

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

JULY 6, 2021

Present: David Bear, Chairman
Mary Hoxeng
Mitesh Patel
James Reeves
Shirley Cronley
Robert D. Bender, District 4 Commissioner
Tina Arroyo, County Administrator's Office

Location: Ernie Lee Magaha Government Building, Board Chambers, First Floor
221 Palafox Place, Pensacola, Florida

Minutes prepared by Tina Arroyo

BUDGET WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Chairman Bear called the Budget Workshop Meeting of the Tourist Development Council to order at 3:10:15 PM

2. Public Speakers

No public speakers before the meeting

3. Update on TDT financial position from County OMB/Administration/Clerk

I. Collections to-date and projections for year-end

Amber McClure - We do not yet have this week's figures, but June's collection for the TDT were \$1,917,322.00. Comparatively speaking to 2019 our collections were \$1,276,000.0. Over the prior year we are anticipating well more than budgeted figures for FY21. This does include the 5th cent. Mike Davis from treasury reported the total for June was \$2,108,109.00 and as of July 6th, we have collected \$64,097.00 for July. Payments are due by the 20th, and we usually see the true number by the 25th. Per Amber, we receive requests from outlying boards and take that into consideration. By state statute, we are required to have a budget ready by July 1st. Currently, we have a budget in draft form in the amount of 15.3 million. Based on collections right now versus 2019 it seems reasonable we would hit the 15.3 million on all five cents. In the month of June, we have collected out of the five cents \$421,000.00 a cent compared to 2019 at \$319,00.00 a cent. By rough calculations it is 32% higher than 2019.

James Reeves asked, if we adopt the proposed budget from 2019/2020 and the budget is not cut, how much money would we have left over to spend on bridges, flight academy, etc.? Per Amber, we would have millions above 2019 because we have a fifth cent now. Before the audit of 2019, we had a budget of \$12.65 million on four cents and \$7.8 million to the unified budget. The total spend for 2019 was \$11,584,693.00 which included the supplemental budget from 2018. This year's per penny collection is about \$90,000.00 less than what was budgeted for in FY20.

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- II. County's initial position on 2022 total TDT Budget (not specific line items, but the total TDT dollar amount from which the County OMB is recommending building the 2022 TDT budget).



Maximus FY 2020
Cost allocation.pdf

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4. Input/Requests from Outside Agencies:

The below requests go to the BOCC for approval.

I. **Unified Budget Group**

Visit Pensacola – Darien Schafer said, they try to reflect the numbers the county uses and the existing contributions.



Unified Budget
FY22.pdf

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II. **UWF Historic Trust**

UWF requested \$200,000.00 – Down from \$225,000.00

III. **National Naval Aviation Museum**

Naval Aviation Museum requested \$200,000.00 – Increased from \$100,000.00

Kyle Cozad requested the additional amount for STEM Outreach Program.



NAS Stem
Center.pdf

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IV. **Sertoma Fireworks**

Sertoma Fireworks requested \$75,000.00 – same as previous year

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V. African American Heritage Society

African American Heritage Society requested \$50,000.00 – Traditionally, funding it has been in the amount of \$30,000.00. They have not had an adjustment for inflation, cost of living or the fact they are providing significantly more programs. They now have two locations that require staffing.

VI. Others

General Chappie James Memorial Foundation is requesting \$300,000.00 to help fund the sculpture, pedestal, statue, and park at the foot of the bridge on the Pensacola side. Total amount for project is \$940,000.00. The goal is to be finished with the memorial plaza on the 75th birthday of the United States Air Force, September 18, 2022.

5. TDC Discussion

Chairman Bear spoke to the County Attorney's office about voting and she advised they treat the budget workshop just like a committee of the whole. There should be nothing official coming from the TDC to the BCC without another meeting to formally take the action. A special meeting to vote will be scheduled on Thursday July 15th at 3:00PM.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Bear declared the Budget Workshop Meeting of The Tourist Development Council adjourned at: 5:58:00 PM