

Minutes of the Public Hearings

Adoption of the Final Levy of Ad Valorem Taxes for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 - Resolution 2024-09.

Adoption of the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025– Resolution 2024-10.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners

Cedar Hammock Fire Control District

September 19, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Getman at 6:00 p.m. The following commissioners were present: Richard G. Findlay, Ronald D. Getman, Marnie E. Matarese, Samuel A. Reasoner, and John H. Stevens.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

QUORUM

Chairman Getman confirmed a physically present quorum for the meeting. The meeting was properly advertised.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Getman asked if there was any discussion of the minutes. There was no discussion.

ACTION: Commissioner Reasoner moved to accept the Minutes of August 15, 2024.

Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

SPECIAL BUSINESS

There was no special business.

RECESS REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Getman recessed the regular meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING / - THE ADOPTION OF THE FINAL LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 – RESOLUTION 2024-09.

Chairman Getman called the Public Hearing to order and requested verification of the Public Notice of

the public hearing. Deputy Chief Center confirmed the advertisement of proper notification to the public.

Chief Bradshaw presented Resolution 2024-09, a resolution of the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District of Manatee County, Florida, adopting the final levy of ad valorem taxes for fiscal year 2024-2025, providing for an effective date.

The Cedar Hammock Fire Control District (“District”) is a special purpose fire district authorized to levy annually an ad valorem tax against the taxable real estate within the District in an amount not to exceed 3.75 mills; and the District shall levy and collect ad valorem taxes in accordance with applicable general law; and the Board of Fire Commissioners of the District held a properly advertised public hearing on September 15, 2024, for purposes of fixing the rate of the District’s ad valorem tax; and the gross taxable value for operating purposes has been certified by the Manatee County Property Appraiser to the Board of Fire Commissioners of the District as \$ 5,230,863,039.

The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated fully herein by reference.

The Fiscal Year 2024-2025 tentative operating millage rate for the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District is 1.3 mills, which is more than the rolled-back rate of 1.1974 mills by 8.57%.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Chairman Getman opened the Public Hearing for the tentative levy of ad valorem taxes for fiscal year 2024-2025 for public comments.

There were no public comments.

Chairman Getman closed the Public Hearing for the tentative levy of ad valorem taxes for fiscal year 2024-2025 for public comments.

ACTION: Commissioner Stevens moved to adopt Resolution 2024-09 for the final levy of ad valorem taxes for fiscal year 2024-2025 as presented. Vice Chairman Findlay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Chairman Getman adjourned the Public Hearing for the final levy of ad valorem taxes for fiscal year 2024-2025.

PUBLIC HEARING / - THE ADOPTION OF THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025– RESOLUTION 2024-10.

Chairman Getman called the Public Hearing to order and requested verification of the Public Notice of the public hearing. Deputy Chief Center confirmed the advertisement of proper notification to the public.

Chief Bradshaw presented Resolution 2024-10, a resolution of the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District of Manatee County, Florida, adopting the final budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025, providing for an effective date.

The Cedar Hammock Fire Control District (“District”) is a special purpose fire district, and the Board held a properly advertised public hearing on September 5, 2024, for purposes of adopting a Tentative Budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025; and the Board set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate

for the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in the amount of \$17,528,262, and through the adoption of this Tentative Budget, the Board has committed funds in the amount of \$6,641,616 to the following: Accrued Leave/Sick/Vacation/Salaries; Major Vehicle Repairs; Station Renovations; Vehicular Replacement; Fire Engine Replacement; and Rescue Equipment.

1. Therefore, be it resolved the above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated fully herein by reference.
2. The Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Final Budget, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 1, is hereby adopted.

Chairman Getman opened the Public Hearing for the final budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 for public comments.

There were no public comments.

Chairman Getman closed the Public Hearing for the final budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 for public comments.

ACTION: Vice Chairman Findlay moved to adopt Resolution 2024-10 for the final budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 as presented. Commissioner Matarese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Chairman Getman adjourned the Public Hearing for the tentative budget for fiscal year 2024-2025.

Chairman Getman resumed the regular meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

OLD BUSINESS

Pending Litigation

Chief Bradshaw informed the Board the litigation is scheduled for November 13, 2024 at Cedar Hammock Fire Rescue Station 1.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Bradshaw presented the meeting dates for 2024 – 2025 for Board approval. Commissioner Reasoner made the motion to approve the dates as presented. Chairman Getman seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Bradshaw informed the Board that the date for this years Open House will be held November 16, 2024.

Chief Bradshaw informed the Board that the date for this year's annual employee appreciation dinner will be held on November 23, 2024 at he Bradenton Marriot Riverside. General discussion ensued.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Bradshaw presented the Chief's report to the Board. No discussion.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

No commissioner comments.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is October 17, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Chairman Getman moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 pm. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

PENDING APPROVAL