

**GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT**  
MINUTES OF THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2019-2020  
TAXES AND BUDGET  
SWIM & RACQUET CENTER, 21618 ST. ANDREWS BOULEVARD, BOCA RATON  
September 25, 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

**PRESENTATION:**

Ms. Briann Harms, Executive Director, presented the District's proposed budget for the year ending September 30, 2020. The proposed operating expenditures are **11.6 % less than** last year's total operating expenditures. The proposed millage rate is **1.0519 mills** which is **greater than** the rolled-back rate of 0.8808 mills by **19.43%**. Ms. Harms reviewed the line-items in the proposed budget. The total appropriated expenditures and reserves for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 are **\$43,350,300**.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:**

Mr. Rick Heard, Mr. Tom Thayer, Mr. Al Travasos, Mrs. Sue Daddino, Mr. Joe Pedalino, Mr. Harold Chaffee and Mr. Al Zucaro support the proposed tax increase.

Mr. Larry Snowden, Mr. Glenn Gromann, Mr. Gregory Henry, Mr. Charles Fix, Mr. Bruce Diller Verstandig, Mr. Robert Eisen, Mr. Alan Feinberg, Ms. Nancy Hageman, Ms. Phyllis Robinson, Councilman Jeremy Rodgers, Mr. Robert DuKate, Mr. Jim Tingler, Mr. Bob Ziegler, Councilwoman Monica Mayotte, Mr. Michael Kohner, Mr. Constantine Gioulakis, Councilwoman Andrea Levine O'Rourke, Mr. Andy Schultz, Mr. Jim Sumislaski, Mayor Scott Singer opposed the proposed tax increase.

Mr. Gabriel Banfi inquired if the Board can sell the Ocean Strand property.

Ms. Diana Kuka suggested that the City and the District work together to analyze the project, she does not mind paying taxes when it is needed.

*Discussion*

Commissioner Engel stated that the proposed tax increase was intended for funding of various capital improvement projects in addition to the golf course. He was interested in one of the financial packages that the City offered to the District (not in writing) regarding the golf course, however, it lacked pertinent information.

Commissioner Wright announced that she had a very productive meeting with Councilman Thomson, Ms. Harms, Mr. Braithwaite and Mr. Heard in efforts to reduce the cost of the course. Mr. Branthwaite will discuss the details of the meeting with the Price/Fazio team and report back to the Board. Commissioner Wright believes that a small millage rate increase is necessary to pay for other capital improvement projects.

Commissioner Ehrnst suggested that District staff meet with City staff to discuss the following options to prevent a millage rate increase:

Option 1: City

The City takes over the entire golf project and agrees to reimburse all District costs, including forgiveness of all District debt. The City selects the design and assumes all cost and control.

Option 2: District

Present the City with the District’s design plans for \$19.9 million with a phased implementation approach over 2-6 years. The District proceeds with the east side project layout at the Districts expense, starting with the west course irrigation access and building the maintenance facility. Market the hotel site for sale. The District will seek to reduce the cost of the west course with the Price/Fazio design. Pending construction updates and hotel site, the west course will be constructed in the next phase pending City oversight and approval given during ongoing meetings. The City will facilitate financing with the City’s credit, or the City and the District proceed with the existing ILA and the District seeks outside financing.

Option 3: District Revenue Bond

The District will seek voter approval to issue revenue bonds for upcoming projects and allow residents to decide. The District will propose funding for Gumbo Limbo plans, as approved by the Friends (\$22-\$25 million), Countess de Hoernle Phase 2 (\$9-\$10 million) west golf course construction (\$8-\$10 million), Spanish River Maintenance Facility (\$5-\$6 million), other (\$1-\$4 million) District projects = \$45 -\$55 million. This option requires the City to provide immediate relief from all current and future CRA payments (\$1.6million), removal of inlet dredging contributions (\$7 million) and a change from cost sharing to fix contributions to Beach Renourishment (amended Beach Renourishment Agreement) and ultimately both parties will work towards a mutually acceptable Master Interlocal Agreement that is fair and balanced to future generations.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Engel to recess the Final Public hearing until October 1, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park Community Center and direct District staff and City staff meet to discuss the three options, work out details and report back to the Board prior to setting a millage rate.

Discussion ensued.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

The meeting was recessed at 8:29 p.m.

**GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT  
CONTINUATION OF THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2019-  
2020  
TAXES AND BUDGET  
SUGAR SAND PARK COMMUNITY CENTER  
300 S. MILITRY TRAIL, BOCA RATON  
October 1, 2019**

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

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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Steven M. Engel  
Robert K. Rollins, Jr.  
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Chairman Vogelgesang stated that due to the restrictions of the Sunshine Law, the suggestions that were brought forth on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 were not resolved. The City Council will meet, as will the District Board to try to come up with a solution in an open and advertised forum. Chairman Vogelgesang expressed that all public comments made during the September 25, 2019 public hearing are incorporated into the record.

Ms. Harms, Executive Director, identified the following areas that need funding: Gumbo Limbo; Ocean Strand; tennis facilities; tennis courts; the Patch Reef Park Community Center and a second field house.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:**

Mr. Charlie Helton, Mr. Larry Snowden, Ms. Nancy-Jo Feinberg, Mr. Alan Feinberg, Mr. Glenn Gromann, Mr. Adam Beighby, Councilman Jeremy Rodgers, Mr. Jim Tingler, Mr. Bruce Diller Verstandig, Mr. Sayd Hussain, Mr. Jay Shapp, Mr. Roy Jones, Mr. Mark Jacobson, Mr. David Ritter, Mr. Arthur Bernstein, Ms. Julie Vianale, Mr. John Sim, Mr. Brian Stenberg, Mr. Jim Bonnie, Mr. Andrew Dixon, Mr. Ryan Ryder, Ms. Patricia Simmon, Mr. Gregory Henry, Mr. Brian Schmier, Mr. Bob Ziegler, Councilman Andy Thomson did not support an increase in the millage rate.

Mr. Tom Lambert and Mr. Charles Possenriede believe that the City should contribute funds from the sale of Boca Municipal to build the golf course at Boca Teeca.

Mr. Greg Galanis, Mr. Angelo Sands, Mr. Gabriel Banfi, Mr. Rick Heard and Mr. Harold Chaffee, Ms. Donna Kasmer and Ms. Dayna Strickland support an increase in the millage rate.

Mr. Cil Ciliberti supports a golf course that will be done correctly. Ms. Suzanne Zeigler inquired about City parks.

*Discussion:*

Commissioner Rollins supports a millage increase based on the District's upcoming projects.

Commissioner Ehrnst recommended keeping the millage rate the same and that the District work together with the City to come to a solution.

Commissioner Engel supports keeping the current millage rate and expressed that it may need to be increased in the future to cover capital improvement costs that the District is responsible for.

Commissioner Wright does not want to raise taxes if it is not needed and supports the current millage rate.

Commissioner Vogelgesang stated that the District has not received a formal written agreement from the City regarding the golf course and a Joint Meeting will be necessary to work out the details.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-05 TO ADOPT FINAL MILLAGE RATE FOR 2019-2020:**

Mr. Jacob Horowitz, General Counsel, read Resolution No. 2019-05 into the record. The Fiscal Year 2019-2020 final operating millage rate of 1.0519 mills which is greater than the rolled-back rate of 0.8808 mills by 19.43%.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Engel to **amend** the final operating millage rate of 1.1956 to the current rate of 0.9147 mills which greater than the rolled back rate of 0.8808 mills by 3.85%.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**MOTION PASSES**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Wright to adopt the final millage rate of 0.9147 mills for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 as read, as amended.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**MOTION PASSES 4-1**

(Time Adopted: 7:59 p.m.)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-06 TO ADOPT FINAL BUDGET FOR 2019-2020:**

Mr. Jacob Horowitz, General Counsel, read Resolution No. 2019-06 adopting the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

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**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Engel to adopt Resolution 2019-06.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

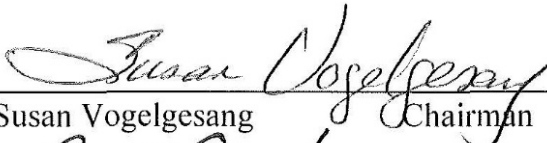
**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

(Time Adopted: 8:01 p.m.)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Ehrnst to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

  
Susan Vogelgesang Chairman

  
Craig F. Ehrnst Secretary-Treasurer

**Executed Attachments:**

Resolution No. 2019-05

Resolution No. 2019-06