

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

TRIM PUBLIC HEARING
September 11, 2023, 5:01 p.m.

2300 High Ridge Road, Boynton Beach, FL 33426

MINUTES

Present:

Alexandria Ayala
Sara Baxter
Thomas Bean
Vincent Goodman
Robert Shea
Thomas Weber

Excused: Mike Burke, Kathleen Kroll; Jose Luis Rodriguez

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bean called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm. Roll call was taken.

2. AGENDA

- A. Additions, deletions, substitutions - None
- B. Adoption

A motion by Goodman/Baxter to adopt the agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

3. 2023-24 TENTATIVE BUDGET

- A. Percent increase above rolled-back rate 0%

Debra Gotlib, General Counsel, advised the Council that the first substantive issue that must be addressed per statute is a statement of the percentage in millage over the rolledback rate to fund the budget. The proposed millage of .4908, represents no increase above the rolled-back rate.

- B. Presentation

Debra Heim, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) provided a detailed overview of the 23-24 budget.

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The most significant change in this budget compared to the budget the Council tentatively approved on June 20, 2023, is that the millage rate has been reduced to the rolled back rate based on new projections for future property values.

- By lowering the millage rate, ad valorem tax revenues are approx. \$4.615 million lower than the June proposed budget, and we are using \$4.547 million more of the fund balance.
- In total, this proposed budget for FY 2023-2024 is \$67,645 lower than the proposed budget that had been presented and tentatively approved on June 20, 2023.
- With a rolled-back rate of .4908, the proposed net ad valorem taxes to be levied for fiscal year 2023/2024 is \$137,034,086.
- The total proposed budget for FY 2023/2024 is \$155,110,247 and is increasing 4.39% vs. the prior year. The increase is primarily to support cost drivers for existing programs, expansions of programs for teens and children with special needs, increases in concrete supports and other opportunities.

Chair Bean advised the Council members that the Finance Committee met earlier today and there was consensus to recommend approval of the tentative adoption by the Council of the proposed millage rate and proposed FY 23/24 budget.

C. Public Comment on the tentative budget

Several members of the community made public comments.

D. Comments from the Council on the tentative budget

Commissioner Baxter stated and clarified that we are proposing going to the rolled-back rate.

4. 2023-24 TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE - .4908

Chair Bean advised the Council that the tentative millage rate for 23-24 is .4908.

A. Public Comment on the millage rate

Several members of the community made public comments.

B. Comments from the Council on the millage rate

None

C. Tentative Adoption

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A motion by Goodman/Baxter to adopt the tentative millage rate of .4908 was approved by unanimous vote.

5. TENTATIVE ADOPTION OF 2023-24 BUDGET

A. Tentative adoption of FY 2022-23 budget

A motion by Goodman/Baxter to adopt the tentative 2023-2024 Budget was approved by unanimous vote.

6. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL TRIM HEARING – SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 – 5:01 P.M. at 2300 High Ridge Road, Boynton Beach, FL.

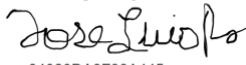
Chair Bean stated that the final TRIM Hearing will be held on September 21, 2023, at 5:01 pm. The public can attend in person at 2300 High Ridge Road, Boynton Beach, FL 33426.

7. PERCENT BY WHICH PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE IS MORE THAN THE ROLLED-BACK RATE – 0%

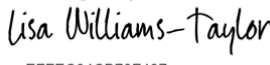
Debra Gotlib, General Counsel stated that with the proposed millage remaining at .4908, there is no increase over the rolled-back rate.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.

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José Luis Rodríguez, Vice Chair

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