

**GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON
PROPOSED 2019-2020 TAXES AND BUDGET
SWIM & RACQUET CENTER, 21618 ST. ANDREWS BOULEVARD, BOCA RATON
September 11, 2019**

The MEETING was called to order by CHAIRMAN Susan Vogelgesang, at 6:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Craig F. Ehrnst
Steven M. Engel
Robert K. Rollins, Jr.
Susan Vogelgesang
Erin A. Wright

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

PRESENTATION:

Proposed Millage Rate and Proposed 2019-2020 Budget

Ms. Briann Harms, Interim Executive Director, presented the District's proposed budget for the year ending September 30, 2020. The proposed operating expenditures are **12.3% less than** last year's total operating expenditures. The proposed millage rate is **1.1956 mills**. Ms. Harms reviewed the line-items in the proposed budget. The total appropriated expenditures and reserves for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 are **\$47,376,300**.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

Mr. Richard Lehmann questioned the proposed increase of 36.7% over current year's budget.

Mr. Andy Thomson, City Council Member, believes that a better way to build the golf course would be for the City to build the west side and the District to build the east side of the golf course. In exchange, the City would offer bond financing assistance to help the District complete other capital improvements.

Mr. Harold Chaffee stated that the District was formulated to build park and recreation areas and the citizens pay taxes to enjoy these amenities even if they don't utilize every facility.

Mr. Robert DuKate opposes the 36% tax increase and fully supports a golf related venue on the east side. He believes that the partnership offer from the City is a commonsense solution to much of the problems.

Mr. Anthony Ciliberti supports the millage rate increase and believes that the people of Boca want a better-quality product.

Donna Kasmer is concerned that G.L Homes will not close on the sale of Boca Municipal and supports the District building the golf course on its own.

Mrs. Sue Daddino supports the tax increase and stated that the District facilities are amazing. She believes that the taxpayer money from the sale of Boca Municipal should go back to into building the new golf course.

Mr. Al Zucaro supports the tentative millage rate increase as proposed and supports the District building the course on its own.

Mr. Rick Heard supports the increase in millage rate and congratulated the Board for the courage to move forward with the golf course.

Ms. Laura Vandebosch questioned: the last time the millage rate was raised; the costs of upcoming projects and how many years it would take to pay for the projects.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-02 TO ADOPT TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR 2019-2020:

Mr. Jacob Horowitz, General Legal Counsel, read Resolution No. 2019-02 into the record. The Fiscal Year 2019-2020 tentative operating millage rate is 1.1956 mills which is greater than the rolled-back rate of 0.8808 mills by 35.74%.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Engel to adopt Resolution No. 2019-02 for a tentative operating millage rate of 1.1956 mills which is greater than the rolled back rate of 0.8808 mills by 35.74%.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ehrnst	No
Commissioner Engel	No
Commissioner Rollins	Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang	Yes
Commissioner Wright	No

MOTION FAILS

(2 votes in favor and 3 votes against)

MOTION was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Engel to adopt a tentative operating millage rate of 1.0519 mills for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year which is greater than the rolled-back rate of 0.8808 mills by 19.43%.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ehrnst	Yes
Commissioner Engel	Yes
Commissioner Rollins	Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang	Yes
Commissioner Wright	Yes

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

(Time Adopted: 6:48p.m.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-03 TO ADOPT TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 2019-2020:

Mr. Horowitz read Resolution No. 2019-03 into the record. The Greater Boca Raton Beach & Park District set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 in the amount of \$43,350,300.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Ehrnst to adopt Resolution No. 2019-03 for a tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 in the amount of \$43,350,300.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ehrnst Yes
Commissioner Engel Yes
Commissioner Rollins Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang Yes
Commissioner Wright Yes

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

(Time Adopted: 6.49 p.m.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-04 ESTABLISHING A DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR A FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON TAXES AND BUDGET:

Mr. Horowitz read Resolution No. 2019-04 establishing a date for a Final Public Hearing on the Taxes and Budget into the record.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to adopt Resolution No. 2019-04 establishing the Final Public Hearing date of September 25, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Swim & Racquet Center Board Room.

Roll Call Vote:

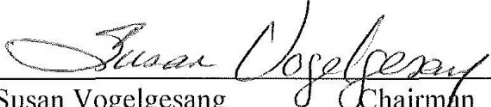
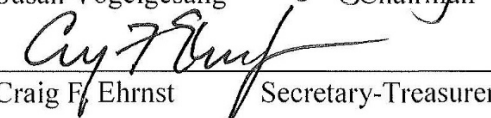
Commissioner Ehrnst Yes
Commissioner Engel Yes
Commissioner Rollins Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang Yes
Commissioner Wright Yes

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

ADIOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED


Susan Vogelgesang Chairman

Craig F. Ehrnst Secretary-Treasurer

Executed Attachments

Resolution No. 2019-02
Resolution No. 2019-03
Resolution No. 2019-04

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