

**Minutes of the Public Hearings
Adoption of 2022-2023 Proposed Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Rates –
Resolution 2022-01
Adoption of 2022-2023 Proposed Budget
And
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Board of Fire Commissioners
Cedar Hammock Fire Control District
May 19, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Getman at 6:00 p.m. The following commissioners were physically present: Richard G. Findlay, Ronald D. Getman, and Marnie E. Matarese. Samuel A. Reasoner participated via teleconference with full voting rights as he was unable to be present physically due to a medical issue. John H. Stevens was absent with good reason.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Pavkovich gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 or the Treasurer's report. There was no discussion.

ACTION: Commissioner Findlay moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Chairman Getman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Chief Hoyle presented four new personnel as probationary firefighters: Jesse Herrera, Micah Ingram, Brittany Rash, and Zaccheus Siscak. They introduced family members who ceremoniously pinned their badges. Administration Support Manager McCaughan gave the Oath of Office.

Chairman Getman recessed the meeting from 6:09 pm. to 6:15 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING / 2022-2023 PROPOSED NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT RATES – RESOLUTION 2022-01

Chairman Getman called the Public Hearing to order and requested verification of the Public Notice of the public hearing. A copy of the advertisement and affidavit will be included in the permanent record of the minutes.

Chief Hoyle presented Resolution 2022-01, Proposed Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Rates, “A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District to Impose Non-Ad Valorem Assessments for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 on Previously Non-Assessed Properties Within the District; Establishing a Public Hearing Date for Adoption of the Imposition of the District’s Non-Ad Valorem Assessments to Previously Unassessed Properties Within the District; Authorizing Review of the Fire and Rescue Assessment Roll; Designating an Individual to Review and Transmit Fire Assessment Roll to the Manatee County Property Appraiser; and Establishing an Effective Date.”

“...Whereas, the District is located in the southwest section of Manatee County, Florida, spanning 26 square miles with previously unassessed properties as depicted on the District map, which is attached hereto as “Exhibit 1” and incorporated herein by reference; and

Whereas, the District desires to include previously unassessed properties located within its jurisdiction that are non-profit or Florida not-for-profit properties that receive services from the District in accordance with the previously established schedule of assessments and the proposed budget, which is attached hereto as “Exhibit 2” and incorporated herein by reference; and

...Whereas, the District previously adopted Resolution 2014-04 and determined the average annual growth rate in Florida personal income over the previous five years should be determined by using growth rate data provided by the United States Department of Commerce’s Bureau of Economic analysis (“BEA”); and

Whereas, at the May 19, 2021, public hearing, District Staff presented evidence and testimony to the Board of Fire Commissioners that the BEA data indicated the average annual growth rate in Florida personal income over the previous five (5) years is 6.78%, and

...Section 2: Assessment Rate Schedule: The 2022-2023 Non-Ad Valorem Fire Assessment Rate Schedule and Reallocation Proposal attached as ‘Exhibit 3’ to this Resolution is hereby approved and adopted fully by reference, subject to the public hearing scheduled for July 21, 2022, at 6:00P.M. at the District’s Station #1, 5200 26th Street West, Bradenton, FL 34207.”

The map specifying the previously unassessed properties in contained in Exhibit 1, the non-ad valorem summary is contained in Exhibit 2, and the assessment rate schedule is contained in Exhibit 3 of Resolution 2022-01.

Chairman Getman opened the Public Hearing for the 2022-2023 Proposed Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Rates for comments.

There were no public comments.

Chairman Getman closed the public hearing for comments.

ACTION: Commissioner Matarese moved to adopt Resolution 2022-01 Proposed Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Rates as presented. Chairman Getman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

PUBLIC HEARING / 2022-2023 PROPOSED BUDGET

Chairman Getman called the Public Hearing to order and requested verification of the Public Notice of the public hearing. A copy of the advertisement and affidavit will be included in the permanent record of the minutes.

Chief Hoyle presented the 2022-2023 Proposed Budget, which reflects the 6.78% applied Florida personal income growth over the previous five years as determined by the BEA in the non-ad valorem assessments. The amount of proposed income is \$13,663,418. The amount of proposed expenditures is \$13,661,791.

Chairman Getman opened the Public Hearing for the 2022-2023 Proposed Budget for comments.

There were no public comments.

Chairman Getman closed the public hearing for comments.

ACTION: Commissioner Reasoner moved to adopt the 2022-2023 Proposed Budget as presented. Commissioner Findlay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Chairman Getman adjourned the public hearings for the 2022-2023 Proposed Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Rates and the 2022-2023 Proposed Budget.

Chairman Getman resumed the regular meeting at 6:20 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were two public comments. Firefighter and DVP Paul Reda commented on the Fire Chief selection. Local Union 2546 President, Philip Vets commented on the positive relationship between the Union and the District.

OLD BUSINESS

Camera System

Deputy Chief Bradshaw informed that our current camera system is on the government's black list and he was directed to collect 3 quotes from vendors to purchase and install new equipment. He reviewed the quotes as contained in the exhibit. Replacing the equipment would require a budget adjustment.

ACTION: Commissioner Matarese moved to select Electronic Protection Systems, Inc. to replace our existing system with NDAA compliant cameras for the price of \$33,938.57. Chairman Getman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Fire Chief Search

Chairman Getman informed that the Board had agreed to accept resumes to review for the position of Fire Chief; and at this meeting decide to hire within the District or search outside the District. Discussion ensued.

ACTION: Commissioner Findlay moved to hire within the District for the position of Fire Chief. Commissioner Matarese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Chairman Getman asked if the Board wanted to delay the promotion process to have reasonable time for one-on-one interviews or decide based on the resumes received. Commissioners Matarese and Findlay were comfortable with making a decision based on the resumes presented.

ACTION: Commissioner Findlay moved to offer Kyle Bradshaw the position of Fire Chief. Commissioner Matarese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Chief Hoyle suggested appointing a liaison to assist Deputy Chief Bradshaw with the process of obtaining an employment contract.

Commissioner Reasoner was appointed liaison.

NEW BUSINESS

Engine Disposition

Deputy Chief Falcone informed the Board of the need to surplus one of our oldest engines – the 2010 Pierce Velocity (E-17) according to State Statutes 274.05 and 274.06. This comes after the response changes to station one apparatus. E-17 is considered obsolete and serves no useful function to the District. The Board discussed the feasibility of donating the engine or selling. Discussion ensued.

ACTION: Commissioner Findlay moved to put the engine up for sale to seek the highest offer. Chairman Getman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Hoyle reviewed the reports. He was directed to provide 2 separate dates for pictures so that he could coordinate with Board members. We are still planning on having the grand opening in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week in October at our annual Open House.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Reasoner thanked Chairman Getman for his leadership and is happy with decision on new chief. Commissioner Findlay expressed his pleasure of being able to come together in making decision on new chief. Congratulations to Deputy Chief Bradshaw. They thanked Fire Marshal Center for his submission. The Board confirmed the cancelation of the June meeting.

ACTION: Commissioner Matarese moved to cancel the advertised June 2022, meetings. Commissioner Findlay seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0).

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Board is July 21, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Commissioner Findlay moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. Chairman Getman seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0).

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED 07/21/2022

Chairman Ronald D. Getman