

MINUTES OF THE
ST. AUGUSTINE PORT, WATERWAY & BEACH DISTRICT
FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET & MILLAGE RATE

Thursday, September 8, 2011

The First Public Hearing of the St. Augustine Port, Waterway & Beach District on the proposed budget and millage rate for fiscal year 2011-2012 was held at the St. Augustine Beach City Commission Meeting Room, 2200 A1A South, St. Augustine Beach, Florida on Thursday, September 8, 2011.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dixon called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Commissioners were in attendance except Commissioner Herb Rippe. Also in attendance were Assistant Secretary Elyse Kemper, District Attorney Jim Bedsole and Dr. Steve Schropp of Taylor Engineering.

SET MILLAGE RATE AND BUDGET

Chairman Dixon started the discussion by reminding Commissioners that they had agreed at the August 16, 2011 meeting to use last year's millage rate, 0.0614. Responding to a question by Commissioner Bliss, Elyse Kemper said the revenue from this millage rate is projected to create \$368,165.00 in tax revenue for the District. Commissioner Bliss said that represents \$6.14 per one hundred thousand dollars of taxable property value.

MOTION

A motion made by Chairman Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Benjamin to adopt last year's millage rate of 0.0614 passed unanimously.

Chairman Dixon said the \$500,000.00 budgeted for dredging Porpoise Point could be removed from the proposed budget. Also, the \$ 100,000.00 set aside for a revision of the Inlet Management Plan can be removed because of the settlement reached on the Inlet dredging issue. Dr. Schropp said the IMP figure was probably short, anyway, and that revising the IMP may cost twice that much.

Commissioner Benjamin then questioned the correctness of the proposed amount of overtime dollars allotted for the St. Augustine Police Department and the Sheriff's Office. Ms. Kemper said the figures were correct.

Ms. Kemper said the budget line-item for district projects needed to be cut to \$254,450.00 in order to balance the budget. She also pointed out that any budget changes made after the adoption of the budget at the final TRIM hearing will need to be accompanied by written resolutions.

Commissioner Bliss said he wanted to hear from the audience about their issues. Chairman Dixon and Secretary Kemper said the meeting was for consideration of the millage rate and budget only, and that no public comment was invited for any other issues.

Commissioners discussed the remaining items on the list of proposed District projects and agreed the budget line item for District projects should be set at \$254,450.00.

Chairman Dixon announced the final TRIM meeting will take place on September 20, 2011 at 5:05 p.m.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Dixon.

Secretary-Treasurer

Chairman

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