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

September 13, 2021 2021-2022 Tentative Budget Hearing

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

Present were:

Commissioners: Danny Ballard Mike Gatewood Leroy Nottingham Tom Mere Robert Hoke

Chief Ronald Beecroft Assistant Chief John Manson Office Manager Monique Brooks

Absent: None

Invocation: Commissioner Ballard

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Gatewood

Public Input: None

Announce and Adopt the 2021/2022 Millage Rate:

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept Resolution 2021-002, which sets the proposed millage rate at 3.5 Mills, for fiscal year 2021-2022. Seconded by Commissioner Gatewood. There were no questions. The motion was put to vote, and the vote was 5-0. (1)

Presentation of 2021-2022 Tentative Budget:

Office Manager Brooks proceeded to go over the line items of the revenues and then the expenditures of the tentative 2021-2022 budget. (2)

Ballard –

- Should we have a line item for Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets because we are buying air packs, and will be selling the old ones? No, we are trading them in or donating them.
- Cash brought forward is there 11,000,000 in reserves? Yes
- By bringing starting pay for Firefighter to \$15.00, is that before raise or after? Before
- Shouldn't we have more money in Communication Equipment Maintenance? No, because we fall under the County maintenance agreement and historically we have not budgeted large amounts.
- Thanked Chief Manson for the great job on the painting of Station 1 and how nice and clean and professional it looks.
- Glad to see Windows and doors at Station 1 are being replaced with hurricane and impact windows.
- Where is the 6.5% increase shown for wages? In Salary spreadsheet, under Column 4, where is says .065.

Gatewood -

- Is the amount that is in travel/education enough to cover everything, since we are adding a training officer? Yes, because that is mainly used for education reimbursements to personnel when they take a class
- Are new windows impact glass? Yes

Mere –

- How come there is no money in the Impact Fee line in the Revenue section? Because this is the General Fund budget, those are reflected in the Impact Fee Budget.
- Is it recommended by the Auditors to have a year of reserves? It is preferential if possible, to cover operating costs. Feels it is very smart to have this in reserves.

Hoke –

- What is the annual starting salary for a Firefighter? Approximately \$49,000.
- Is there enough room at Slater Road for covered storage? Yes, out back.

Nottingham -

• Raise is for all personnel? Yes.

Chief Beecroft –

- Final union negotiations were last week, and they have come to an agreement, and contract will be put to a vote. Wages will increase 6.5% for all employees. He also raised the starting pay for a Firefighter to \$15.00 per hour.
- Chief explained the need for a covered storage area at Slater Road, with hopes that we will keep some vehicles there, as well as a brush truck.

Commissioner Mere made a motion to accept Resolution 2021-003, which adopts the 2021-2022 Tentative budget, as presented, in the amount of \$22,072,311. Commissioner Nottingham seconded. There were no questions. The motion was put to vote, and the vote was 5-0. (3)

Presentation of the Tentative 2021/2022 Impact Fee Budget:

Office Manager Brooks presented the Tentative 2021/2022 Impact Fee Budget.

Commissioner Ballard –

- asked why we only budgeted \$20,000 for Impact Fees? Based on historical analysis, appears to be the trend. Questioned because some of the new developments have said they would pay their Impact Fees up front. Yes, if that happens, great, if not, then doesn't effect anything.
- How do you notify public that we have received Impact Fees? You don't have to, but you let the public know of Expenditures.

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept the Tentative 2021/2022 Impact Fee budget, as presented. Commissioner Gatewood 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 Ballard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gatewood seconded. The motion was put to vote, all were in favor, and the decision was unanimous. 5-0 Meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Supportive Documents:

- 1. Resolution 2021-002
- 2. 2021/2022 Tentative Budget
- 3. Resolution 2021-003
- 4. 2021/2022 Tentative Impact Fee Budget