

NORTH FORT MYERS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE SERVICE
DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 16, 2024
2024-2025 Tentative Budget Hearing

Chairman Michael Gatewood called the North Fort Myers Fire Control and Rescue Service District Board of Commissioners to order at 5:05 p.m.

Present:

Commissioners: Danny Ballard	Mike Gatewood	William Schaible
Tom Mere	Robert Hoke	

Chief Ronald Beecroft	
Assistant Chief John Manson	
Assistant Chief of Training Eric Klos	Fire Inspector Lloyd Adams
Office Manager Monique Brooks	Admin Specialist Emily Grgurich
Public Education Officer Christi Fulton	Fire Inspector Avrey Brooks
Union Representative Josh Ballard	
Via Computer Attorney Dirk Smits	

Absent: None

Invocation: Commissioner Mere

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Ballard

Public Input: None

Announce and Adopt the 2024/2025 Millage Rate:

Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to accept Resolution 2024-004, which sets the proposed millage rate at 3.5 Mills, for fiscal year 2024-2025. Seconded by Commissioner Mere. There were no questions. The motion was put to vote, and the vote was 5-0. (1)

Presentation of 2024-2025 Tentative Budget:

Office Manager Brooks proceeded to go over the line items of the revenues and then the expenditures of the tentative 2024-2025 budget. (2)

Chief Beecroft discussed wages and the letter that was attached to the salary spreadsheet that asked the Board for the raise negotiated with the Union to be the same for all employees. Commissioner Ballard said he feels that 5% is sufficient raise for Administration. Commissioner Gatewood said in order to maintain the balance between ranks, that the raise should be across the Board and consistent with what was negotiated with the Union. Commissioner Mere agreed that administration should receive the same raise that Union members receive because administration is a vital part of the Operations of the District. Commissioner Schaible agrees and says that it has been across the Board for over 30 years.

Commissioner Schaible made a motion to accept Resolution 2024-005, which adopts the 2024-2025 Tentative budget, as presented, in the amount of \$31,722,517.00. Commissioner Hoke seconded. There were no questions. The motion was put to vote, and the vote was 5-0. (3)

Presentation of the Tentative 2024/2025 Impact Fee Budget:

Office Manager Brooks presented the Tentative 2024/2025 Impact Fee Budget.

Commissioner Mere made a motion to accept the Tentative 2024/2025 Impact Fee budget, in the amount of \$835,000, as presented. Commissioner Hoke seconded. There were no questions, the motion was put to vote, all were in favor, and the decision was unanimous, the vote was 5-0. (4)

Commissioner Gatewood noted that we would automatically move into the Regular Scheduled Monthly Commission Meeting.

Tentative Budget Hearing adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Supportive Documents:

1. Resolution 2024-004
2. 2024/2025 Tentative Budget
3. Resolution 2024-005
4. 2024/2025 Tentative Impact Fee Budget