

## **Minutes of the Public Hearings**

### **Adoption of the Tentative Levy of Ad Valorem Taxes for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 – Resolution 2023-06.**

### **Adoption of the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024– Resolution 2023-07.**

### **First Reading to Adopt the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District Fire Prevention Code as Rules and Regulations - Ordinance 2023-08**

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

**September 7, 2023**

#### **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.

#### **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pastor Pavkovich led the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **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 or the Treasurer's report. There was no discussion.

**ACTION: Commissioner Reasoner moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Vice Chairman Findlay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

#### **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

Chief Bradshaw requested to move the ceremony of the new engine to the end of the meeting.

#### **RECESS REGULAR MEETING**

Chairman Getman recessed the regular meeting at 6:03 pm.

**PUBLIC HEARING / - THE ADOPTION OF THE TENTATIVE LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 – RESOLUTION 2023-06.**

Chairman Getman called the Public Hearing to order and requested verification of the Public Notice of the public hearing. Administration Support Manager McCaughan confirmed a copy of the advertisement and affidavit will be included in the permanent record of the minutes.

Chief Bradshaw presented Resolution 2023-06, a resolution of the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District of Manatee County, Florida, adopting the tentative levy of ad valorem taxes for fiscal year 2023-2024, providing for an effective date.

The Cedar Hammock Fire Control District is a special purpose fire district and shall levy and collect ad valorem taxes in accordance with applicable general law. The gross taxable value for operating purposes certified by the Manatee County Tax Collector is \$4,714,020,247.

Therefore, be it resolved the above recitals are true and correct; the fiscal year 2023-2024 tentative operating millage rate for the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District is 1.3 mills, which is more than the rolled-back rate of 1.1170 mills by 16.38%. 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 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 for public comments.

**ACTION: Commissioner Stevens moved to adopt Resolution 2023-06 for the tentative levy of ad valorem taxes for fiscal year 2023-2024 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 2023-2024.

**PUBLIC HEARING / - THE ADOPTION OF THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 – RESOLUTION 2023-07.**

Chairman Getman called the Public Hearing to order and requested verification of the Public Notice of the public hearing. Administration Support Manager McCaughan confirmed a copy of the advertisement and affidavit will be included in the permanent record of the minutes.

Chief Bradshaw presented Resolution 2023-07, a resolution of the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District of Manatee County, Florida, adopting the tentative budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024, providing for an effective date.

The Cedar Hammock Fire Control District is a special purpose fire district and the Board of Fire Commissioners have set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the tentative budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$16,290,209. The Board of Fire Commissioners of the District has committed funds in the amount of \$4,785,667 to the following: Accrued Leave/Sick/Vacation/Salaries; major vehicle repairs; station renovations; vehicular replacement; fire engine replacement; and rescue

equipment. The Board of Fire Commissioners of the District has dedicated the use of Impact Fees in the amount of \$61,922 for the anticipated cost of the medical officer response vehicle with necessary equipment, mandatory cardiac monitor, and a marine unit to provide adequate protection along the coastline and islands.

Therefore, be it resolved the above recitals are true and correct, the fiscal year 2023-2024 tentative budget Exhibit 1, is hereby adopted; the use of Impact Fees Memorandum Exhibit 2, is hereby adopted; and this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Chairman Getman opened the Public Hearing for the tentative budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 for public comments.

There were no public comments.

Chairman Getman closed the Public Hearing for the tentative budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 for public comments.

**ACTION: Commissioner Reasoner moved to adopt Resolution 2023-07 for the tentative budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 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 2023-2024.

**PUBLIC HEARING / - FIRST READING TO ADOPT THE CEDAR HAMMOCK FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT FIRE PREVENTION CODE AS RULES AND REGULATIONS - ORDINANCE 2023-08**

Chairman Getman called the Public Hearing to order and requested verification of the Public Notice of the public hearing. Administration Support Manager McCaughan confirmed a copy of the advertisement and affidavit will be included in the permanent record of the minutes.

Chief Bradshaw presented Ordinance 2023-08, an ordinance of the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District of Manatee County, Florida, adopting the Fire Prevention Code as rules and regulations of said district, repealing all ordinances in conflict, providing for severability, and providing for an effective date.

The District may “adopt and enforce fire safety standards and codes and enforce the rules of the State Fire Marshal consistent with the exercise of the duties authorized by chapter 553 or chapter 633, with respect to fire suppression, prevention, and fire safety code enforcement.”

Chapter 633 Florida Statutes requires the Board of Fire Commissioners of the District to adopt such rules and regulations for the purpose of carrying out the intent and purposes of said act.

It has been determined by the Board of Fire Commissioners that Uniform Rules and Regulations located within the District are necessary for the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the District.

The Board of Fire Commissioners of the District recognizes the Florida Fire Prevention Code as adopted by the State of Florida, and that the National Fire Codes of the National Fire Protection Association Standards, are reasonable rules and regulations and would benefit the residents and businesses located within the District.

The District has prepared a Fire Prevention Code entitled “Cedar Hammock Fire Control District Fire Prevention Code,” attached as Exhibit 1.

Therefore, be it resolved, the above recitals are true and correct; the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District Fire Prevention Code is attached as Exhibit 1, is hereby adopted as rules and regulations for the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District, shall take effect January 1, 2024, and all prior ordinances in conflict with Ordinance 2020-10 are hereby repealed.

Chairman Getman opened the Public Hearing for the first reading to adopt the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District Fire Prevention Code as rules and regulations for public comments.

There were no public comments.

Chairman Getman closed the Public Hearing for the first reading to adopt the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District Fire Prevention Code as rules and regulations for public comments.

**ACTION: Vice Chairman Findlay moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-08 for the first reading of the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District Fire Prevention Code as rules and regulations as presented. Chairman Getman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

Chairman Getman adjourned the Public Hearing for the first reading to adopt the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District Fire Prevention Code as rules and regulations.

Chairman Getman resumed the regular meeting at 6:16 pm.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Pending Litigation**

Chief Bradshaw informed that it was the recommendation of Glatfelter Insurance Group and the attorney of record to accept the plaintiff’s settlement agreement for case number 21-CA-004854.

**ACTION: Commissioner Matarese moved to accept the plaintiff’s settlement agreement per the recommendation of Glatfelter’s Insurance Group and the attorney of record. Chairman Getman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **2022/2023 Audit Engagement**

**ACTION: Commissioner Reasoner moved to accept Christopher, Smith, Leonard & Stanell, P.A.’s letter of engagement for audit services for the 2022/2023 fiscal year. Commissioner Matarese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

## **Commercial Insurance Package**

Chief Bradshaw requested to execute documents for Workers Compensation and the Commercial Package Insurance renewals for the District.

**ACTION: Commissioner Reasoner moved to allow Chief Bradshaw to execute documents for the upcoming insurance renewals for the District not to exceed \$500,000. Chairman Getman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

## **2023/2024 Meeting Schedule**

**ACTION: Vice Chairman Findlay moved to accept the 2023/2024 Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting Schedule as presented. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

## **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Bradshaw reviewed the departmental reports. He reminded the Commissioners of the Open House to take place October 14, 2023, and the Appreciation Dinner on December 1, 2023.

## **COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

Commissioner Stevens inquired about generator capacity. Commissioner Reasoner inquired if the generators were all diesel powered. Deputy Chief Falcone confirmed all generators were capable of powering the stations in an emergency and all were diesel powered with no issues.

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting date is September 21, 2023 – Public Hearings. Chief Bradshaw reminded the Board that the District needed a majority vote.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**ACTION: Vice Chairman Findlay moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 pm. Commissioner Matarese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

Respectfully Submitted,

Chairman Ronald D. Getman