

Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District
Minutes for Final Budget Hearing
September 30, 2020
Subject to Board Approval

Call to Order: Commissioner Player called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Invocation: Mr. Pritt led everyone in the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Player led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call: Commissioner Player, Valcarcel, Price, Dreikorn and Cammick were present. Chief Mickuleit, Deputy Chief Brant, Assistant Chief Davis, Mr. Pritt, Mrs. Renee Lynch-Wishin, Captain Barr, Firefighter Darna, Captain Russell and Administrative Assistant Miles were present.

Guest: Darlene Soler, Penny Pritt, and Todd Wishin

Setting of Agenda: Commissioner Player reminded everyone that this is a special meeting so there can be no discussion of anything other than what is on the agenda. **Commissioner Cammick moved to approve the agenda, Commissioner Valcarcel seconded. Unanimously approved.**

Power Point Presentation on Final Millage Rate and Final Budget:

Commissioner Player asked the Board and guests if there was anyone that would like to see the presentation again. No one felt the need to see the presentation again.

Public Input on Proposed Final Millage Rate and Final Budget:

Commissioner Player asked for public comment, there was none.

Adopt Final Millage Rate:

Discussion opened with Commissioner Cammick, since the last budget meeting Mr. Cammick has been rethinking the state of the reserves and believes that the remaining amount in unassigned, over the 17% requirement should be moved to reserves and feels that the millage doesn't need to be reduced any further this year since it has already been reduced from 3.75 which come out to about \$250,000, less tax dollars. Commissioner Dreikorn asked a clarifying question about what technically the Board is to vote on tonight. Renee clarified that the Board is just setting a total budget and millage. Commissioner Valcarcel believes, with her research, that we should be able to reduce the millage to 3.5000 and still be in a good position with our reserves and fund balances. She also feels that this decrease would be a huge help to our constituents. Commissioner Price feels that the 3.5000 millage is reasonable, however asks if there has ever been a study performed on our reserves, and if we have any idea what that reserve number should be at. Renee clarified that there has not been a formal study performed, and it all depends on the Board and the district as to what a proper reserves number should be. Commissioner rebutted that the 17% is state statute, however it is not necessarily a good place to be. Commissioner Player inquired of the 17%, and what that is actually for. Renee answered that it is basically 2 months of operating expenses, so that the District can make it from October 1 to when funds from the county start to come in. Commissioner Dreikorn feels that we are too late in the game to be talking about such a dramatic decrease in budget, and feels that we need to be taking a better look at this over the next 10 months so that we go into the budget process with a good idea of where we want to be. Commissioner Valcarcel understands his point and feels the same way, however the additional decrease is only about \$173,000 and the District should be able to handle that. Commissioner Cammick noted that we have already given the tax payers a

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reduction when we reduced it to 3.6000. Commissioner Player voiced that she is concerned that one good Hurricane could wipe out an entire station. Commissioner's Valcarcel and Price stated that insurance would cover that. Commissioner Player noted that there are two that would not want to reduce the millage and two that do, and asked if a compromise of 3.5500 would be considered. All agreed that they would be willing to compromise.

RESOLUTION 2020-093020 (1) A RESOLUTION OF THE MATLACHA/PINE ISLAND FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR SAID DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The resolution was offered by Commissioner Valcarcel including a 3.550 millage, which is a 1.62% decrease from the roll back rate of 3.6085. Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Dreikorn. A roll call vote was taken:

Player:	yes
Price:	yes
Cammick:	yes
Dreikorn:	yes
Valcarcel:	yes

Resolution passed unanimously at 5:38pm.

Adopt Final Budget:

RESOLUTION 2020-093020 (2) A RESOLUTION OF THE MATLACHA/PINE ISLAND FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The resolution was offered by Commissioner Cammick including a final budget amount of \$10,743,339. Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Price. A roll call vote was taken:

Player:	yes
Price:	yes
Cammick:	yes
Dreikorn:	yes
Valcarcel:	yes

Resolution passed unanimously at 5:40pm.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Cammick moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Board Secretary

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