

Minutes of the Public Hearings

Adoption of the Tentative Levy of Ad Valorem Taxes for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 - Resolution 2024-07.

Adoption of the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025– Resolution 2024-08.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners Cedar Hammock Fire Control District

September 5, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Getman at 6:00 p.m. The following commissioners were present: Richard G. Findlay, Ronald D. Getman, Marnie E. Matarese, Samuel A. Reasoner, and John H. Stevens.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

QUORUM

Chairman Getman confirmed a physically present quorum for the meeting. The meeting was properly advertised.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Getman asked if there was any discussion of the minutes. There was no discussion.

ACTION: Commissioner Stevens moved to accept the Minutes of August 15, 2024. Vice Chairman Findlay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

SPECIAL BUSINESS

There was no special business.

RECESS REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Getman recessed the regular meeting at 6:01 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING / - THE ADOPTION OF THE TENTATIVE LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 – RESOLUTION 2024-07.

Chairman Getman called the Public Hearing to order and requested verification of the Public Notice of the public hearing. Administration Support Manager McCaughan confirmed the TRIM notices contained proper notification to the public.

Chief Bradshaw presented Resolution 2024-07, a resolution of the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District of Manatee County, Florida, adopting the tentative levy of ad valorem taxes for fiscal year 2024-2025, providing for an effective date.

The Cedar Hammock Fire Control District (“District”) is a special purpose fire district authorized to levy annually an ad valorem tax against the taxable real estate within the District in an amount not to exceed 3.75 mills; and the District shall levy and collect ad valorem taxes in accordance with applicable general law; and the Board of Fire Commissioners of the District held a properly advertised public hearing on September 5, 2024, for purposes of fixing the rate of the District’s ad valorem tax; and the gross taxable value for operating purposes has been certified by the Manatee County Property Appraiser to the Board of Fire Commissioners of the District as \$ 5,230,863,039.

The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated fully herein by reference.

The Fiscal Year 2024-2025 tentative operating millage rate for the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District is 1.3 mills, which is more than the rolled-back rate of 1.1974 mills by 8.57%.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Chairman Getman opened the Public Hearing for the tentative levy of ad valorem taxes for fiscal year 2024-2025 for public comments.

There were no public comments.

Chairman Getman closed the Public Hearing for the tentative levy of ad valorem taxes for fiscal year 2024-2025 for public comments.

ACTION: Commissioner Stevens moved to adopt Resolution 2024-07 for the tentative levy of ad valorem taxes for fiscal year 2024-2025 as presented. Commissioner Matarese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Chairman Getman adjourned the Public Hearing for the tentative levy of ad valorem taxes for fiscal year 2024-2025.

PUBLIC HEARING / - THE ADOPTION OF THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025– RESOLUTION 2024-08.

Chairman Getman called the Public Hearing to order and requested verification of the Public Notice of the public hearing. Administration Support Manager McCaughan confirmed the TRIM notices contained proper notification to the public.

Chief Bradshaw presented Resolution 2024-08, a resolution of the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District of Manatee County, Florida, adopting the tentative budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025, providing for an effective date.

the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District (“District”) is a special purpose fire district, and the Board held a properly advertised public hearing on September 5, 2024, for purposes of adopting a Tentative Budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025; and the Board set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in the amount of \$17,528,262, and through the adoption of this Tentative Budget, the Board has committed funds in the amount of \$6,641,616 to the following: Accrued Leave/Sick/Vacation/Salaries; Major Vehicle Repairs; Station Renovations;

Vehicular Replacement; Fire Engine Replacement; and Rescue Equipment.

1. Therefore, be it resolved the above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated fully herein by reference.
2. The Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Tentative Budget, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 1, is hereby adopted.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Chairman Getman opened the Public Hearing for the tentative budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 for public comments.

There were no public comments.

Chairman Getman closed the Public Hearing for the tentative budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 for public comments.

ACTION: Commissioner Matarese moved to adopt Resolution 2024-08 for the tentative budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 as presented. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Chairman Getman adjourned the Public Hearing for the tentative budget for fiscal year 2024-2025.

Chairman Getman resumed the regular meeting at 6:07 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

OLD BUSINESS

Pending Litigation

Chief Bradshaw reviewed the engagement letter for Johnson Pope Bokor Ruppel & Burns, LLP to serve as the magistrate for the Second Heart Homes dispute. He signed the document and submitted to legal counsel.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

The commissioners briefly discussed the pending litigation.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is September 19, 2024 – Public Hearings for the final levy of ad valorem taxes and the final budget.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Vice Chairman Findlay moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 pm. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED 9/19/2024

Chairman Ronald D. Getman