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MILLAGE/BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING/BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

Chairperson Gerard called the September 29, 2021 Millage/Budget Board meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Members present: Pat Gerard, Chairperson; Gina Driscoll, Vice-Chairperson; Dan Saracki, Secretary/Treasurer, David Allbritton, Richard Bennett, Vince Cocks, Deborah Figgs-Sanders, Rene Flowers, Michael Fridovich, Jeff Gow, Janet Long, Kathleen Peters, Jamie Robinson, Keith Sabiel, and Josh Shulman. Also present: Brad Miller, CEO; Nikki Day, General Counsel; PSTA staff members, and members of the public.

Public Hearing: FY22 Final Millage Rate & Budget – Chairperson Gerard read the introduction.

Staff Statement for Record – Mr. Miller read the staff statement.

Staff Presentation - Debbie Leous, Chief Financial Officer, gave a brief presentation on the FY22 Budget which includes environmental and social sustainability. She also spoke about the various projects and initiatives moving forward. A question was asked about an Autonomous Vehicle (AV) pilot program, which staff answered.

Public Comments on Millage Rate - There were no public comments.

Required Announcement - Chairperson Gerard made the required announcement.

Adopt Final FY22 Millage Resolution – Ms. Day read Resolution #21-08 by title. Ms. Long made a motion, seconded by Ms. Flowers, to adopt Resolution #21-08. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments on Millage Rate - There were no public comments.

Adopt Final FY22 Budget Resolution – Ms. Day read Resolution #21-09 by title. Ms. Long made a motion, seconded by Mr. Allbritton, to adopt Resolution #21-09. The motion passed unanimously.

That concluded the Public Hearing.

Presentations:

Missing Man Table - PSTA Veterans Employee Resource Group - Craig Daniels, Superintendent of Transportation and former service member, made a few comments about the Missing Man Table.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda:

Ms. Long made a motion, seconded by Ms. Driscoll, to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Day read Resolution #21-05 by title. The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda which included approval of the August 18, 2021 minutes, the St. Petersburg Looper agreements, the Information Technology (IT) software maintenance agreements, the Largo bus stop easement agreement, Resolution #21-05 for potential solar energy grant, and the AVA agreement with Clearwater. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Updates:

Transit Riders Advisory Committee (TRAC) Update – Committee Chairperson, Duncan Kovar, provided an update on the recent TRAC meeting.

Forward Pinellas Local Coordinating Board (LCB) Update – Ross Silvers, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Policy and Compliance Officer, gave an update on the September Forward Pinellas LCB meeting.

Forward Pinellas Report – Ms. Long provided a report on the recent Forward Pinellas meeting.

Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) Update - Ms. Flowers provided information on the September TBARTA meeting.

Action Items:

State Legislative Priorities – Ron Pierce, RSA Consulting, outlined the draft 2022 State Legislative priorities. He also mentioned the upcoming Legislative trips. There were no public comments. Mr. Saracki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Flowers, to approve the State Legislative priorities. The motion passed unanimously.

Information Items:

Five-Year Bus Replacement Plan – Henry Lukasik, Director of Maintenance, and Ms. Leous talked about the bus replacement plan. Comments were made about funding and planning for the future.

Special Presentation – Mr. Miller and James Bradford, Chief Operating Officer, recognized Jeff Thompson, Director of Transportation, who is retiring after 35 years of service. Mr. Bradford also introduced Hector Fuentes, the new Director of Transportation.

Reports and Correspondence:

Performance Updates – The report was included in the packet.

Future Meeting Subjects:

The Board was provided with a list of upcoming meeting subjects. Mr. Miller mentioned that there will be a Vaccination Clinic at PSTA on October 11th.

Other Business:

No other business was discussed.

Board Member Comments:

Ms. Flowers mentioned the proper process for approving Board items. Mr. Fridovich said that there will be a new Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Chairperson Gerard adjourned the meeting at 7:18 pm. The next regular Board meeting is October 27, 2021 at 9:00 am.

Chairperson