

ST. AUGUSTINE PORT, WATERWAY & BEACH DISTRICT
MINUTES OF FIRST TRIM HEARING MEETING
Thursday, September 14, 2023

The first public hearing on the budget and millage rate for the 2023-2024 fiscal year of the St. Augustine Port, Waterway & Beach District was held at the St. Augustine Beach City Commission Meeting Room, 2200 A1A South, St. Augustine Beach, Florida, on Thursday, September 14, 2023.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Matt Brown called the meeting to order at 5:05, p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. ROLL CALL

Chairman Matt Brown, Vice-Chairman Chris Way, Commissioner Tom Rivers, and Commissioner Linda Thomson were present. The meeting was also attended by Secretary-Treasurer Elyse Kemper and Clay Meek, General Counsel for the District.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

No members of the public provided public input. However, open invitation for comment and question was publicly made by Chairman Brown at all appropriate points in the proceedings.

5. SET TENTATIVE FINAL MILLAGE RATE

Discussion of the anticipated needs of the District for the coming year was had. Among the points made were that inflation would likely continue to increase the costs of projects funded by the District and that the reserve funds were lower than desired and should be replenished to provide for future projects and potential emergency needs. After discussion, a **Motion to set the tentative final millage rate at the non-rolled back rate of 0.0598 was made by Vice-Chairman Way, seconded by Commissioner Rivers, and carried by a 4-0 vote.**

6. SET TENTATIVE FINAL BUDGET

A tentative itemized budget had been prepared and was presented and reviewed by the Commission. In reviewing the tentative budget,

a Motion to increase the budgeted amount for Commissioner travel allowance by \$100.00 per Commissioner, per month and decrease the amount budgeted for District Projects by an equivalent amount was made by Commissioner Rivers, but died for a lack of second.

A Motion to increase the budgeted amount for Commissioner travel allowance by \$50.00 per Commissioner, per month and decrease the amount budgeted for District Projects by an equivalent amount was then made by Commissioner Thomson, but died for a lack of second.

A Motion to increase the budgeted amount for the services provided by Secretary-Treasurer Kemper by a total of \$50.00 per month and decrease the amount budgeted for District Projects by an equivalent amount was made by Vice-Chairman Way, seconded by Commissioner Rivers, and passed by a 4-0 vote.

A Motion to approve the final tentative budget of \$2,646,231 based on the non-rolled back millage rate of 0.0598 and the cash balance brought forward was made by Commissioner Thomson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Way, and carried by a 4-0 vote.

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chairman Matt Brown adjourned the meeting at 5:15, p.m.

Secretary-Treasurer

Commission Chairman Brown