

Minutes

Tentative Budget Hearing of the Captiva Erosion Prevention District

'Tween Waters Inn, Ding Darling Room, 15951 Captiva Drive, Captiva, Florida 33924
September 8, 2011 @ 5:01 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Mike Mullins (Chair); Dave Jensen (Treasurer); Harry Kaiser (Secretary); Jim Boyle (Commissioner); by telephone: Doris Holzheimer (Vice Chair)

Staff Present: Kathleen Rooker, CEPD Administrator; John Bralove, CEPD Assistant to the Administrative

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mullins at 5:13 p.m.

2. Roll Call

The roll was called and the results are outlined above. Ms. Holzheimer participated via teleconference. She was able to both listen and be heard so that the public could both fully hear and communicate with her.

3. Budget Discussion

Mr. Mullins announced that the name of the taxing authority is the Captiva Erosion Prevention District. He said that the proposed millage rate that was stated on the TRIM Notice is .2823 and represents a proposed millage rate that exceeds the rollback rate by 10.4%. The roll back rate, which represents a 1.39% increase in the rate over the previous year, is .2557. No change in the millage rate from last year represents a millage rate of .2522. Mr. Mullin further explained that at the .2823 rate, the budget is \$342,426 using the 95% rule and the reserve budgeted is \$75,000; at the .2557 rate, the budget is \$310,160 using the 95% rule and the reserve budgeted is \$42,841; at the .2522 rate, the budget is \$305,915 using the 95% rule and the reserve budgeted is \$37,516.

The reasons for and attributes of an increase in the budget were discussed among the Commissioners. They included that 100% of the increase would go to reserves for the next nourishment project; that the lack of Lee County bed tax funds available from the Tourist Development Council suggested that CEPD set aside more reserves; and that a 1/3 drop in the funding formula from the state, few if any funds available at the federal level, and other funding issues necessitated that CEPD set aside more reserves.

Mr. Jensen moved and Mr. Boyle seconded to adopt a millage rate of .2823 representing a 10.4 % increase in the CEPD budget.

4. Public to be Heard

Mr. Mullins asked for comments from the public. There were none. Additional discussion took place among the Commissioners, including that final approval takes place at the Final Budget Hearing on September 22 and what is approved on that day cannot be higher than what is approved today, but can be lower. Mr. Mullins called for the vote to be taken on the motion previously made by Mr. Jensen; Mr. Jensen, Mr. Boyle, Mr. Kaiser and Ms. Holzheimer voted “yes and Mr. Mullins voted “no,” The motion passed.

5. Adoption of Tentative Millage Rate

Ms. Rooker read Resolution 2011-6, to adopt a tentative levying of ad valorem taxes for Lee County for Fiscal Year 2011-12 at a millage rate of .2823, in full. All five Commissioners voted “aye.”

6. Adoption of Tentative Budget

Ms. Rooker read Resolution 2011-7, to adopt a tentative General Fund Budget for FY 2011-12 of \$346,319, which is based on the tentative millage rate of .2823 approved in Resolution 2011-6, in full. Ms. Holzheimer asked about whether the budget had been discussed and Commissioners responded by listing when and how often the budget had been considered and discussed.

Mr. Jensen moved and Mr. Kaiser seconded a motion to approve Resolution 2011-7. The motion passed with all the Commissioners voting “aye.”

7. Final Budget Hearing Date September 22, 2011 @ 5:01 p.m.

This agenda item was not discussed but was designed to serve as a reminder to the Commissioners of the importance of being present at the Final Budget Hearing scheduled for September 22 at 5:01 p.m.

Adjourn – Mr. Mullins adjourned the meeting at 5:28 p.m.