

MINUTES OF MEETING

Board of Supervisors

Reedy Creek Improvement District

September 9, 2020

5:10 p.m.

President Hames called the regular meeting of the Reedy Creek Improvement District Board of Supervisors to order at 5:10 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at the Administrative Offices of the District, 1900 Hotel Plaza Boulevard, Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

Those present via teleconference were President Larry Hames, Max Brito, Jane Adams and Wayne Schoolfield. Vice-President Don Greer attended in-person, constituting a quorum of the Board of Supervisors. Others in attendance included; John Classe, District Administrator and Wanda Siskron, District Clerk, Administration; Chris Quinn, Susan Higginbotham, and Eddie Fernandez,, Finance; Ron Zupa and Yenni Hernandez, Technology Services; Kerry Satterwhite, Property Management; and Mark Swanson, RCES. Those participating via teleconference were: Ann Blakeslee, Deputy District Administrator; Eryka Washington and Erin O'Donnell, Administration; Bruce Jones, Contract and Construction Management; Jason Middleton, Human Resources; Kate Kolbo, Planning and Engineering; Chris Ferraro, RCES; 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

Mr. Eddie Fernandez thanked the District Administration for doing so much to protect everyone from COVID and advised that this is reflected in the number of cases. Mr. Fernandez advised that one of RCID's leaders always offers a Wednesday Wisdom. Mr. Fernandez shared that today's Wisdom message is, "Ships don't sink because of the water around them. They sink because of the water that gets in them. Don't let what's happening around you get inside you and weigh you down." Mr. Fernandez advised that this message is especially appropriate today due to the suicide rate. Mr. Fernandez advised that suicide was the tenth leading cause of death in the United States in 2018, which was 2-1/2 times the number of homicides in the same year. Mr. Fernandez encouraged everyone to reach out when you see any potential signs and do your research so that you can offer help, when needed.

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 5:13 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 2021. Ms. Higginbotham advised that FY2020 actual revenues decreased \$4.3M, due to a decrease in permits and fees related to construction stoppage related to COVID-19 and no income received from tolls due to the Osceola Parkway buy-out in January 2020. Ms. Higginbotham advised that FY2020 preliminary assessed values are \$13.8B, up 9.9% over FY2019. FY2021 budgeted revenues are projected to decrease by \$6.7M, to a total of \$152.9M. Ms. Higginbotham advised that the Roll Back Rate is calculated at 6.8467 and results in no tax increases. Ms. Higginbotham reported that the proposed General Operating millage rate will decrease from 7.3231 mills to 6.8467 and that Debt Service millage will decrease from 4.9677 mills to 4.2962 mills. Ms. Higginbotham advised that the proposed expenditures include; Labor which includes a net decrease of 24 positions. Ms. Higginbotham advised that these were unfilled positions due to a hiring freeze. Ms. Higginbotham advised that annual merit and contractual increases are included at a rate of 4% to 4.7%. Other Expense includes roadway planned work total budget of \$9.4M; drainage planned work S-46 deck replacement for \$1M; and building planned work budget of \$1.5M; Capital Outlay includes rollover of Engine 21 and heavy rescue squad \$1M and Information Technology projects; and the Debt Service decreases from \$61.5M to \$58.5M. 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 23rd 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. Greer 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 5:21 p.m. **(EXHIBIT A)**

Mr. Mark Swanson addressed the Utility budget for 2021 and advised that there have been no changes since the August 26th Budget Workshop. Mr. Swanson advised that FY21's utility planned costs are (\$5.2M) or -3% lower than the FY21 planned costs due to a reduction in labor to manage costs and a reduction in quantity of utilities. Mr. Swanson advised that pre-collected funds of \$3M in the previous year were to be used to do work in 2021, but this work has been pushed back until 2022. FY21 electric rates, natural gas rates, water and sewer, and solid waste are unchanged to current rates. Mr. Swanson advised that at the September 23rd BOS meeting, a request for BOS approval for FY21 tentative budget will be requested. Mr. Swanson advised that no Board action is required at today's meeting. **(EXHIBIT B)**

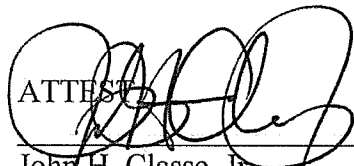
8. OTHER BUSINESS

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


Mr. Classe advised that the next BOS meeting will take place on September 23rd at 4:30 p.m. and asked that all BOS members be present either via teleconference or in-person.

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.

ATTEST


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



Laurence C. Hames
President, Board of Supervisors