

**GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF THE FIRST PUBLIC TRIM COMPLIANCE HEARING**  
**ON PROPOSED 2022-2023 TAXES AND BUDGET**  
September 6, 2022

The MEETING took place at the Swim & Racquet Center. The meeting was called to order by CHAIRMAN Erin Wright, at 6:00 p.m.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

**CHANGES TO AGENDA:**

**PRESENTATION:**

Ms. Harms, Executive Director, presented the District's proposed budget for the year ending September 30, 2023. The proposed operating budget expenditures for the Greater Boca Raton Beach & Park District are 27.9 % more than last year's total operating expenditures.

Ms. Harms reviewed each line item in the proposed budget. The total appropriated expenditures and reserves for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 are \$67,707,700.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:**

No public comments or questions were made in person or via zoom regarding the proposed budget presented by the Executive Director.

**Discussion**

*Commissioner Engel* stated that he would not support the proposed millage rate of 1.08. He believes that there is enough funding to take care of any unforeseen circumstances with the current millage rate of 1.05.

*Commissioner Ehrnst* supported the proposed 1.08 millage rate for the following reasons: the District operates in tandem with the City for salaries and capital projects which are not in the District's control; he would like to invest in security features and shade structures for the parks and believes funding will be needed for the development of Ocean Strand.

*Commissioner Rollins* agreed with the reasons Commissioner Ehrnst stated. He added that the Tower project at Gumbo Limbo and other CIP projects will need to be done and that increases in labor costs are not going down. He supported the millage rate of 1.08.

*Commissioner Vogelgesang* supported the millage rate of 1.08. She said that with the economic issues, the parks will be used more, and they need to be kept safe. She noted that there may be increases to some of the costs that the District will incur that have not been anticipated.

*Commissioner Wright* noted how important the availability of quality parks and recreation is to the community and the possible increases in the cost of projects. She supported the proposed 1.08 millage rate.

*Commissioner Engel* clarified that he does not favor saving money to have dilapidated parks or not being able to meet budget overruns. He noted that there will be \$4 million in capital reserves. He strongly believes that the quality of the parks needs to be maintained.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-02 TO ADOPT A TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023:**

Mr. Samuel Goren, District Counsel, read Resolution No. 2022-02 into the record. The Fiscal Year 2022-2023 tentative operating millage rate is 1.08 mills which is greater than the rolled-back rate of 0.9391 mills by 15%.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to adopt Resolution No. 2022-02 adopting a tentative operating millage rate of 1.08 mills for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 which is greater than the rolled-back rate of 0.9391 mills by 15%.

Discussion:

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**MOTION PASSES 4-1**

**(Time Adopted: 6:23 p.m.)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-03 TO ADOPT A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023**

Mr. Samuel Goren, District Counsel, read Resolution No. 2022-03 into the record. The Greater Boca Raton Beach & Park District set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$67,707,700.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Ehrnst to adopt Resolution No. 2022-03 adopting a Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$67,707,700.

Discussion:

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**MOTION PASSES 4-1**

**(Time Adopted: 6:25 p.m.)**

Mr. Goren noted that the public, those physically present at the meeting, and those attending the meeting via Zoom were granted an opportunity to speak on both resolutions.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-04 ESTABLISHING A DATE, TIME, AND PLACE FOR A FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON TAXES AND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023:**

Mr. Samuel Goren, District Counsel, read Resolution No. 2022-04 into the record establishing a date, time, and place for a Final Public Hearing on Taxes and Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Engel to adopt Resolution No. 2022-04 establishing the Final Public Hearing date of September 19, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Swim & Racquet Center.

Discussion:

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**


**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

  
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Erin Wright                      Chairman

  
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Craig F. Ehrnst                  Secretary-Treasurer