

MINUTES OF MEETING

Board of Supervisors

Reedy Creek Improvement District

September 11, 2019

5:09 p.m.

President Hames called the regular meeting of the Reedy Creek Improvement District Board of Supervisors to order at 5:09 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at the Administrative Offices of the District, 1900 Hotel Plaza Boulevard, Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

Those present were President Larry Hames, Max Brito, Don Greer and Wayne Schoolfield, constituting a quorum of the Board of Supervisors. Others in attendance included; John Classe, District Administrator; Ann Blakeslee, Deputy District Administrator; Wanda Siskron, District Clerk, and Erin O'Donnell, Administration; Dana Keller, Contract & Risk Management; Chris Quinn, Susan Higginbotham, and Heidi Powell, Finance; Ron Zupa and Yenni Hernandez, Technology Services; Kate Kolbo, Planning & Engineering; Jerry Wooldridge, Bldg. & Safety; Deputy Chief Joel Edwards, RCFD; Chris Ferraro and Mark Swanson, RCES; Steven Miller, WDP&R; and Ed Milgrim and Ilana Perras, The Law Office of Edward G. Milgrim.

President Hames asked the attendees to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

SAFETY MINUTE

Ms. Dana Keller presented the safety instructions for the Administration Building. Ms. Keller identified the locations of the emergency exits and the location of the two AEDs in case of an emergency. Ms. Keller advised that in the event of a fire, there are two exits on the first floor and emergency personnel wearing safety vests will escort everyone to the nearest exit. Ms. Keller advised that a first-aid kit is located at the Security Guard's desk right outside the Boardroom. Ms. Keller advised that there is no safety topic of the month, but because it is hurricane season, she reported on being financially prepared during a hurricane. Ms. Keller advised everyone to take the time during the off-season to be sure that you have your insurance policies are up-to-date and in your possession and what your coverages are in case of a catastrophic event. Also, be sure to have cash on hand in the event that there are power outages for an extended period of time during any weather-related event.

The District Clerk recorded proof of publication of the meeting notice. **(EXHIBIT C)**

PUBLIC HEARING

President Hames then called a Public Hearing to order at 5:12 p.m. for the review and approval of the tentative millage rate and tentative budget for the Reedy Creek Improvement District (RCID) for Fiscal Year 2020. FY2020 preliminary assessed values are \$12.6B, up 6.7% over FY2019. FY2020 budgeted revenues are projected to increase by \$8.9M for a total of \$159M. Ms. Higginbotham reported that the budget reflects a .88% overall millage rate decrease to 12.2908 mills. Ms. Higginbotham reported that the proposed General Operating millage rate will increase from 6.919 mills to 7.3231 mills and that Debt Service millage will decrease from 5.4806 mills to 4.9677 mills. Ms. Higginbotham advised that the proposed expenditures include; Labor which includes four new positions and annual merit and contractual increases of 4% to 4.7%.; Other Expense includes roadway planned work total budget of \$7.1M, and building planned work budget of \$2.5M; Capital Outlay includes Information Technology projects rollover of \$1.2M; Public Radio and Communication System upgrades \$1.3M; Rescue equipment \$1.4M; Replacement of Engine 21 and a heavy rescue squad truck as well as two remounts of ambulances; and the Debt Service of \$61.5M is unchanged for prior year. Ms. Higginbotham advised that we are asking the BOS to approve a tentative millage rate and tentative budget and the final approval will take place at the September 25th Public Hearing. President Hames asked if there were any public comments on the request for approval of the tentative millage rate and there were none. Upon motion by Mr. Brito and duly seconded, the Board unanimously approved this request. President Hames asked if there were any public comments on the request for approval of the tentative budget for RCID for FY2020 and there were none. Upon motion by Mr. Brito and duly seconded, the Board approved this request. President Hames then closed the Public Hearing at 5:20 p.m. **(EXHIBIT A)**

Mr. Mark Swanson addressed the Utility budget for 2020 and advised that there have been no changes since the August 28th Budget Workshop. Mr. Swanson advised that FY20's utility costs are \$2.6M or -1.4% lower than the FY19 plan costs due to lower natural gas prices, the hedging plan that is in place and the solar power, in addition, debt service is decreasing due to debt being paid off. FY20 electric rates are reducing by 2.6% compared to FY19 budgeted rates; natural gas rates are increasing 4.5% compared to FY19 budgeted rates; water and sewer combined rates are reducing by 5.0% compared to FY19 rates and solid waste rates are increasing by 0,1% compared to FY19 rates. Mr. Swanson advised that at the September 25th BOS meeting, a presentation will be submitted with a proposal for a rate the rate changes noted above. Mr. Swanson advised that no Board action is required at today's meeting. **(EXHIBIT B)**

8. OTHER BUSINESS

President Hames asked if there was any further business to discuss.

Mr. Classe advised that the next BOS meeting will take place on September 25th at 4:30 p.m. and asked that all BOS members be present.

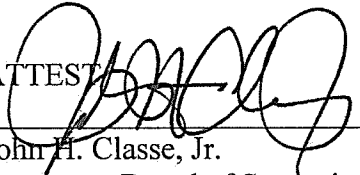
Mr. Classe did not have a Final Thought for this BOS meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.



Laurence C. Hames
President, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST



John H. Classe, Jr.
Secretary, Board of Supervisors