

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

TRIM PUBLIC HEARING
September 10, 2020, 5:01 p.m.

2300 High Ridge Road, Boynton Beach, FL and
Via Skype/Teleconference

MINUTES

Present:

Thomas Bean
Elisa Cramer
Vincent Goodman
Kathleen Kroll
Jose Luis Rodriguez
Thomas Weber

Excused: Donald E. Fennoy II, Ed.D.; Melissa McKinlay; Debra Robinson, M.D.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bean called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

Chair Bean stated that this meeting is open to the public at both the Council's physical address and via telephone. The Council is appearing by electronic means pursuant to Governor's Executive Orders 20-69 as extended by orders 20-112, 20-123, 20-139, 20-150, 20-179 and 20-193.

2. AGENDA

- A. Additions, deletions, substitutions - None
- B. Adoption

A motion by Weber/Goodman to adopt the agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

3. 2020-21 TENTATIVE BUDGET

- A. Percent increase above rolled-back rate 4.37%

Debra Gotlib, General Counsel, stated that the proposed millage of .6497 which the Council tentatively approved in June of this year represents a 4.37% increase above rolled-back rate.

B. Presentation

Debra Heim, Chief Financial Officer, stated that:

The Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 20/21 begins with Exhibit II on page 7 of the TRIM packet.

This EXHIBIT shows the Proposed Budget for FY 20/21 compared to the Approved Budget for FY 19/20.

In total, the proposed budget for FY 20/21 has not changed since June 2020 when I last presented the budget. We did, however, adjust revenue projections between Grant Income and Interest Income.

- We have reduced Interest Income by \$100,000 based on new estimates from our Investment Advisor, and
- We have increased Grant Income by \$100,000 as we anticipate additional funds from the Department of Children and Families for Title IV-E funding related to Foster Care services.

The assumptions also remain unchanged since the budget presentation in June (2020).

As a reminder, those assumptions include that:

- Program cost drivers will increase 3% for salary increases and 10% for health insurance cost increases
- CSC's health insurance is projected to increase by 10%
- A total merit pool for CSC staff performance evaluations is 3%
- A 0.5% total pool for promotional increases
- There are no increases in the number of CSC budgeted positions

The Proposed Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 20/21 is **.6497**.

The Proposed taxes to be levied for fiscal year 20/21 is \$131,507,881.

The Total Proposed Budget for FY 20/21 is \$139,409,893. The Proposed Budget is increasing by 2.28% vs. prior year primarily to accommodate an increase in Program spending for natural cost drivers and expansion for currently funded Programs and funding to support non-recurring expenses associated with community relief and recovery due to COVID-19.

Exhibit III on page 8 shows the total budget broken out by Fund. Here you see columns for the General Fund and the Special Revenue Fund-PPC (Prevention Partnerships for Children) with a total of the two funds. Of the total budget, Children's Programs Expenditures, both direct and support services, account for 92.94% of the budget.

The next two pages (Exhibit IV) provide detail of the budget by division for the General Fund. Each Division is listed in the columns along the top.

The following 7 pages (Exhibit V) are notes to the 20/21 Proposed Budget that provide more detail of each line item.

The last two pages are the advertisements for the Final Trim Hearing.

Chair Bean advised the Council that the Finance Committee is recommending tentative adoption of the proposed millage rate and the proposed FY 20-21 budget.

C. Public Comment

There were no comments from public in the audience at the Council's physical location and no comments from public on the phone.

D. Review

No review needed due to no comments or questions from the public.

4. 2020-21 TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE - .6497

Chair Bean advised the Council that the tentative millage rate is .6497.

A. Review

General Counsel reiterated that the tentative millage rate for the FY 20-21 is .6497

B. Public Comment

There were no comments from public in the audience at the Council's physical location and no comments from public on the phone.

C. Tentative Adoption

A motion by Goodman/Weber to adopt the millage rate of .6497 was approved by a majority. Jose Luis Rodriguez opposed. Judge Kathleen Kroll abstained.

5. TENTATIVE ADOPTION OF 2020-21 BUDGET

A. Tentative adoption of 2020-21 budget

A motion by Weber/Goodman to adopt the 2020-2021 Budget was approved by a majority. Jose Luis Rodriguez opposed. Judge Kathleen Kroll abstained.

6. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL TRIM HEARING – SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 – 5:01 P.M. at

2300 High Ridge Road, Boynton Beach, FL.

Chair Bean stated that the final TRIM Hearing will be held on September 24, 2020 at 5:01 pm. The public can attend in person at 2300 High Ridge Road, Boynton Beach, FL 33426 or by phone at the call-in number found on the Council's website. Similar to today's hearing, the Council is permitted to attend Council's final TRIM Hearing virtually.

7. PERCENT BY WHICH PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE IS MORE THAN THE ROLLED-BACK RATE – 4.37%

General Counsel stated that with no change to the proposed millage rate, the increase over the rolled-back rate remains at 4.37%.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 pm.

Thomas Bean, Chair

Lisa Williams-Taylor, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer