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MINUTES SEPTEMBER 7, 2022 SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING

Belleair Beach City Hall
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SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING CALLED TO ORDER PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Commissioners answering roll call were Chair Joseph Bruni, Vice Chair Louis Snelling, Secretary/Treasurer Lawrence Shear, Commissioner Betsey McKenna, and Commissioner David Gardella (via telephone, approved unanimously by the Board). A quorum was present with Chair Joseph Bruni presiding. Attorney Jeff Albinson (via telephone), Fire Chief Jeffrey Davidson, and Finance Director Erin Brooks were also present.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS: None.

ACTION ITEMS:

22-19 Adoption of the Tentative Budget (Resolution 2022-04)

Discussion: Finance Director Erin Brooks read Resolution 2022-04 in its entirety. Mrs. Brooks pointed out to the Commission that this year's tentative budget is presented in a more consolidated format, and the 10-year capital expenditure plan is attached as page two. She stated that, after reviewing capital outlay needs, some vehicle purchases have been deferred or removed completely from the schedule. The budget does not account for any proposed funding from the County and is based on the District's current non-ad valorem assessments, as well as the 2.5 funded seats and 3% contractual increase from the County, which makes this budget very similar to last year's.

Commissioner Gardella asked, should the District receive approval for the additional half seat of funding, how it would affect this budget. Finance Director Brooks stated that she does not expect any material changes to the expenditure category this fiscal year, regardless of County funding. Commissioner Gardella asked for clarification on the \$40,000 allocated for the mechanic's vehicle. Mrs. Brooks stated that is a replacement vehicle for the District's mechanic, Tom Bruno, as it was originally scheduled for the current fiscal year, but was unable to be sourced, so it is now expected to be purchased in FY22/23. She also clarified that the vehicle for the maintenance position has been removed from the schedule completely. Mrs. Brooks stated that she is expecting to have an

amendment to last year’s budget for capital items such as these that deviated from the schedule.

Vice Chair Snelling asked if the purchase of extrication equipment would be new, replacement equipment or in addition to what the District already has. Chief Davidson said it will be in addition to; however, grant funding is actively being pursued as well to hopefully cover that cost.

Commissioner Gardella thanked Mrs. Brooks for consolidating the budget document.

REMARKS FROM AUDIENCE:

Kelly Cisarik – Mrs. Cisarik stated that she feels the consolidated budget format should include a narrative portion. She said that the public will likely be very interested in the budget with the upcoming referendum and a narrative would be helpful for them to understand the current situation the District is facing.

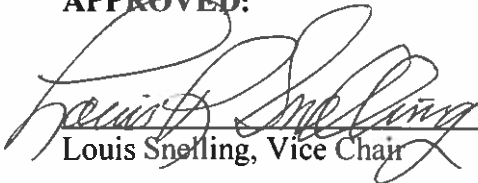
A motion to adopt Resolution 2022-04 – FY2022/2023 Tentative Budget.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SCHEAR SECOND: COMMISSIONER MCKENNA

All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned in due form at 6:14 p.m.

APPROVED:



Louis Snelling, Vice Chair

ATTEST:



Kimberly G. Fugate, District Administrator

4/30/22

Date Approved