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MINUTES SEPTEMBER 13, 2017 SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING

Held at the Indian Shores Municipal Center
19305 Gulf Blvd., Indian Shores, FL 33785

SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 p.m.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Commissioners answering roll call were Chair Joe Bruni, Vice Chair Lou Snelling, and Secretary/Treasurer Larry Schear. Commissioners Laura Martin and David Gardella were excused. A quorum was present with Chair Joe Bruni presiding. Attorney Jeff Albinson, Interim Fire Chief John Mortellite, and Finance Director David Martin were also present.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS: None.

ACTION ITEMS:

**17-17 Adoption of Tentative Millage
(Resolution 2017-07)**

Discussion: Attorney Jeff Albinson read Resolution 2017-07 in its entirety.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Nancy Obarski – [Did not state address] – Mrs. Obarski stated that Rick Scott's Executive Order 7-235 gives the Board permission to delay the meeting and she urged the Board to do so.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2017-07 adopting the Tentative Millage.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SCHEAR SECOND: COMMISSIONER SNELLING
All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

**17-18 Adoption of Tentative Budget
(Resolution 2017-09)**

Discussion: Attorney Jeff Albinson read Resolution 2017-09 in its entirety. Finance Director David Martin gave a synopsis of the major budget changes since last fiscal year, including income increases due to ad valorem income and EMS funding, and income decreases in federal grants and non-ad valorem assessments. He also included expenditure increases due to compensation, benefits, health care, worker's compensation, and an estimated audit overrun due to excessive overtime. Additionally, there were general operations increases due to the referendum, legal fees, facility for Station 26, IT upgrades, tax collection, and safety gear replacements. Vice Chair Lou Snelling inquired as to if funds for vehicle repair costs were increased, to which Finance Director Martin confirmed that they were.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

John Pfansteil – 448 Harbor Drive South, Indian Rocks Beach – Would like to know if there is a contingency plan if the ad valorem does not come through. Bruni – We do.

Kelly Cisarik – 448 Harbor Drive South, Indian Rocks Beach – Mrs. Cisarik states that she feels there is a dysfunctional budgeting policy that needs to be corrected prior to the adoption of the tentative budget. She stated that the problem is that there is no limit to the line item changes that can be made by the Finance Director. Attorney Albinson asked Mrs. Cisarik why she felt it was necessary to amend the policy before adopting the tentative budget, as opposed to another time in the future. Mrs. Cisarik stated that it should just perhaps be implemented prior to adoption of the final budget. Attorney Albinson also confirmed Governor Rick Scott’s Executive Order 7-235.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2017-09 adopting the FY 2017/2018 Tentative Budget.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SCHEAR SECOND: COMMISSIONER SNELLING
All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned in due form at 7:21 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Joseph V. Bruni, Chair Date Approved



Kimberly G. Fugate, Executive Assistant