

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

Thursday, September 10, 2015
2300 High Ridge Road, Boynton Beach, FL

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chair Langowski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

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

Excused: Vince Goodman, Kathleen Kroll, Thomas E. Lynch, Dennis Miles

2. Agenda

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

A motion by Vana/Weber to adopt the agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

3. 2015-16 Tentative Budget

- A. Percent increase above roll-back rate 6.85%

Tom Sheehan, General Counsel, stated that the percentage increase above the roll-back rate was 6.85%. He introduced Jennifer Diehl, Controller. He stated that the budget had been brought to the Finance Committee in August, which had recommended its approval. He stated that it was the same budget that had been brought before the Council in June.

- B. Presentation of Budget

Jennifer Diehl, Controller, stated that Exhibit I, Certification of Taxable Value, was the E-TRIM form that was filed electronically. She stated that at the bottom of the form you could see the prior year's levy (number 10) which had been a Millage rate of .6745. She stated that they were proposing a reduction of the Millage to .6677 which was shown on line 17 of the form.

Ms. Diehl stated that Exhibit II was the proposed annual budget and included a comparison of 2014/15 to 2015/16. She stated that the total budget was the exact same one that was brought to the Council in June, and was \$124,471,046. She stated that the proposed Millage rate of .6677 was shown below that total.

Ms. Diehl stated that Exhibit III was a more detailed look at the proposed annual budget. She stated that it was broken down by the General Fund and Special Revenue Fund. She stated that Children's Programs (direct and support services) made up 88.76% of the entire budget. She stated that Exhibit III also showed the Millage rate of .6677 at the bottom.

Ms. Diehl stated that Exhibit IV was an even more detailed look at the proposed annual budget, by Division. She stated that after Exhibit IV there were notes to the proposed budget.

Ms. Diehl stated that the last two pages of the TRIM packet were the advertisement that would be placed in the Palm Beach Post before the next TRIM hearing which was scheduled for September 24, 2015. She asked for questions, there were none.

C. Public Comment

Mr. Sheehan asked for public comment, Mr. Robert Rudner addressed the Council. He referred to his tax bill and asked about Fire Rescue, whether the money went towards taking care of the firefighters and paramedics. Tom Sheehan stated that it was a question for the County, and that it was not part of the CSC budget. Mr. Rudner stated that he had received his tax notice which had stated that if he had any questions to come to the meeting at CSC. Mr. Sheehan stated that his best guess would be that those monies went towards the firefighters and paramedics. He stated that the tax notice listed a number of different meetings and meeting dates on the far right, depending on the different tax entities.

Mayor Vana offered to speak to Mr. Rudner off-line and give him a number to call. Mr. Rudner stated that he paid taxes to fund the fire fighters and fire rescue in Palm Beach County. He stated that he had gotten sick May 20, 2015 from tainted food, and his wife had called the paramedics. He stated that he lived 1¼ miles from Flavorpict Road where the fire station was, and was 4.9 miles from Delray Hospital. He stated that he had received an IV but was alright. He stated that he had received a bill from a company in Orlando for \$650 for being taken 4.9 miles to Delray Hospital. He stated that if tax payers were going to be charged for every service then the public needed to be advised of that, since the money they were being charged via taxes wasn't enough, because they were seeking monies from elsewhere. He stated that he had finally got through to someone and was told that the per usage additional charges started being charged 5 to 6 years ago because people on vacation staying from one week to several months when taken to the hospital by paramedics, 80% did not pay their bills so someone had to pay for them. He stated that he refused to pay for it. Chair Langowski asked Mr. Rudner to stay after the meeting and Mayor Vana would talk to him.

D. Review

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

4. 2015-2016 Tentative Millage Rate - .6677

A. Review

Mr. Sheehan stated that the tentative Millage rate for the coming year was .6677.

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 Robinson/Bean to tentatively adopt the Millage rate of .6677 was approved by unanimous vote.

5. Tentative Adoption of 2015/2016 Budget

A. Tentative Adoption of 2015/2016 Budget

A motion by Robinson/Bean to tentatively adopt the 2015/2016 Budget as presented was approved by unanimous vote.

6. Announcement of Final TRIM Hearing – September 24, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Sheehan stated that the next and final TRIM hearing would be at CSC at 6:00 p.m., September 24, 2015.

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

Mr. Sheehan noted that the amount by which the proposed Millage Rate exceeded the Roll-Back rate was 6.85%.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.



Vincent Goodman, Secretary



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