Staff Nicole Chesser explained the information contained in the budget report is same as presented at the Tentative Hearing, with the following exceptions: 1.) The addition of the Associate Medical Director to the Organizational Chart. 2.) Salaries were adjusted as requested to achieve equality in command staff level positions and the travel stipend per the CBA bringing the total employee costs to \$3,273,417.
- Chief of Staff Nicole Chesser addressed the issue raised at the tentative hearing regarding creating an assigned fund balance equal to half of the ad valorem increase. She advised an account was not created and a fund balance policy will help guide the District in the future in assigning fund balance.
- Commissioner Duffy inquired about pay increases for logistics staff and it was noted they received same increase as all non-bargaining unit staff.

C. FY 21-22 Approve Final Millage/Rolled Back Rate of Resolution 2021-13

Commissioner Stedman moved to adopt Resolution 2021-13 establishing the final millage rate for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 to be 1.5 mills which represents a 4.9% increase of the rolled back rate of 1.4397 mills. Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

D. FY 21-22 Approve Final General Fund Budget by Resolution 2021-14

Commissioner Stedman moved to adopt Resolution 2021-14 approving the Fiscal Year 2021- 2022 Final General Fund Budget in the amount of \$45,840,603. Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.



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- E. FY 21-22 Approve Final Impact Fee Rates by Resolution 2021-15**
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- F. FY 21-22 Approve Final Impact Fee Fund Budget by Resolution 2021-16**
Commissioner Stedman moved to adopt Resolution 2021-16 approving the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Final Impact Fee Fund Budget in the amount of \$7,899,749. Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.
- G. FY21-22 Approve Final Hydrant Fund Budget by Resolution 2021-17**
Commissioner Stedman moved to adopt Resolution 2021-17 approving the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Final Hydrant Fund Budget in the amount of \$645,906. Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.
- I. Comments by Commission and Public**
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 - Commissioner Gerrity acknowledged gratitude to the staff. He stated the numbers look good on having \$200,000 - \$300,000 in reserves.

II. ADJOURNMENT at 5:20 p.m.

Commissioner Stedman made a motion to adjourn at 5:20 p.m. Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0, meeting adjourned.

Duly passed with a vote of _____ to _____ and adopted in session on the 12th day October, 2021.

Chairman Kevin Gerrity

Commissioner Al Duffy

Commissioner Charles Cottiers

Commissioner David Stedman

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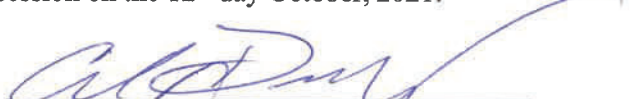
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