



AGENDA
GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
February 22, 2022
5:30 PM

I. MEETING OPENED

A. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

II. AUGUST 23, 2022 (Primary Election Day) REFERENDUM

A. AIW- Resolution 2022-003- Deputy Chief D'Angelo

III. PUBLIC INPUT FOR ISSUES NOT LISTED ON THE PUBLISHED AGENDA

III. ADJOURNMENT

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GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
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Action Item Worksheet

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Agenda Item: II.

Subject: August 23, 2022 (Primary Election Day) Referendum

Meeting Date: Special Meeting, February 22, 2022

Prepared By: Sal D'Angelo III, Deputy Chief

Background

On August 10, 2021, Deputy Chief Tobin apprised the Board of Fire Commissioners (BOFC) about the District's infrastructure, maintenance, and repair problems. DC Tobin discussed the advantages of the Limited Tax Obligation Bond, and Attorney Laura Donaldson discussed the procedures associated with said public finance mechanism. Chief Sapp advised the BOFC this was for informational purposes only, and the BOFC advised Chief Sapp to present a plan for further comment and review.

On September 14, 2021, Deputy Chief Tobin apprised the BOFC that he is working with Attorney Laura Donaldson on a resolution and referendum language, and this is being prepared for the October 2021 BOFC meeting. DC Tobin advised that Chief Sapp and Chief D'Angelo are working on the project list. During the same conversation, Commissioner Duffy started to discuss Collier County's one cent sales tax and if the fire district is entitled to a certain portion of that revenue stream.

On October 12, 2021, Commissioner Duffy asked about the status of the District's strategic plan and staff advised we are working towards creating a new document. Chief Sapp asked me to take the lead on the District's strategic planning initiative, and it was decided to hold a ***Strategic Planning workshop*** before the November 9, 2021, scheduled BOFC meeting.

On November 9, 2021, I presented the strategic planning framework/outline, and infrastructure/facility, fleet, personnel, and other capital needs for the Fiscal Years 2023-2027 (see attachment #1 for the revised plan). The aforementioned document – coupled with further analysis as provided by Attorney Laura Donaldson - provides the foundational project base for the remaining discussion, and for the BOFC to decide if they want to move forward with an August 23, 2022 – Primary Election Day - referendum.

On December 14, 2021, I presented an AIW under New Business, Item C with Resolutions 2021-018 and 2021-019, and Project List/Exhibit A for the Board's review, discussion, and approval. Open discussion ensued on the capital projects, tax increases and general obligation bonds. George Danz, District resident, requested clarification on the bond payment and Attorney Donaldson provided clarification. Commissioner Duffy moved to approve Resolution 2021-019 and change wording up to 2.0 mills on Official Ballot. Commissioner Biondo seconded, motion failed, 1-3. (Gerrity, Stedman, and Biondo dissenting)



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Commissioner Duffy moved to approve both Resolutions on the ballot, seconded by Biondo. motion failed 2 -2, (Gerrity and Stedman dissenting).

At the January 11 and February 8, 2022, BOFC meetings, Commissioner Duffy requested the agenda item be discussed, and at the February 8, 2022, BOFC meeting, Commissioner Biondo made a motion, Cottiers seconded, to hold a special meeting on February 22, 2022, at 1730 hours to discuss the millage rate referendum and associated Resolution. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Funding Source/Financial Impact

Based on the District's 2021 taxable property valuations, the following amounts are examples of approximated annually generated funds from a millage rate increase: 1. 0.25 = \$5.77 million; 2. 0.35 = \$8.08 million; and 3. 0.50 = \$11.45 million.

Moreover, initial cost estimates from the FY 2023-2027 strategic planning analysis - infrastructure, facility, information technology, apparatus/vehicles, and personnel projects - for a total initial estimate of \$73 million (Note: this initial estimate excludes the personnel analysis of the strategic plan).

The aforementioned figures and projects are best estimates, and subject to change based on annual property valuations conducted by the Collier County Property Appraiser's Office, new construction valuations added to the property rolls, updates to the strategic planning document, local/state/federal economic conditions, and annual changing District needs.

Note: A passing/sustained August 2022 referendum means the additional funds become available for budgetary purposes in fiscal year 2024 – commencing 10.1.2023 (not fiscal year 2023).

Recommendation

Based on the cost of \$325,000 - \$350,000 to hold a special election (see attachment #3, email communication with the Chief Deputy Supervisor of Elections), staff recommends holding the referenda on the Primary Election Day of August 23, 2022, coupled with, approving Resolution #2022-003 that includes the Project List/Exhibit "A," OR Resolution #2022-003 that includes the Project List/Exhibit "A" with an 8-year millage rate term/sunset provision.



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Note: There are a total of three (3) Resolutions in this AIW labeled #2022-003 for the BOFC to consider: 1. One does not include the verbiage referencing the Project List/Exhibit "A." 2. One contains the verbiage referencing the Project List/Exhibit "A" with the 8-year millage rate term/sunset provision. 3. One does not include any reference to the Project List/Exhibit "A" with the 8-year millage rate term/sunset provision.

1. Approve the Project List/Exhibit A document
2. Approve Resolution #2022-003 that contains the Project List/Exhibit "A" references, OR
3. Approve Resolution #2022-003 that contains the Project List/Exhibit "A" with the 8-year millage rate term/sunset provision.

Potential Motion

1. Recommend a motion to approve the Project List/Exhibit A
2. Recommend a motion to approve Resolution #2022-003 – with Project List, Exhibit "A"
OR
3. Recommend a motion to approve Resolution #2022-003 – with the Project List/Exhibit "A" and the 8-year millage rate term/sunset provision.

Attachments

1. Project List, Exhibit "A" document.
2. Collier County Infrastructure and Growth Projects MAP.
3. November 17, 2021, E-mail communication with Melissa Blazier (Collier County Chief Deputy Supervisor of Elections).
4. Resolutions #2022-003 (one without the Project List/Exhibit "A," one with the Project List/Exhibit "A," and one with an 8-year millage rate sunset & Project List/Exhibit "A.")

Greater Naples Fire Rescue District

Strategic Planning Session

Revised Plan For:

Special BOFC Meeting: 2.22.2022

Deputy Chief Sal D'Angelo

Project List – Exhibit “A”

Financial Service Gap

| Millage | 0.25 | 0.35 | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 |
|---------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Current | \$24,309,231,932 | \$24,309,231,932 | \$24,309,231,932 | \$24,309,231,932 | \$24,309,231,932 | \$24,309,231,932 |
| Gross | \$6,077,308 | \$8,508,231 | \$12,154,616 | \$18,231,924 | \$24,309,232 | \$36,463,848 |
| | 5 % adjustment | 5 % adjustment | 5 % adjustment | 5 % adjustment | 5 % adjustment | 5 % adjustment |
| Budget | \$5,773,443 | \$8,082,820 | \$11,546,885 | \$17,320,328 | \$23,093,770 | \$34,640,656 |

Source: GNFRD Finance Section

Facility Service Gap

| Station #23 FY 2023 | Station #21 FY 2023 | Station #70 FY 2024 | Station 27 (Outer Drive) FY 2024 | Support Services Training Complex FY 2024 | Station #60 FY 2025 | Station #26 FY 2025 | Station 73 FY 2026 | Fire and Life Safety FY 2027 |
|---|---|--|---|---|--|--|---|--|
| 1982 - Built for 2 1. Rookery Bay 2. Total Remodel | 1993 | Collier County Owns Site (we need a new fire station) – EMS shared site. | Needed for service demand and concurrent call volume in area | CDBG-MIT Grant- \$14.3 million for current design | 1975- City of Everglades City Owns site | NEW East Trail Fire Station – needed in FY 24 or FY 25 | Current office space is not appropriate. | Potentially adding a second story to the current building – ½ or entire structure |
| Obsolete Facility; Ascertain 1 acre from Rookery Bay | Shared Site with CCSO; Too small, obsolete facility | Fire Department may purchase site – Lease is up this FY 2022 | Assist with Stations 20, 21, 22 call volume; and densely populated area | | Flood Plain – Need to raise Facility and need a new building. | Needed for area growth and density along the corridor – Commercial and Residential | Potentially adding another building, single or two-story addition to the East side. | Growth in Fire and Life Safety, CERT, Public Education, and other sections being reviewed. |
| Stay at same site and Rookery Bay acre | Develop two sites – East Property (completed) | Termites, water leaks, electrical | Squad or Engine Company | | Stay on same site | CCSO interested in joint site | Parking, SDP, storm water, etc... | Parking? SDP? |
| \$5 million (EMS is in the Station) | 2-way ownership (GNFRD/EMS) we own the property - \$6.5 million | Needs to be a 5-6 bay station \$6 million | \$2-3 million | Requires new furniture/lifts – approximately \$800,000.00 | Complete site renovation/infrastructure and new building \$4 million | Requires 12 personnel and new apparatus/equipment - \$6 million | \$3 million | \$2-3 million |

Personnel Service Gaps – NEW FTE's

| Fiscal Year | Operations | FLS | Administration | Support Services | Professional Development |
|-------------|---|--|--|---|---|
| 2023 | St. 74 (15 FTE) – NEW; St. 20 (6); St. 70 (6) | 3 Inspectors ; CRR/Public Education Division ; Division Chief Assignment; Hydrant Technician | Data Analyst (1); Quality Control Analyst (1) | Mechanic (1) Logistics (1) Facilities (1) | 1 Div. Chief; 1 Fire LT. 1. EMS Lt., and 1 Training Specialist |
| 2024 | New BC Position | Plan Review – (4 FTE); AP/AR (1 FTE) | PIO/Legislative Aide (1) | Mechanic (1) | 1 Div. Chief; 1 Fire Lt. , and 1 EMS Captain |
| 2025 | St. 26 (15 FTE) - NEW | 2 Inspectors | Risk Manager | | 1 EMS Lt. |
| 2026 | St. 27 (15 FTE) - NEW | 1 Inspectors | Administrative Assistant | Mechanic (1) Logistics (1) Facilities (1) | 1 Fire Lt. and 1 EMS Lt. |
| 2027 | 10-15 New Hires | 2 Inspectors | | | |

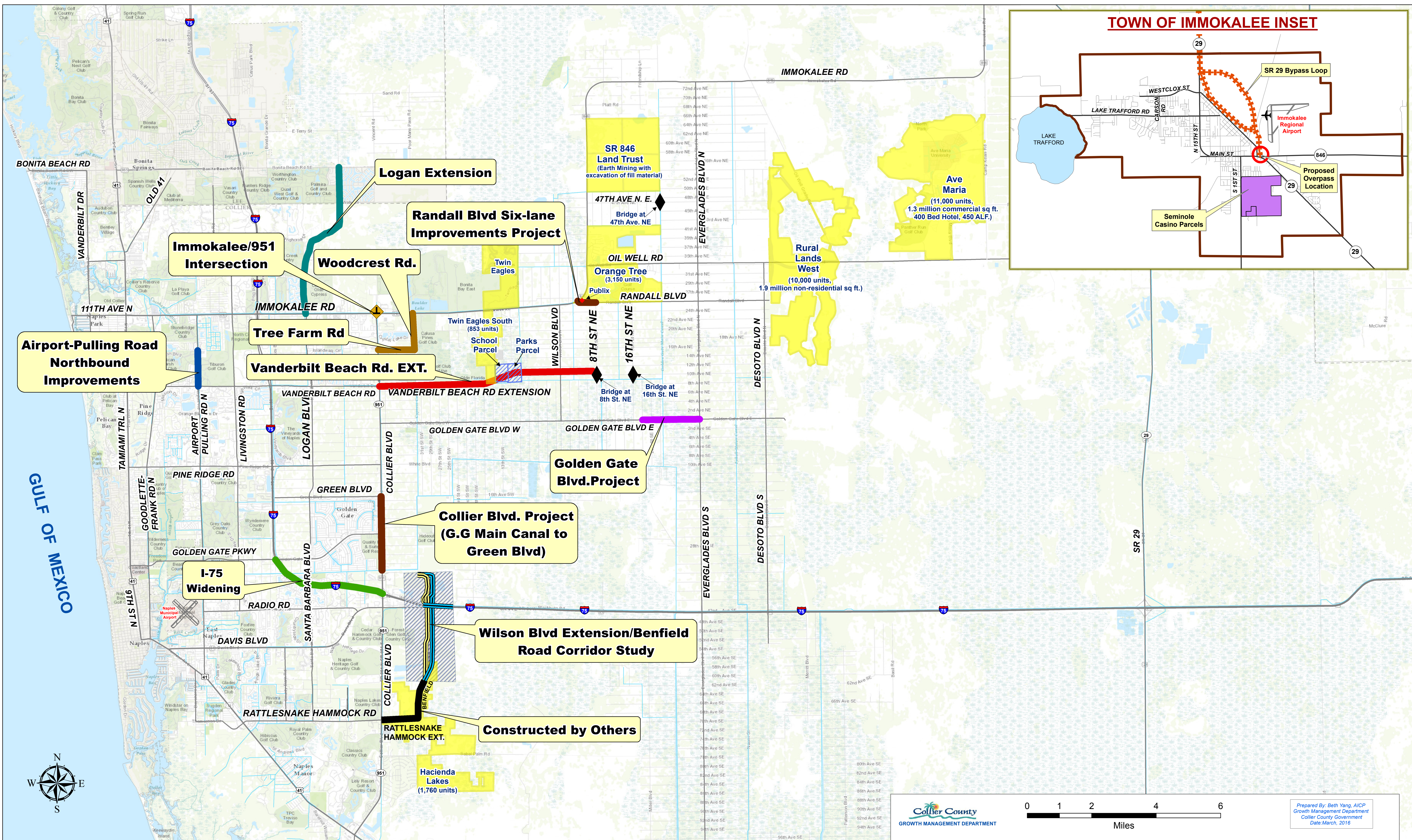
Apparatus/Fleet Service Gap

| Description | FY 2023 | FY 2024 | FY 2025 | FY 2026 | FY 2027 |
|---------------|--|---------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Engines | 70,71,23, 22 (Lease-July 2023) 74 (NEW) | 61 ; | 60, 26 (NEW) | 27 (NEW) | 74,24,73,75,90 |
| Squads | 21, 20 (New), 70 (New) | | 72 | 76 | 25 |
| Ladders | New Tower to 21 | 21 (possibly move to North END) | 72 | | |
| Specialty | | SRU 73; Rehab Unit (NEW) | Mobile Command Unit (NEW); SRU MARC 70 | ATV's; Public Education; Specialty Teams – Dive | Air 72/Cascade System |
| Boats | | 90 plus trailer | 60 (County) plus trailer | | |
| Staff | FLS/3; Fleet; Logistics; Training/4 | FLS – Pool Vehicle; Training/3 | IT Van; FLS/2; Training/3 | Fleet; Logistics; Training/2 | Approximately 20 staff/Command vehicles |
| BC's | | BC 70, BC 20, New BC | | | |
| Brush Trucks | A23, A60 , 74 | 73,22 | 72 | 21 | 71 |
| Water Tenders | 71, 74 | 60,20 | 70, 26 (NEW) | | |
| Trailers | I.T. Van | 10 plus Light Tower | Box Truck; Light Tower | USAR; FOAM 63 | |

Other Capital Projects

| Fiscal Year | Information Technology | Finance/ Human Resources | Fire/Life Safety /Fire Stations | Support Services | Training/Prof. Development | Current District Land and Land Purchase |
|-------------|--|--|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| 2023 | New AA, Fleet and Logistics MDT Computers, Possible Net Motion network deployment; DATA Analytic Programs | HRIS Platform – Benefits Administration/E-File Cabinet | | Station 20 – concrete apron replacement ; Station 90 – asphalt repaving and other major upgrades - \$595,000 | FY 23 - \$239,600 FY 22 - \$190,100 (Recognized needs of capital items including the ZOLL Heart Monitors) | Meet with NCFRD – Krape Road partnership/Joint Fire Station and Ancillary Facilities |
| 2024 | New Firewall VPN Routers at all facilities; New FLS Tablets; New MDT Computers | | | Station 71 – painting, driveway finishing, roof 73/Admin – Asphalt Station 72 – concrete apron, interior paint | \$263,600 | South of GG BLVD East/West of 28 th Ave SE (3-5 acres); North of Manatee Road/East Trail – Fire Station |
| 2025 | New Domain and Storage Servers; New MDT computers | | Emergency Generator Replacements | | \$104,700 | Station 26/Lake Park Blvd; Six L's Farm Road - Fire Station |
| 2026 | New Wireless Access Points at all Fire Stations | | Emergency Generator Replacements | District-wide Fuel System Upgrades | \$80,200 | Station 27 (Outer Dr.) – Fire Station |
| 2027 | MDT's / Portables | | Emergency Generators | | | |

COLLIER COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE AND GROWTH PROJECTS



From: [BlazierMelissa](#)
To: [Sal D'Angelo](#)
Subject: FW: Greater Naples Fire Rescue - Possible 2022 Referendum
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 11:26:31 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Hi Sal,

Dave forwarded your email on to me for a response. Any referenda placed on the ballot is required, by us, to be placed on the Primary Election. We would need verbiage submitted to us, English and Spanish, by the end of qualifying – June 17, 2022. The title is limited to 15 words and the body of the referenda is limited to 75 words. If the district was to hold a special election it would cost between \$325,000 - \$350,000. Same price whether its all by mail or in-person and mail. Hope this helps and if you have any other questions, please let me know. Thanks, Melissa

Melissa Blazier, CERA, MFCEP
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From: CarpenterDave <Dave.Carpenter@colliervotes.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 10:07 AM
To: BlazierMelissa <Melissa.Blazier@colliervotes.gov>
Subject: FW: Greater Naples Fire Rescue - Possible 2022 Referendum

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Qualifying Officer
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From: Sal D'Angelo <sdangelo@gnfire.org>

Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 9:19 AM

To: CarpenterDave <Dave.Carpenter@colliervotes.gov>

Cc: Sal D'Angelo <sdangelo@gnfire.org>; Nolan Sapp <nsapp@gnfire.org>; Nicole Chesser <nchesser@gnfire.org>

Subject: Greater Naples Fire Rescue - Possible 2022 Referendum

EXTERNAL EMAIL: This email is from an external source. Confirm this is a trusted sender and use extreme caution when opening attachments or clicking links.

Good morning Dave – hope this E-mail finds you well.

The fire district may move forward with a millage rate referendum in 2022.

To confirm:

1. What timelines for the ballot question(s) (we may have two questions) shall we follow for an August 23, 2022 primary election day vote, or, the November 8, 2022 general election day?
2. If the Board of Fire Commissioners (BOFC) decides not to have the 2022 referendum, and hold a special election vote in 2023, what is the estimated cost?
3. Does the Supervisor of Elections prefer or require us to have a referendum during the August primary election cycle?

Thanks for your help with this matter as I am presenting an agenda item at our December 14, 2021, BOFC meeting.

Best,
Sal.

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A RESOLUTION OF THE GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA, CALLING FOR AN ELECTION ON AUGUST 23, 2022, TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORATE OF THE GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT, A BALLOT QUESTION ASKING WHETHER THE DISTRICT SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO INCREASE ITS MILLAGE RATE BY UP TO 0.5 MILLS, TO IMPROVE THE DISTRICT'S PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES, TECHNOLOGY, AND EQUIPMENT.

WHEREAS, in 1982, the East Naples Fire Control and Rescue District and the Golden Gate Fire Control and Rescue District received approval to levy a maximum millage rate of 1.5 mills of ad valorem taxation on property within their respective boundaries; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Greater Naples Fire District (District) was created through the merger of the East Naples Fire Control and Rescue District and the Golden Gate Fire Control and Rescue District, which was in accordance with Chapter 2014-240, Laws of Florida, and approved at referendum; and

WHEREAS, Section 10 of Chapter 2014-240, Laws of Florida, as amended provided that the District maintained the authority to levy a millage rate up to 1.5 mills, as previously approved by referendum in the East Naples Fire Control and Rescue District and Golden Gate Fire Control and Rescue District, and that a subsequent referendum is legally required to increase the District's maximum millage rate above 1.5 mills; and

WHEREAS, the ballot question that was approved in 2014 referendum on the creation of the District provided that the District would retain the authority to levy no more than the current maximum millage rate of 1.5 mills of ad valorem taxation on property located within the District; and

WHEREAS, Section 191.008, Florida Statutes, authorizes independent special fire control districts to provide for fire suppression and prevention by establishing and maintaining fire stations and fire substations and acquiring and maintaining such firefighting and fire protection equipment deemed necessary to prevent or fight fires; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.01 of the District's charter found in Section 4 of Chapter 2014-240, Laws of Florida, as amended, (Charter) of the District grants the District the authority to establish, equip, operate, and maintain a fire department and rescue service, including, but not limited to, providing fire hydrants or other types of water supply, buildings for housing fire equipment and personnel, training facilities for fire and rescue, and other buildings deemed necessary by the Board of Commissioners to provide adequate protection from unwanted fire and to carry out rescue operations; and

WHEREAS, Section 9, Article VII of the Florida Constitution, provides that a special district may levy a millage rate authorized by law approved by vote of the electors who are owners of freeholds therein not wholly exempt from taxation; and

WHEREAS, Section 191.006(14), Florida Statutes, authorizes the District to assess and impose on real property ad valorem taxes; and

WHEREAS, Section 191.009(1), Florida Statutes, authorizes independent special fire control districts the authority to levy and assess ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the district to construct, operate, and maintain district facilities and services and to pay for general obligation bonds, with such millage rate not exceeding 3.75 mills unless a higher amount has been previously authorized by law, subject to a referendum as required by the Florida Constitution and Chapter 191, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Section 191.009(1), Florida Statutes, requires a referendum when the proposed levy of ad valorem taxes exceeds the amount authorized by prior special act, general law of local application, or county ordinance approved by referendum and that the ballot question must state the currently authorized millage rate and the year of its approval by referendum; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.01 of the Charter provides the District the powers, functions, and duties regarding ad valorem taxation and the methods for financing the District as set forth in the Charter, Chapter 191, Florida Statutes, and in any applicable general or special law; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.02 of the Charter requires the District to levy and collect ad valorem taxes in accordance with Section 191.009, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 200, Florida Statutes, provides that the District has the authority to levy a millage rate up to 1.5 mills, and clarifies that the Charter does not prevent the levying of a millage rate as provided for in Section 191.009, Florida Statutes, which has been approved by referendum; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that it will have insufficient ad valorem tax revenues to address the immediate and future capital needs of the District, including improvements to existing facilities, and has developed a list of capital projects ("Projects") described in more detail in attached Exhibit "A" (Greater Naples Fire Rescue District Public Safety Facilities, Technology, and Equipment Project List), that the District must address over the next thirty years; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to increase the District's millage rate to pay for the Projects on the Project List; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Florida Constitution and Section 191.009(1), Florida Statutes, approval of the millage rate increase must be approved by a majority of votes cast at an election in which qualified electors residing in the District shall participate; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable and necessary to provide for the submission to the qualified electors of the District at the primary election to be scheduled for August 23, 2022, of such a question for the increase in millage rate to pay for Projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT, COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Section 1. The preceding "WHEREAS" clauses are ratified and confirmed as true and correct and incorporated in this Resolution.

Section 2. The District hereby finds, determines, and declares that the District needs to increase its millage rate as it has insufficient funds to pay for necessary improvements to existing facilities and equipment as well to purchase needed new fire stations, equipment, and technology with its existing millage rate of 1.5 mills.

Section 3. Subject to the referendum and the provisions of this Resolution, the District is authorized to increase its millage rate by up to 0.5 mills for a total maximum ad valorem millage rate of 2.0 mills starting with the Fiscal Year 2024.

Section 4. Under the general laws of the State of Florida, an election is now called and directed to be held in the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District, Collier County, Florida, on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, to submit to the electorate the question set forth below (Election).

Section 5. The Collier County election officials shall conduct the Election, with acceptance of the certification of the election results to be performed by the Election Commission.

Section 6. The voting precincts in the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District for this Election shall be established by the proper and appropriate Collier County election officials. All electors shall vote at the polling places and the voting precincts as determined by the Collier County election officials.

Section 7. Under the requirements of Section 100.342, Florida Statutes, notice of Special Elections or Referendum outlined in this Resolution shall be given at least thirty days in advance of the Election and shall be presented in a newspaper of general circulation published in Collier County. The notice shall be posted at least twice, once in the fifth week and once in the third week prior to the week the Election is to be held.

Section 8. The Projects included in the Projects List in Exhibit A are hereby approved. The District may, in its sole discretion, by official action evidenced by resolution or motion of the Board of Commissioners adopt or enacted from time to time, modify or amend all or any portion of the Project List to (1) delete one or more of the Projects or if the District determines it is not feasible or is otherwise not in the best interest of the District to pursue such Project or Projects or (2) if general obligation bonds have been issued, in consultation with bond counsel to the District, substitute or modify one or more of the Projects on the Project List if the District determines such substitution or modification better serves District purposes, provided such modified or substituted facility, improvement or equipment is related to public safety services, including fire/rescue operations, fire prevention, fire inspection, environmental hardening of public safety facilities, community protection, and all-hazard mitigation.

Section 9. The official ballot to be used in the Election to be held on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, shall be in substantially the following form:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Referendum to Increase the Maximum Millage Rate of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District
To improve fire and rescue services, including construction of new fire stations and facilities, improvements to existing facilities, and purchase of fire apparatus/technology/equipment, shall the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District be authorized to increase the current authorized ad valorem millage rate the District can charge from 1.5 mills (\$1.50 for every \$1,000.00 of assessed value), approved in 2014, up to 2.0 mills (\$2.00 for every \$1,000.00 of assessed value)?

_____ Yes

_____ No

Section 10. The Greater Naples Fire Rescue District shall pay all expenses for conducting the Election and pay to Collier County or directly to all persons or firms upon receipt of the invoice or statement of approval by the Supervisor of Elections, Collier County.

Section 11. If any word, phrase, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this Resolution shall be held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect any other word, clause, phrase, sentence, or paragraph hereof.

Section 12. If the referendum is approved, the Fire Chief, or designee, shall report the levy of ad valorem taxes approved by referendum to the Department of Economic Opportunity within 60 days after the vote.

Section 13. This Resolution shall be in full force and immediate effect upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED THIS _____.

We, the undersigned hereby, certify that the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District Board of Fire Commissioners is comprised of Five members, of whom ____, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed, convened and held this 22nd day of February, 2022, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at said meeting

by the affirmative vote of ____ members, and opposed by ____ members, and that said Resolution has been duly recorded in the Official Records and is in full force and effect.

Chairman Kevin Gerrity

Commissioner Nick Biondo

Commissioner Charles Cottiers

Commissioner Al Duffy

Commissioner David Stedman



A RESOLUTION OF THE GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA, CALLING FOR AN ELECTION ON AUGUST 23, 2022, TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORATE OF THE GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT, A BALLOT QUESTION ASKING WHETHER THE DISTRICT SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO INCREASE ITS MILLAGE RATE BY UP TO 0.5 MILLS, TO IMPROVE THE DISTRICT'S PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES, TECHNOLOGY, AND EQUIPMENT.

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WHEREAS, Section 3.01 of the District's charter found in Section 4 of Chapter 2014-240, Laws of Florida, as amended, (Charter) of the District grants the District the authority to establish, equip, operate, and maintain a fire department and rescue service, including, but not limited to, providing fire hydrants or other types of water supply, buildings for housing fire equipment and personnel, training facilities for fire and rescue, and other buildings deemed necessary by the Board of Commissioners to provide adequate protection from unwanted fire and to carry out rescue operations; and

WHEREAS, Section 9, Article VII of the Florida Constitution, provides that a special district may levy a millage rate authorized by law approved by vote of the electors who are owners of freeholds therein not wholly exempt from taxation; and

WHEREAS, Section 191.006(14), Florida Statutes, authorizes the District to assess and impose on real property ad valorem taxes; and

WHEREAS, Section 191.009(1), Florida Statutes, authorizes independent special fire control districts the authority to levy and assess ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the district to construct, operate, and maintain district facilities and services and to pay for general obligation bonds, with such millage rate not exceeding 3.75 mills unless a higher amount has been previously authorized by law, subject to a referendum as required by the Florida Constitution and Chapter 191, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Section 191.009(1), Florida Statutes, requires a referendum when the proposed levy of ad valorem taxes exceeds the amount authorized by prior special act, general law of local application, or county ordinance approved by referendum and that the ballot question must state the currently authorized millage rate and the year of its approval by referendum; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.01 of the Charter provides the District the powers, functions, and duties regarding ad valorem taxation and the methods for financing the District as set forth in the Charter, Chapter 191, Florida Statutes, and in any applicable general or special law; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.02 of the Charter requires the District to levy and collect ad valorem taxes in accordance with Section 191.009, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 200, Florida

Statutes, provides that the District has the authority to levy a millage rate up to 1.5 mills, and clarifies that the Charter does not prevent the levying of a millage rate as provided for in Section 191.009, Florida Statutes, which has been approved by referendum; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that it will have insufficient ad valorem tax revenues to address the immediate and future capital needs of the District, including improvements to existing facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to increase the District's millage rate to address the District's needs; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Florida Constitution and Section 191.009(1), Florida Statutes, approval of the millage rate increase must be approved by a majority of votes cast at an election in which qualified electors residing in the District shall participate; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable and necessary to provide for the submission to the qualified electors of the District at the primary election to be scheduled for August 23, 2022, of such a question for the increase in millage rate to meet the District's need for additional funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT, COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Section 1. The preceding "WHEREAS" clauses are ratified and confirmed as true and correct and incorporated in this Resolution.

Section 2. The District hereby finds, determines, and declares that the District needs to increase its millage rate as it has insufficient funds to pay for necessary improvements to existing facilities and equipment as well to purchase needed new fire stations, equipment, and technology with its existing millage rate of 1.5 mills.

Section 3. Subject to the referendum and the provisions of this Resolution, the District is authorized to increase its millage rate by up to 0.5 mills for a total maximum ad valorem millage rate of 2.0 mills starting with the Fiscal Year 2024.

Section 4. Under the general laws of the State of Florida, an election is now called and directed to be held in the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District, Collier County, Florida, on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, to submit to the electorate the question set forth below (Election).

Section 5. The Collier County election officials shall conduct the Election, with acceptance of the certification of the election results to be performed by the Election Commission.

Section 6. The voting precincts in the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District for this Election shall be established by the proper and appropriate Collier County election officials. All electors shall vote at the polling places and the voting precincts as determined by the Collier County election officials.

Section 7. Under the requirements of Section 100.342, Florida Statutes, notice of Special Elections or Referendum outlined in this Resolution shall be given at least thirty days in advance of the Election and shall be presented in a newspaper of general circulation published in Collier County. The notice shall be posted at least twice, once in the fifth week and once in the third week prior to the week the Election is to be held.

Section 8. The official ballot to be used in the Election to be held on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, shall be in substantially the following form:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Referendum to Increase the Maximum Millage Rate of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District

To improve fire and rescue services, including construction of new fire stations and facilities, improvements to existing facilities, and purchase of fire apparatus/technology/equipment, shall the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District be authorized to increase the current authorized ad valorem millage rate the District can charge from 1.5 mills (\$1.50 for every \$1,000.00 of assessed value), approved in 2014, up to 2.0 mills (\$2.00 for every \$1,000.00 of assessed value)?

_____ Yes

_____ No

Section 9. The Greater Naples Fire Rescue District shall pay all expenses for conducting the Election and pay to Collier County or directly to all persons or firms upon receipt of the invoice or statement of approval by the Supervisor of Elections, Collier County.

Section 10. If any word, phrase, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this Resolution shall be held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect any other word, clause, phrase, sentence, or paragraph hereof.

Section 11. If the referendum is approved, the Fire Chief, or designee, shall report the levy of ad valorem taxes approved by referendum to the Department of Economic Opportunity within 60 days after the vote.

Section 12. This Resolution shall be in full force and immediate effect upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED THIS _____.

We, the undersigned hereby, certify that the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District Board of Fire Commissioners is comprised of Five members, of whom ____, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed, convened and held this 22nd day of February, 2022, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members, and opposed by ____ members, and that said Resolution has been duly recorded in the Official Records and is in full force and effect.

Chairman Kevin Gerrity

Commissioner Nick Biondo

Commissioner Charles Cottiers

Commissioner Al Duffy

Commissioner David Stedman



A RESOLUTION OF THE GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA, CALLING FOR AN ELECTION ON AUGUST 23, 2022, TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORATE OF THE GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT, A BALLOT QUESTION ASKING WHETHER THE DISTRICT SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO INCREASE ITS MILLAGE RATE BY UP TO 0.5 MILLS, TO IMPROVE THE DISTRICT'S PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES, TECHNOLOGY, AND EQUIPMENT.

WHEREAS, in 1982, the East Naples Fire Control and Rescue District and the Golden Gate Fire Control and Rescue District received approval to levy a maximum millage rate of 1.5 mills of ad valorem taxation on property within their respective boundaries; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Greater Naples Fire District (District) was created through the merger of the East Naples Fire Control and Rescue District and the Golden Gate Fire Control and Rescue District, which was in accordance with Chapter 2014-240, Laws of Florida, and approved at referendum; and

WHEREAS, Section 10 of Chapter 2014-240, Laws of Florida, as amended provided that the District maintained the authority to levy a millage rate up to 1.5 mills, as previously approved by referendum in the East Naples Fire Control and Rescue District and Golden Gate Fire Control and Rescue District, and that a subsequent referendum is legally required to increase the District's maximum millage rate above 1.5 mills; and

WHEREAS, the ballot question that was approved in 2014 referendum on the creation of the District provided that the District would retain the authority to levy no more than the current maximum millage rate of 1.5 mills of ad valorem taxation on property located within the District; and

WHEREAS, Section 191.008, Florida Statutes, authorizes independent special fire control districts to provide for fire suppression and prevention by establishing and maintaining fire stations and fire substations and acquiring and maintaining such firefighting and fire protection equipment deemed necessary to prevent or fight fires; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.01 of the District's charter found in Section 4 of Chapter 2014-240, Laws of Florida, as amended, (Charter) of the District grants the District the authority to establish, equip, operate, and maintain a fire department and rescue service, including, but not limited to, providing fire hydrants or other types of water supply, buildings for housing fire equipment and personnel, training facilities for fire and rescue, and other buildings deemed necessary by the Board of Commissioners to provide adequate protection from unwanted fire and to carry out rescue operations; and

WHEREAS, Section 9, Article VII of the Florida Constitution, provides that a special district may levy a millage rate authorized by law approved by vote of the electors who are owners of freeholds therein not wholly exempt from taxation; and

WHEREAS, Section 191.006(14), Florida Statutes, authorizes the District to assess and impose on real property ad valorem taxes; and

WHEREAS, Section 191.009(1), Florida Statutes, authorizes independent special fire control districts the authority to levy and assess ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the district to construct, operate, and maintain district facilities and services and to pay for general obligation bonds, with such millage rate not exceeding 3.75 mills unless a higher amount has been previously authorized by law, subject to a referendum as required by the Florida Constitution and Chapter 191, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Section 191.009(1), Florida Statutes, requires a referendum when the proposed levy of ad valorem taxes exceeds the amount authorized by prior special act, general law of local application, or county ordinance approved by referendum and that the ballot question must state the currently authorized millage rate and the year of its approval by referendum; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.01 of the Charter provides the District the powers, functions, and duties regarding ad valorem taxation and the methods for financing the District as set forth in the Charter, Chapter 191, Florida Statutes, and in any applicable general or special law; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.02 of the Charter requires the District to levy and collect ad valorem taxes in accordance with Section 191.009, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 200, Florida Statutes, provides that the District has the authority to levy a millage rate up to 1.5 mills, and clarifies that the Charter does not prevent the levying of a millage rate as provided for in Section 191.009, Florida Statutes, which has been approved by referendum; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that it will have insufficient ad valorem tax revenues to address the immediate and future capital needs of the District, including improvements to existing facilities, and has developed a list of capital projects ("Projects") described in more detail in attached Exhibit "A" (Greater Naples Fire Rescue District Public Safety Facilities, Technology, and Equipment Project List), that the District must address over the next thirty years; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to increase the District's millage rate for an eight year term to pay for the Projects on the Project List; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Florida Constitution and Section 191.009(1), Florida Statutes, approval of the millage rate increase must be approved by a majority of votes cast at an election in which qualified electors residing in the District shall participate; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable and necessary to provide for the submission to the qualified electors of the District at the primary election to be scheduled for August 23, 2022, of such a question for the increase in millage rate for a limited specified term to pay for Projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT, COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Section 1. The preceding "WHEREAS" clauses are ratified and confirmed as true and correct and incorporated in this Resolution.

Section 2. The District hereby finds, determines, and declares that the District needs to increase its millage rate for an eight year period as it has insufficient funds to pay for necessary improvements to existing facilities and equipment as well to purchase needed new fire stations, equipment, and technology with its existing millage rate of 1.5 mills.

Section 3. Subject to the referendum and the provisions of this Resolution, the District is authorized to increase its millage rate by up to 0.5 mills for a total maximum ad valorem millage rate of 2.0 mills for eight years starting with the Fiscal Year 2024.

Section 4. Under the general laws of the State of Florida, an election is now called and directed to be held in the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District, Collier County, Florida, on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, to submit to the electorate the question set forth below (Election).

Section 5. The Collier County election officials shall conduct the Election, with acceptance of the certification of the election results to be performed by the Election Commission.

Section 6. The voting precincts in the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District for this Election shall be established by the proper and appropriate Collier County election officials. All electors shall vote at the polling places and the voting precincts as determined by the Collier County election officials.

Section 7. Under the requirements of Section 100.342, Florida Statutes, notice of Special Elections or Referendum outlined in this Resolution shall be given at least thirty days in advance of the Election and shall be presented in a newspaper of general circulation published in Collier County. The notice shall be posted at least twice, once in the fifth week and once in the third week prior to the week the Election is to be held.

Section 8. The Projects included in the Projects List in Exhibit A are hereby approved. The District may, in its sole discretion, by official action evidenced by resolution or motion of the Board of Commissioners adopt or enacted from time to time, modify or amend all or any portion of the Project List to (1) delete one or more of the Projects or if the District determines it is not feasible or is otherwise not in the best interest of the District to pursue such Project or Projects or (2) if general obligation bonds have been issued, in consultation with bond counsel to the District, substitute or modify one or more of the Projects on the Project List if the District determines such substitution or modification better serves District purposes, provided such modified or substituted facility, improvement or equipment is related to public safety services, including fire/rescue operations, fire prevention, fire inspection, environmental hardening of public safety facilities, community protection, and all-hazard mitigation.

Section 9. The official ballot to be used in the Election to be held on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, shall be in substantially the following form:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Referendum to Increase the Maximum Millage Rate of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District
To improve fire and rescue services, including construction of new fire stations and facilities, improvements to existing facilities, and purchase of fire apparatus/technology/equipment, shall the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District be authorized to increase the current authorized ad valorem millage rate the District can charge from 1.5 mills (\$1.50 for every \$1,000.00 of assessed value), approved in 2014, up to 2.0 mills (\$2.00 for every \$1,000.00 of assessed value), for no more than 8 years?

_____ Yes

_____ No

Section 10. The Greater Naples Fire Rescue District shall pay all expenses for conducting the Election and pay to Collier County or directly to all persons or firms upon receipt of the invoice or statement of approval by the Supervisor of Elections, Collier County.

Section 11. If any word, phrase, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this Resolution shall be held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect any other word, clause, phrase, sentence, or paragraph hereof.

Section 12. If the referendum is approved, the Fire Chief, or designee, shall report the levy of ad valorem taxes approved by referendum to the Department of Economic Opportunity within 60 days after the vote.

Section 13. This Resolution shall be in full force and immediate effect upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED THIS _____.

We, the undersigned hereby, certify that the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District Board of Fire Commissioners is comprised of Five members, of whom ____, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed, convened and held this 22nd day of February, 2022, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at said meeting

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by the affirmative vote of ____ members, and opposed by ____ members, and that said Resolution has been duly recorded in the Official Records and is in full force and effect.

Chairman Kevin Gerrity

Commissioner Nick Biondo

Commissioner Charles Cottiers

Commissioner Al Duffy

Commissioner David Stedman