

BAYSHORE FIRE PROTECTION & RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING
September 9, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Hansen

Invocation – Commissioner Hansen

Commissioner Hansen – Present
Commissioner Griffin – Present
Commissioner Mere - Present
Commissioner Ducrou – Present
Commissioner Cook – Present
Chief Larry Nisbet - Present
Office Manager - Present
Attorney Ian Mann – Absent

Others Present: Some Public

Chairman Hansen announces:

District Identity: **Bayshore Fire Protection & Rescue Service District**

Rollback Rate **3.3360**

Proposed Millage Rate **3.5000 Mills**

Percentage increase in millage over RBR is **4.92% over the RBR of 3.3360**

Chairman Hansen states the reason the ad valorem revenues are being increased:

- The Ad Valorem revenues are increased due to an increase in property values

Chairman Hansen calls for Public Input on the Tentative Millage Rate

Public Input – None offered. Hearing no Public Input offered, Chairman Hansen looks for motion to adopt Resolution 2019-06 Adopting the Tentative Millage Rate.

Commissioner Griffin moves to adopt Resolution 2019-06 and the Tentative Millage Rate of 3.5000 Mills. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. Chairman Hansen calls for any discussion and hearing none, he calls for vote and with all commissioners in favor, motion passed.

Chairman Hansen calls for Budget Discussion

Chief Nisbet states the packets contain what he provided last meeting in the working form which reflects \$119,917.98 in Unencumbered Reserve totals and on the Expense side \$42,302. Total income increase of \$242,696. We did have some increase in expenses, with the three new firefighters from last year's budget, with only a partial funding on that. Some retirement increases, insurance increases, a couple other reporting increases, but for the most part we held the line on a majority of the line items that we could with increases that were incremental or cost of living. He offers to answer any questions, adding that he did not earmark anything for apparatus as of yet, thinking we can discuss that in the regular meeting if you want me to do anything with that and we can have that addressed at the final budget hearing. Commissioner Ducrou notes our total income went up 12.66% but our Reserves went up only 3.46%? Chief Nisbet

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notes it went up from the 2018/2019 budget which would potentially be the case, but remember to that this Reserve line item adjustment that you're seeing was also what we voted for, that's also included into that. Our Ad Valorem Revenue went up about 6% so anything above that was from where we had our carry-forward from our last audit so that would account for the rest of the percentage there. Commissioner Ducrou asks, so in new money we had an increase of what? Chief Nisbet replies, I believe, about 6.8%. Commissioner Ducrou asks, so the rest was the rollover from... Chief Nisbet responds to the affirmative. Commissioner Ducrou states the 3-Month Reserves still shows only a 2.46% increase. Office Manager notes that the Unencumbered Reserves went up as well. Commissioner Ducrou states "yeah, but it would seem the 3 Month Reserves would go up a similar percentage." Office Manager states the 3-Month Reserves brought us up to only what we had to have to get by for 3-months. Commissioner Ducrou figures that it should be based upon 3/12 of the budget. Office Manager states we don't consider Capital Expenditures as part of necessary to get by for the 3 Month Reserves. Commissioner Ducrou asks if we have something somewhere that says what we base our 3-Month Reserves on, just so we all know? He also asks if the Auditor wanted us to put it in a standing rule as Boards do change members. After some discussion it is decided that we should look into current guidelines and discuss setting a policy. Chief Nisbet asks if there are any other questions from the Board. Commissioner Hansen asks about the discussion on the Union Contract and if they were ok once Chief hammered that all out. Chief states yes, he will cover that in the actual Board Meeting, but what was discussed is included in the Budget. Chairman Hansen calls for any other discussion on the Proposed Budget. After no discussion is offered, Commissioner Mere moves to adopt the 2019/2020 Tentative Budget. Chairman Hansen calls for any Public Input on the Proposed Budget.

Public Input – Hearing none, Commissioner Mere moves to adopt Resolution 2019-07 Adopting the Tentative 2019/2020 Budget. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion and with all in favor, motion passed.

Chairman Hansen announces the Final Budget Hearing date as Tuesday September 24, 2019 at 7:00pm.

Adjournment – Commissioner Cook moves to adjourn the Tentative Budget Hearing. Commissioner Griffin seconded. With none opposed, Chairman Hansen adjourns the Preliminary Budget Hearing. Meeting adjourned 7:14pm.