

ST. AUGUSTINE PORT, WATERWAY & BEACH DISTRICT

MINUTES OF FIRST PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE AND BUDGET 2017-2018

Thursday, September 14, 2017

The First Public Hearing of the St. Augustine Port, Waterway & Beach District on the proposed millage rate and budget for fiscal year 2017-2018 was held at the St. Augustine Beach City Commission Meeting Room, 2200 A1A South, St. Augustine Beach, Florida on Thursday, September 14, 2017.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. Members of the public were in attendance during the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America followed.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Jerry Dixon, Vice-Chairman Barry Benjamin, and Commissioners Mark Helman, Tom Rivers and Chris Way were in attendance. The meeting was also attended by Secretary-Treasurer Elyse Kemper, District Counsel Jim Bedsole, and Ken Craig of Taylor Engineering.

SET TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE

A discussion of the proposed millage rate for 2017-2018 resulted in commissioners agreeing to leave the millage rate unchanged from last year's rate of 0.0638.

A motion by Commissioner Rivers and seconded by Commissioner Way to set the tentative millage rate at 0.0638 was unanimously approved.

SET TENTATIVE BUDGET

Secretary-Treasurer Kemper presented information on proposed District projects for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. She explained how much tax revenue the District is projected to receive and how much is budgeted for fixed expenses. The balance after deducting expenses represented about \$361,150 in funds available for projects. The board decided to cut St. Johns County Sheriff's Office overtime

to \$15,000.00, maintain St. Augustine Police Department at \$8,000, set aside \$90,000 for the planned kayak launch, cut the line item for maps to \$15,000, place \$33,150 in the unspecified marine projects category, and maintain seawall connectivity/dredge line item at \$200,000.

A motion by Chairman Dixon and seconded by Vice-Chairman to approve the tentative budget was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

Ms. Kemper announced the final public hearing on the millage rate and budget will take place at this location on October 3, 2017 at 5:05 p.m.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Chairman Dixon adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Secretary-Treasurer

Chairman

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