Regular Meeting of County Commissioners Tuesday April 27, 2022 (Legislative Day)

The regularly scheduled meeting of the County Commissioners was convened in hybrid format, virtually and in person, at 3:35 p.m. with the following persons in attendance:

Reuben B. Collins II, Esq., President, County Commissioner
Bobby Rucci, Vice President, County Commissioner
Gilbert Ö. Bowling, III, County Commissioner
Thomasina O. Coates, M.S., County Commissioner
Amanda M. Stewart, M.Ed., County Commissioner
Mark Belton, County Administrator
Deborah Hall, Deputy County Administrator
Wesley Adams, County Attorney
Danielle Mitchell, Associate County Attorney
Carol A. DeSoto, Clerk to the Commissioners

Call to Order/Pledge

Commissioner Collins called the meeting to order, and Commissioner Bowling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

A roll call was taken. All Commissioners were present.

Comments

There were no comments.

FY2023 Budget Recap: Review Governmental Capital Improvement Projects and Enterprise Funds and FY2023 Budget Work Session: General Fund

Ms. Jenifer Ellin, Director, Mr. Jacob Dyer, Chief of Budget, and Ms. TaTanya Bowman, Senior Assistant Chief of Budget, Department of Fiscal and Administrative Services, reviewed the proposed budgets of the departments that are under the County Administrator and remaining areas. They also provided a Fiscal 2023 Budget Recap on Governmental Capital Improvement Projects and Enterprise Funds.

*Break 4:40 p.m.-6:04 p.m.

Roll Call

A roll call was taken. All Commissioners were present.

Public Hearing: Fiscal Year 2023 Constant Yield-Virtual

The Commissioners conducted an in person then hybrid (virtual/in person) public hearing on the FY2022 Constant Yield. Ms. Jenifer Ellin, Director, and Mr. Jacob Dyer, Chief of Budget, Department of Fiscal and Administrative Services, explained that this public hearing was a State requirement. It is a hypothetical tax rate to generate the same tax revenue for the next year.

There was one (1) comment provided by the community.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Stewart and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to keep the record open until May 3, 2022.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Coates and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to close this public hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Stewart and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to set the tax rate on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 between 9:30-11:00 am. This will take place in hybrid format (virtually/in person).

<u>Public Hearing: Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budgets, the Fiscal Year 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Program, and Proposed Fees, Rates, and Charges</u>

The Commissioners conducted an in person then hybrid (virtual/in person) on the Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget and the Fiscal Year 2023 through Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Budget. Ms. Jenifer Ellin, Director, and Mr. Jacob Dyer, Chief of Budget, Department of Fiscal and Administrative Services, presented an overview of the proposed balanced budget. She reviewed what was included in the proposed budget and the considerations taken to reach the proposed balance budget. Mr. Dyer reviewed the Enterprise Funds, which include: Water and Sewer Fund, Landfill Fund, Environmental Service Fund, and Watershed Protection and Restoration Fund. Ms. Ellin presented the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) proposed budget overview. Mr. Dyer concluded with the review of the Fees and Charges.

*Break 7:33 p.m.-7:48 p.m.

After the break, the public hearing continued in a hybrid format in order to hear virtual comments.

Roll Call

A roll call was taken. All Commissioners were present.

There were seventeen (17) speakers who provided in person comments to the Commissioners.

There were three (3) speakers who provided comments virtually to the Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Stewart and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to keep the record open until May 3, 2022.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Stewart and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to close the public hearing.

At 7:57 p.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Stewart and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to adjourn.

Carol A. DeSoto, Clerk to the Commissioners

Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President