

**ST. AUGUSTINE PORT, WATERWAY & BEACH DISTRICT**

**MINUTES OF FIRST PUBLIC HEARING**

**PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE AND BUDGET 2019-2020**

**Tuesday, September 17, 2019**

The First Public Hearing of the St. Augustine Port, Waterway & Beach District on the proposed millage rate and budget for fiscal year 2019-2020 was held at the St. Augustine Beach City Commission Meeting Room, 2200 A1A South, St. Augustine Beach, Florida on Tuesday, September 17, 2019.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chairman Rivers called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America followed.

**ROLL CALL**

Vice-Chairman Tom Rivers and Commissioners Chris Way, Matt Brown and Sandy Flowers were in attendance. The meeting was also attended by Secretary-Treasurer Elyse Kemper and District Counsel Jim Bedsole. Chairman Barry Benjamin was absent.

**SET TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE**

A discussion of the proposed millage rate for 2019-2020 resulted in commissioners agreeing to leave the millage rate unchanged from last year's rate of 0.0638.

**Note:** Public Comment actually took place at this point in the proceedings and prior to voting by the board. The board heard from speakers Tom Reynolds, Merrill Roland and Ed Slavin.

**A motion by Commissioner Way to set the tentative millage rate at 0.0638 for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 was seconded by Commissioner Brown and passed 3-1 with Commissioner Flowers voting against.**

**SET TENTATIVE BUDGET**

Secretary-Treasurer Kemper presented information on proposed District projects for the 2019-2020

fiscal year. She explained how much tax revenue the District is projected to receive and how much is budgeted for fixed expenses. The balance after deducting operating expenses will represent about \$426,000 available for projects.

**A motion by Commissioner Way to approve the tentative budget was seconded by Vice-Chairman Rivers and unanimously approved.**

Ms. Kemper announced the final public hearing on the millage rate and budget will take place at this location on Thursday, October 3, 2019, at 5:05 p.m.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business, Vice-Chairman Rivers adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

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Secretary-Treasurer

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Chairman