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**PUBLIC HEARING – TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE/  
FY2020 OPERATING & CAPITAL BUDGET  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2019**

Vice-Chairperson Barkley called the September 11, 2019 public hearing to order at 6:00 pm. Members present: Joe Barkley, Vice-Chairperson; Richard Bennett, Vince Cocks, Gina Driscoll, Charlie Justice, Darden Rice, Keith Sabiel, and Josh Shulman. Members absent: David Allbritton, Janet Long, Dave Eggers, Samantha Fenger, Heather Gracy, Pat Gerard, and Dan Saracki. Also present: Brad Miller, CEO; Nikki Day, PSTA General Counsel; PSTA staff members, and members of the public.

**Public Hearing – Tentative Fy2020 Millage Rate & Budget:**

**Chairperson Introduction** – Vice-Chairperson Barkley read the Chairperson’s statement as follows: Welcome. The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public input and allow the public to ask questions concerning the Authority’s proposed millage rate and proposed operating and capital budget for FY2020. Copies of our proposed budget are available if you have not already obtained one. The proposed FY2020 Budget is included herewith, totaling \$132,505,843. (Operating Budget \$85,321,056 and Capital Budget \$47,184,787). The FY2020 proposed millage rate is .7500. The FY2020 rolled-back rate is .7026. The FY2020 proposed millage rate of .7500 is 6.75 percent greater than the rolled-back rate. PSTA’s millage rate limit is .7500. The proposed property tax rate is used to fund the FY2020 budget.

**Staff Statement for Record** – Mr. Miller read the staff statement as follows: This public hearing has been scheduled so that the general public may be given the opportunity to comment on the proposed millage rate and budget for FY2020.

A paid advertisement concerning this public hearing appeared in the *Tampa Bay Times* on August 26th. Notices were posted at Park Street Terminal, Grand Central Station, Williams Park, Pinellas Park Transit Center, PSTA administrative headquarters, and on all PSTA buses on August 26th. Information fliers were distributed via insertion in all Schedules-By-Mail requests, on the PSTA bus fleet, and at the Customer Service Centers beginning on August 26th. A notice regarding the public hearing was posted on PSTA's website on August 26th.

To date, staff has received no written comments from the public concerning the issue.

**Staff Presentation** – Debbie Leous, Chief Financial Officer, provided a brief presentation on the proposed FY2020 proposed millage and budget. She also outlined this year's accomplishments that resulted in a savings of over \$1.4 million.

**Board Discussion** – There was no Board discussion.

**Public Comments on Millage Rate** – There were no public comments.

**Announce Name of Taxing Authority, Rolled-Back Rate, Percentage, if any, by Which the Tentative FY202 Millage Rate Exceeds the Rolled-Back Rate and the Millage Rate to be Levied** – Vice-Chairperson Barkley stated that the FY2020 proposed millage rate is .7500. The FY2020 rolled-back rate is .7026. The FY2020 proposed millage rate of .7500 is 6.75 percent greater than the rolled-back rate. PSTA's millage rate limit is .7500.

**Adopt Tentative FY2020 Millage Resolution** – Ms. Day read Resolution #19-04 by title. Mr. Bennett made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rice, to approve the tentative millage rate of .7500. Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comments on FY2020 Budget** – There were no public comments.

**Adopt Tentative FY2020 Budget Resolution** – Ms. Day read Resolution #19-05 by title. Ms. Rice made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bennett, to adopt the tentative budget Resolution #19-05. Motion passed unanimously.

**Announcement Of Final Public Hearing To Adopt Final Fy2020 Millage Rate & Operating/Capital Budget:**

Vice-Chairperson Barkley announced that the final public hearing to adopt the final FY2020 millage rate and budget will be held on Wednesday, September 25, 2019, at 6:00 pm at PSTA Headquarters, 3201 Scherer Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33716.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Vice-Chairperson Barkley adjourned the public hearing at 6:13 pm.