

## **Minutes of the Public Hearings**

### **Adoption of the Final Levy of Ad Valorem Taxes for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 – Resolution 2023-09.**

### **Adoption of the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024– Resolution 2023-10.**

### **Second Reading to Adopt the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District Fire Prevention Code as Rules and Regulations - Ordinance 2023-08**

### **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners Cedar Hammock Fire Control District**

**September 21, 2023**

#### **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, and Samuel A. Reasoner. Commissioner John H. Stevens participated telephonically with full voting rights.

#### **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pastor Pavkovich led 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 from September 7, 2023. There was no discussion.

**ACTION: Commissioner Reasoner moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Vice Chairman Findlay 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 at 6:01 pm.

**PUBLIC HEARING / - THE ADOPTION OF THE FINAL LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 – RESOLUTION 2023-06.**

Chairman Getman called the Public Hearing to order and requested verification of the Public Notice of the public hearing. Administration Support Manager McCaughan confirmed a copy of the advertisement and affidavit will be included in the permanent record of the minutes.

Chief Bradshaw presented Resolution 2023-09, a resolution of the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District of Manatee County, Florida, adopting the final levy of ad valorem taxes for fiscal year 2023-2024, providing for an effective date.

The Cedar Hammock Fire Control District is a special purpose fire district and shall levy and collect ad valorem taxes in accordance with applicable general law. The gross taxable value for operating purposes certified by the Manatee County Tax Collector is \$4,714,020,247.

Therefore, be it resolved the above recitals are true and correct; the fiscal year 2023-2024 Final operating millage rate for the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District is 1.3 mills, which is more than the rolled-back rate of 1.1170 mills by 16.38%. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Chairman Getman opened the Public Hearing for the final levy of ad valorem taxes for fiscal year 2023-2024 for public comments.

There were no public comments.

Chairman Getman closed the Public Hearing for the final levy of ad valorem taxes for fiscal year 2023-2024 for public comments.

**ACTION: Vice Chairman Findlay moved to adopt Resolution 2023-09 for the final levy of ad valorem taxes for fiscal year 2023-2024 as presented. Commissioner Matarese 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 2023-2024.

**PUBLIC HEARING / - THE ADOPTION OF THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 – RESOLUTION 2023-07.**

Chairman Getman called the Public Hearing to order and requested verification of the Public Notice of the public hearing. Administration Support Manager McCaughan confirmed a copy of the advertisement and affidavit will be included in the permanent record of the minutes.

Chief Bradshaw presented Resolution 2023-10, a resolution of the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District of Manatee County, Florida, adopting the final budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024, providing for an effective date.

The Cedar Hammock Fire Control District is a special purpose fire district and the Board of Fire Commissioners have set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Final budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$16,290,209. The Board of Fire Commissioners of the District has committed funds in the amount of \$4,785,667 to the following: Accrued Leave/Sick/Vacation/Salaries; major vehicle repairs; station renovations; vehicular replacement; fire engine replacement; and rescue

equipment. The Board of Fire Commissioners of the District has dedicated the use of Impact Fees in the amount of \$61,922 for the anticipated cost of the medical officer response vehicle with necessary equipment, mandatory cardiac monitor, and a marine unit to provide adequate protection along the coastline and islands.

Therefore, be it resolved the above recitals are true and correct, the fiscal year 2023-2024 final budget Exhibit 1, is hereby adopted; the use of Impact Fees Memorandum Exhibit 2, is hereby adopted; and this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Chairman Getman opened the Public Hearing for the final budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 for public comments.

There were no public comments.

Chairman Getman closed the Public Hearing for the final budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 for public comments.

**ACTION: Commissioner Matarese moved to adopt Resolution 2023-10 for the Final budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 as presented. Vice Chairman Findlay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

Chairman Getman adjourned the Public Hearing for the final budget for fiscal year 2023-2024.

**PUBLIC HEARING / - SECOND READING TO ADOPT THE CEDAR HAMMOCK FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT FIRE PREVENTION CODE AS RULES AND REGULATIONS - ORDINANCE 2023-08**

Chairman Getman called the Public Hearing to order and requested verification of the Public Notice of the public hearing. Administration Support Manager McCaughan confirmed a copy of the advertisement and affidavit will be included in the permanent record of the minutes.

Chief Bradshaw presented Ordinance 2023-08, an ordinance of the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District of Manatee County, Florida, adopting the Fire Prevention Code as rules and regulations of said district, repealing all ordinances in conflict, providing for severability, and providing for an effective date.

The District may “adopt and enforce fire safety standards and codes and enforce the rules of the State Fire Marshal consistent with the exercise of the duties authorized by chapter 553 or chapter 633, with respect to fire suppression, prevention, and fire safety code enforcement.”

Chapter 633 Florida Statutes requires the Board of Fire Commissioners of the District to adopt such rules and regulations for the purpose of carrying out the intent and purposes of said act.

It has been determined by the Board of Fire Commissioners that Uniform Rules and Regulations located within the District are necessary for the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the District.

The Board of Fire Commissioners of the District recognizes the Florida Fire Prevention Code as adopted by the State of Florida, and that the National Fire Codes of the National Fire Protection Association Standards, are reasonable rules and regulations and would benefit the residents and businesses located within the District.

The District has prepared a Fire Prevention Code entitled “Cedar Hammock Fire Control District Fire Prevention Code,” attached as Exhibit 1.

Therefore, be it resolved, the above recitals are true and correct; the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District Fire Prevention Code is attached as Exhibit 1, is hereby adopted as rules and regulations for the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District, shall take effect January 1, 2024, and all prior ordinances in conflict with Ordinance 2020-10 are hereby repealed.

Chairman Getman opened the Public Hearing for the second reading to adopt the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District Fire Prevention Code as rules and regulations for public comments.

There were no public comments.

Chairman Getman closed the Public Hearing for the second reading to adopt the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District Fire Prevention Code as rules and regulations for public comments.

**ACTION: Vice Chairman Findlay moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-08 for the second reading of the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District Fire Prevention Code as rules and regulations as presented. Commissioner Reasoner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

Chairman Getman adjourned the Public Hearing for the second reading to adopt the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District Fire Prevention Code as rules and regulations.

Chairman Getman resumed the regular meeting at 6:11 pm.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Letter to FDOT**

Chief Bradshaw presented a letter addressed to District One Secretary Nandam; he worked with Commissioner Reasoner to develop the letter to F-DOT.

**ACTION: Commissioner Stevens moved to approve the letter to F-DOT and to send certified mail. Commissioner Matarese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Union Contract**

Chief Bradshaw presented the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Cedar Hammock Fire Control District and the Suncoast Professional Firefighters and Paramedics, IAFF Local 2546 to take effect October 1, 2023. Deputy Chiefs Falcone and Center were instrumental along with DVP Reda in the negotiations. President Phil Vets spoke on behalf of Local 2546. All agreed the negotiations went very smoothly and professionally.

**ACTION: Commissioner Matarese moved to adopt the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Cedar Hammock Fire Control District and the Suncoast Professional Firefighters and**

**Paramedics, IAFF Local 2546. Commissioner Reasoner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

Commissioner Matarese called Chief Bradshaw to fill in for a cancelled speaker for her organization. She raved about his professionalism and how he promoted Cedar Hammock Fire. Congratulations were extended to all participants in the negotiation process.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ACTION: Vice Chairman Findlay moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 pm. Commissioner Matarese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

Respectfully Submitted,

**PENDING APPROVAL**

Chairman Ronald D. Getman