

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF PALM BEACH COUNTY
TRIM PUBLIC HEARING**

Thursday, September 8, 2016
2300 High Ridge Road, Boynton Beach, FL

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chair Langowski called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Present:

Robert M. Avossa, Ed.D.
Thomas Bean
Vince Goodman
Greg Langowski
Thomas E. Lynch
Debra Robinson, M.D.
Shelley Vana
Thomas P. Weber

Excused: Kathleen Kroll, Dennis Miles.

2. Agenda

- A. Additions, Deletions, Substitutions – N/A
- B. Adoption

A motion by Avossa/Robinson to adopt the agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

3. 2016-17 Tentative Budget

- A. Percent increase above roll-back rate 9.50%

Tom Sheehan, General Counsel, stated that by statute, the first item was to announce the percentage increase above the roll-back rate which was 9.50%. He introduced Jennifer Diehl, D.B.A., Chief Financial Officer.

- B. Presentation of Budget

Jennifer Diehl, D.B.A. stated that page 4 of the TRIM packet contained the Department of Revenue TRIM forms. She referred to Exhibit I, Certification of Taxable Value, and stated that at the bottom of the form you could see the prior year's levy (line number 10) which had been a Millage rate of .6677. She stated that they were proposing a Millage rate for 16/17 of .6833 which was shown on line 17 of the form.

Dr. Diehl stated that page 8 (Exhibit II) was the proposed annual budget for 16/17 and included a comparison of 2015/16 to 2016/17. She stated that the budget was being increased by 2.98% to a

total budget of \$128,184,202. She stated that it was the same amount that was presented at the June, 2016 Council meeting. She stated that in order to accommodate the budget they were increasing the ad valorem property tax revenue, and the increased revenue was offset by a reduction in grant revenue income, and a reduced use of fund balance (in accordance with CSC's fund balance policy). She stated that it was designed to support the programmatic growth and community needs discussed at the CSC annual Planning Session.

Dr. Diehl stated that page 9 (Exhibit III) was the proposed annual budget by fund. She stated that under 'Expenditures', Direct Services represented 81% of the total budget. She stated that Programmatic Support and Direct Services combined represented 88% of the total budget, which was excellent. She stated that the proposed Millage rate was listed as 0.6833.

Dr. Diehl stated that pages 10 and 11 was the proposed budget by division. She stated that after that there were notes to the proposed budget which contained even more information.

Dr. Diehl stated that the last two pages of the TRIM packet were the advertisement that would be placed in the Palm Beach Post on Sunday, September 18th, 2016.

C. Public Comment

Mr. Sheehan asked for public comment, there was none. Mr. Sheehan asked whether any Council members had questions. Dr. Robert Avossa asked what the fund balance policy was. Dr. Diehl stated that the fund balance policy was to retain in reserve 27.5% of CSC's total budget. Dr. Avossa clarified that the policy stipulated that CSC must maintain a reserve of 27.5%, Dr. Diehl concurred. Dr. Avossa asked how the increase of 2.98% compared to last year's increase. Dr. Diehl stated that there had been no increase the previous year. Tom Lynch stated that the year before that it had gone down. Lisa Williams-Taylor, Ph.D. stated that it had been five years since it had been increased.

D. Review

Mr. Sheehan asked whether there were any further questions or comments with regard to the budget – there were none.

4. 2016-2017 Tentative Millage Rate - .6833

A. Review

Mr. Sheehan stated that the tentative Millage rate for the coming year was .6833.

B. Public Comment

Mr. Sheehan called for public comment with respect to the tentative millage rate. There was no public comment.

C. Tentative Adoption

A motion by Vana/Bean to tentatively adopt the Millage rate of .6833 was approved by unanimous vote.

5. Tentative Adoption of 2016/2017 Budget

A. Tentative Adoption of 2016/2017 Budget

A motion by Goodman/Bean to tentatively adopt the 2016/2017 Budget as presented was approved by unanimous vote.

6. Announcement of Final TRIM Hearing – September 22, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.


Mr. Sheehan stated that, as noted on the second to last page of the packet, the next and final TRIM hearing would be at CSC at 6:00 p.m., September 22, 2016. He stated that at this meeting they would be bringing forward the tentative millage rate and tentative budget for final adoption.

7. Percentage by which proposed Millage Rate is more than the Roll-Back Rate


Mr. Sheehan noted (by statute) that the amount by which the proposed Millage Rate exceeded the Roll-Back rate was 9.50%.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.



Vincent Goodman, Secretary



Lisa Williams-Taylor, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer