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AGENDA
First Budget Public Hearing
September 11, 2023
5:01 P.M.
Ernie Lee Magaha Government Building – First Floor

1. Call to Order
(PLEASE TURN YOUR CELL PHONE TO THE VIBRATE, SILENCE, OR OFF SETTING).
2. Proof of Publication
Was the meeting properly advertised? - Chairman Lumon J. May
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Board Action Items
 - I. 5:01 p.m. - Public Hearing for Consideration of the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024

A. Presentation of the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 - County Administrator Wes Moreno

Wes Moreno - Mister Chairman, Commissioners: This is the first of two required Public Hearings for the Board to adopt the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget. The Board later in the meeting will set the second Public Hearing.

The Escambia County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved the 2023/2024 tentative millage rates for TRIM notification purposes at the BCC meeting held on July 18, 2023.

The law requires that prior to consideration of the tentative budget, an explanation of the "Rolled Back Rate" be provided and entered into the records. The "Rolled Back Rate" is a computed millage rate that would generate the same amount of Ad Valorem tax dollars as the prior Fiscal Year, based on the proposed year's tax roll, excluding new construction.

The millage rates tentatively approved by the Board for TRIM notification are 6.6165 for the County-wide millage rate, .359 for the Library Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) and .685 for the Sheriff's Law Enforcement Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU). The aggregate of these millage rates proposed for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 is 11.50% above the "Rolled Back Rate" of 6.7023, certified by the Property Appraiser. This represents the percentage increase in property taxes tentatively adopted by the Board.

For information and to avoid any misunderstanding concerning the process of this meeting, this Public Hearing is convened tonight to discuss the County's Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget. Because of time constraints, we will need to confine our discussion to this subject. Increases in property assessments, remarks or questions concerning individual property appraisals should be addressed to the County Property Appraiser at his office during normal business hours.

B. Questions/Discussion from the Board - Chairman Lumon J. May

II. Community Partners Discussion - Wesley J. Moreno, County Administrator

Wes Moreno - Commissioners, we are requesting that the Board make a determination tonight regarding the funding amount to be allocated to each of our Community Partners. This funding determination is necessary in order to prepare the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Community Partner Funding Agreements and to issue the associated Purchase Orders in a timely fashion. These Purchase Orders will come before the Board for formal approval in October 2023.

5. Public Forum - Chairman Lumon J. May

6. Board Action Items Continued

I. Board Adoption of the Tentative Millage Resolution for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 - Chairman Lumon J. May

Commissioner May - The Chair will entertain a motion to adopt the Tentative Millage Resolution, as presented in the Agenda backup, of 6.6165 mills for the County-wide millage rate, .359 for the Library MSTU and .685 mills for the Sheriff's Law Enforcement MSTU for Fiscal Year 2023/2024.

II. Board Adoption of the Tentative Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 - Chairman Lumon J. May

Commissioner May - That the Chair entertain a motion to adopt the Tentative Budget Resolution of \$701,963,319 for Fiscal Year 2023/2024, as presented in the Agenda backup.

III. Announcement of the Date and Time of the Second Public Hearing for the Adoption of the Final Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget - Chairman Lumon J. May

Commissioner May - The second Public Hearing for adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget will be held September 25, 2023, at 5:01 p.m., in the Board Chambers on the First Floor of the Ernie Magaha Government Building located at 221 Palafox Place.

IV. 5:02 p.m. - Public Hearing for Consideration of Adopting the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments Roll - Chairman Lumon J. May

A. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments Roll - County Administrator Wes Moreno.

Wes Moreno - Commissioners, there is a list of all the Non-Ad Valorem districts and rates provided in your Agenda backup.

B. Public Forum - Chairman Lumon J. May.

C. Board Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments Roll - Chairman Lumon J. May.

Commissioner May - The Chair will entertain a motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments Roll, as presented in the Agenda backup.

7. Adjournment