

SEPTEMBER 7, 2017
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING FOR RESOLUTION 2017-03 TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE
&
PUBLIC HEARING FOR RESOLUTION 2017-04 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Date: Thursday, September 7, 2017

Location: Administrative Offices, Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue District, 2451 Trailmate Drive, Sarasota, FL 34243

Present: Charles A. Durant, Chairman; Daniel Center, Vice Chairman; Melanie Marken, Secretary; Anthony Evans, Treasurer and Commissioner James Cena. Also in attendance were Chief Brian Gorski, Deputy Chief Robert Bounds, Fire Marshal Leslie Adent and Executive Management Assistant Debbie Tuckerman. The attached guest list contains signatures of members of the public.

Call to Order

Chairman Durant called the public hearing to order at 5:00 p.m.

Moment of Silence/Pledge

A moment of silence was observed. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Hearing/Adoption of Resolution 2017-03 Tentative Millage Rate

- **Verification of Public Notice**
Chairman Durant called for verification of the Public Notice. Executive Management Assistant Tuckerman stated that the advertisement was completed as required.
- **Presentation of Tentative Millage Rate/Procedures**
Chief Gorski gave an overview of the millage rate. The 2017/2018 operating millage rate recommendation is 1.2061 mills, which is our current rate.
- **Open Public Hearing for Comment**
Chairman Durant opened the Public Hearing for comments at 5:03 p.m. There were no comments.
- **Close the Public Hearing**
Commissioner Evans motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried. Chairman Durant closed the public hearing at 5:03 p.m.
- **Board Deliberation Resolution 2017-03**
Commissioner Center motioned to approve the fiscal year 2017/2018 operating millage rate for the Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue District at 1.2061 mills which is higher than the rolled-back rate of 1.1346 mills by 6.3%. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion, and the motion unanimously carried.

The Public Hearing adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Public Hearing/Adoption of Tentative 2017-2018 Budget

- **Verification of Public Notice**
Chairman Durant called for verification of the Public Notice. Executive Management Assistant Tuckerman stated that the advertisement was completed as required.

- **Presentation of Tentative Budget/Procedures**
Chief Gorski and Deputy Chief Bounds gave an overview of the 2017-2018 Tentative Budget.
- **Open Public Hearing for Comment**
Chairman Durant opened the Public Hearing for comments at 5:09 p.m. There were no comments.
- **Close the Public Hearing**
Commissioner Evans made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried. Chairman Durant closed the public hearing at 5:09 p.m.
- **Board Deliberation Resolution 2017-04**
Chairman Durant opened Board deliberation on Resolution 2017-04. *Commissioner Evans made a motion to accept Resolution 2017-04. Commissioner Marken seconded the motion, and the motion unanimously carried.*
- **Adjournment of Public Hearing**
Chairman Durant adjourned the Public Hearing at 5:10 p.m.

Resolution 2017-05 State of Emergency

Chief Gorski presented the board with Resolution 2017-05 issuing a State of Emergency for Hurricane Irma. *Commissioner Marken made a motion to accept Resolution 2017-05. Commissioner Center seconded the motion, and the motion unanimously carried.*

Deputy Chief Bounds reported that we received Executive Order 17-235 allowing extensions to TRIM procedures due to Hurricane Irma.

Chairman Durant stated the next meeting will be a Public Hearing and Regular meeting on Thursday, September 14 at 5 p.m. That meeting will be for the final adoption of the Millage Rate and Budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles A. Durant, Chairman

Attest:



Melanie A. Marken, Secretary