

MINUTES
TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING
FORT MYERS BEACH FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TIME: 5:15 PM
DATE: September 14, 2022
Fort Myers Beach Public Library

IN ATTENDANCE: Chairman Larry Wood, Vice-Chairman Ron Fleming, Secretary/Treasurer John Bennett, Commissioner Jacki Lyszak, Commissioner Jim Knickle, Fire Chief Ronald Martin, District Chief Scott Wirth, Fire Official Jennifer Campbell, Finance Director Jane Thompson, and District Members.

1. Meeting Called to Order 5:15pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adoption of Agenda [Discussion/Approval]

Commissioner Lyszak made a motion to adopt the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Bennett. Unanimously approved 5-0.

4. Restate Agenda Items [Information]

5. Presentation of the Proposed Budget & Millage Rate [Information]

Chief Martin presented the Proposed Budget & Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. The proposed millage rate is 2.9851, which is 12.8% higher than the roll back rate of 2.6463. Operational costs increased \$609,780 over the prior year; budgeted labor costs are \$11,905,440, and reserves total \$12,023,632. The total proposed 2022-2023 budget is \$28,890,107.

6. Adoption of Tentative Millage Rate- Resolution 2022-02 [Introduction/Public Input/Discussion/Approval]

Chief Martin recommended a tentative millage rate of 2.9851. There was no public input.

Commissioner Bennett read Resolution 2022-02 and motioned to adopt a millage rate of 2.985; seconded by Commissioner Fleming. Chairman Wood called for a roll call vote.

Chairman Wood	Yes
Vice-Chairman Fleming	Yes
Secretary/Treasurer Bennett	Yes
Commissioner Lyszak	Yes
Commissioner Knickle	Yes

7. Adoption of Tentative Budget – Resolution 2022-03

Chief Martin proposed a budget of \$28,890,107. This supports current levels of service and planning for future facility funding.

There was no public input.

Commissioner Knickle read Resolution 2022-03 and motioned to adopt the Tentative Budget of \$28,890,107; seconded by Commissioner Lyszak. Chairman Wood called for a roll call vote.

Chairman Wood	Yes
Vice-Chairman Fleming	Yes
Secretary/Treasurer Bennett	Yes
Commissioner Lyszak	Yes
Commissioner Knickle	Yes

8. Establish Final Budget Hearing Date [Introduction/Public Input/Discussion/Approval]

Chief Martin proposed a final budget hearing date of September 28, 2022 at 5:10pm.

There will be a regular Board of Commissioners Meeting beginning at 5:00pm which will be paused for the budget hearing and resumed afterward. The Final Budget Hearing will be held at the Fort Myers Beach Public Library.

There was no public input.

Commissioner Lyszak noted that she will be out of town and will attend via Zoom.

Commissioner Bennett motioned to hold the Final Budget Hearing on September 28, 2022 at 5:10pm at the Fort Myers Beach Public Library; seconded by Commissioner Knickle. Commissioners approved unanimously 5-0.

9. Fire Chief Remarks [Information/Discussion]

Chief Martin thanked the Board for their support and faith in him, noting that he is looking forward to the final meeting.

10. Commissioners Remarks [Information]

Commissioner Fleming remarked that Chief Martin and staff have done an outstanding job.

Commissioner Knickle shared that he is excited to hear information about the District’s three new hires.

Commissioner Lyszak concurred with the other Commissioners’ statements and added that she enjoys the District’s social media posts.

Commissioner Bennett concurred with the rest of the Board’s sentiments and thanked Chief Martin and staff for putting this budget together. He also encouraged community input for future meetings and hearings.

Chairman Wood thanked everyone for a great meeting and stated that he looks forward to the new building.

11. Adjournment 6:03pm