

ST. AUGUSTINE PORT, WATERWAY & BEACH DISTRICT
MINUTES OF FIRST TRIM HEARING MEETING
Tuesday, September 17, 2024

The first public hearing on the budget and millage rate for the 2024-2025 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 Tuesday, September 17, 2024.

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 Nicholas Binder 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. After discussion, a **Motion to adopt the rolled back millage rate was made by Commissioner Binder, but died for a lack of second.** A **Motion to set the tentative final millage rate at the non-rolled back rate of 0.0598 was made by Commissioner Rivers, seconded by Vice-Chairman Way, and carried by a 3-1 vote, with Commissioner Binder opposed.**

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,

discussion was had on the need to allocate funds for "Debris Removal" in the amount of \$10,000.00.

A Motion to approve the final tentative budget of \$3,076,491 based on the non-rolled back millage rate of 0.0598 and the cash balance brought forward, with the addition of "Debris Removal" in the amount of \$10,000.00 and a corresponding \$10,000.00 deduction in District Projects was made by Vice-Chairman Way, seconded by Commissioner Binder, and carried by a 4-0 vote.

7. NEXT MEETING

October 2, 2024, was announced as the final 2024-2025 TRIM hearing meeting to occur at 5:05, p.m. As such, **the final 2024-2025 TRIM hearing meeting will be at 5:05, p.m., on October 2, 2024,** at the St. Augustine Beach City Commission Meeting Room, 2200 A1A South, St. Augustine Beach, Florida.

8. ADJOURN

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

Secretary-Treasurer

Commission Chairman Brown