

FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Pima County Flood Control District Board met in regular session at their regular meeting place in the Pima County Administration Building (Hearing Room), 130 West Congress Street, Tucson, Arizona, at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 2017. Upon roll call, those present and absent were as follows:

Present: Sharon Bronson, Chair
Richard Elías, Vice Chair
Ramón Valadez, Acting Chair
Ally Miller, Member
Steve Christy, Member

Also Present: Jan Leshar, Deputy County Administrator
Thomas Weaver, Civil Deputy County Attorney
Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board
Charles Lopiccolo, Sergeant at Arms

1. TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING

Review and adoption of the Flood Control District Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

The Chair inquired whether anyone wished to address the Board. No one appeared. It was then moved by Supervisor Elías and seconded by Supervisor Valadez, to close the public hearing and adopt the Tentative Flood Control District Budget in the amount of \$17,496,778.00 at an effective tax rate of \$0.3135. Upon roll call, the motion carried by a 3-2 vote, Supervisors Christy and Miller voted "Nay."

2. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

CHAIR

ATTEST:

CLERK

IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Pima County Improvement District Board met in regular session at their regular meeting place in the Pima County Administration Building (Hearing Room), 130 West Congress Street, Tucson, Arizona, at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 2017. Upon roll call, those present and absent were as follows:

Present: Sharon Bronson, Chair
Richard Elías, Vice Chair
Ramón Valadez, Acting Chair
Ally Miller, Member
Steve Christy, Member

Also Present: Jan Leshar, Deputy County Administrator
Thomas Weaver, Civil Deputy County Attorney
Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board
Charles Lopiccolo, Sergeant at Arms

1. TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING

Review and adoption of the following County Improvement District Tentative Budgets for Fiscal Year 2017/2018:

<u>IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT</u>	<u>FY 17-18 PROPERTY TAX LEVY</u>
<u>Other Improvement District</u>	
HAYHOOK RANCH	\$30,000
<u>Street Lighting Improvement District</u>	
DESERT STEPPES	\$ 2,362
HERMOSA HILLS ESTATES	\$ 2,026
LONGVIEW ESTATES NO. 1	\$ 4,272
LONGVIEW ESTATES NO. 2	\$ 4,635
ROLLING HILLS	\$ 8,093
MAÑANA GRANDE B	\$ 3,370
MAÑANA GRANDE C	\$ 5,166
CARRIAGE HILLS NO. 1	\$ 3,936
LAKESIDE NO. 1	\$ 3,149
CARRIAGE HILLS NO. 3	\$ 1,269
CARDINAL ESTATES	\$ 8,352
ORANGE GROVE VALLEY	\$ 4,512
PEPPERTREE	\$ 8,237
LITTLETOWN	\$16,315
MIDVALE PARK	\$ 8,532
PEACH VALLEY	\$ 1,834
OAKTREE NO. 1	\$14,232
OAKTREE NO. 2	\$11,196
OAKTREE NO. 3	\$14,664
SALIDA DEL SOL	\$ 9,132
MORTIMORE ADDITION	\$14,202

The Chair inquired whether anyone wished to address the Board. No one appeared. It was moved by Supervisor Elías and seconded by Supervisor Valadez to close the public hearing and adopt the Improvement District Tentative Budgets as presented. Upon roll call, the motion unanimously carried by a 5-0 vote.

2. **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

CHAIR

ATTEST:

CLERK

LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Pima County Library District Board met in regular session at their regular meeting place in the Pima County Administration Building (Hearing Room), 130 West Congress Street, Tucson, Arizona, at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 2017. Upon roll call, those present and absent were as follows:

Present: Sharon Bronson, Chair
Richard Elías, Vice Chair
Ramón Valadez, Acting Chair
Ally Miller, Member
Steve Christy, Member

Also Present: Jan Leshner, Deputy County Administrator
Thomas Weaver, Civil Deputy County Attorney
Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board
Charles Lopiccolo, Sergeant at Arms

1. TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING

Review and adoption of the Library District Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

The Chair inquired whether anyone wished to address the Board. No one appeared. It was moved by Supervisor Elías and seconded by Supervisor Valadez, to close the public hearing and adopt the County Free Library District Tentative Budget in the amount of \$42,235,325.00 at an effective tax rate of \$0.5053. Upon roll call, the motion carried by a 3-2 vote, Supervisors Christy and Miller voted "Nay."

2. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

CHAIR

ATTEST:

CLERK

STADIUM DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Pima County Stadium District Board met in regular session at their regular meeting place in the Pima County Administration Building (Hearing Room), 130 West Congress Street, Tucson, Arizona, at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 2017. Upon roll call, those present and absent were as follows:

Present: Sharon Bronson, Chair
Richard Elías, Vice Chair
Ramón Valadez, Acting Chair
Ally Miller, Member
Steve Christy, Member

Also Present: Jan Leshar, Deputy County Administrator
Thomas Weaver, Civil Deputy County Attorney
Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board
Charles Lopiccolo, Sergeant at Arms

1. TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING

Review and adoption of the Stadium District Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

The Chair inquired whether anyone wished to address the Board. No one appeared. It was moved by Supervisor Elías and seconded by Supervisor Valadez, to close the public hearing and adopt the Stadium District Board Tentative Budget in the amount of \$5,611,862.00 at an effective tax rate of \$0.7000. Upon roll call, the motion carried by a 3-2 vote, Supervisors Christy and Miller voted "Nay."

2. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

CHAIR

ATTEST:

CLERK

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Pima County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at their regular meeting place in the Pima County Administration Building (Hearing Room), 130 West Congress Street, Tucson, Arizona, at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 2017. Upon roll call, those present and absent were as follows:

Present: Sharon Bronson, Chair
Richard Elías, Vice Chair
Ramón Valadez, Acting Chair
Ally Miller, Member
Steve Christy, Member

Also Present: Jan Leshar, Deputy County Administrator
Thomas Weaver, Civil Deputy County Attorney
Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board
Charles Lopiccolo, Sergeant at Arms

1. **INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Pastor Brent Kreuzer, Unleashed Christian Church.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Supervisor Elías regrettfully announced the passing of Rudy Castro, former Tucson City Council Member, and asked for a moment of silence in his honor.

4. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Geri Ottoboni spoke to the Board in opposition of the proposed property tax increase.

Keith Van Heyningen spoke to the Board regarding County road conditions.

5. **TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING**

The following speakers addressed the Board regarding the Tentative Budgets for FY 2017/2018:

- Ana Henderson, 1st Vice Chair Pima County Republican Party
- Charles Rochman
- Edward Cizek
- Brad Johns
- David A Lutz

- Christopher Coke, 1st Vice Chair, Pima County Libertarian Party
- Jesse Lugo
- Julia Strange, Executive at Tucson Medical Center
- Ramon Gaanderse, Executive Director, Arizona Transportation Builders Association Shawn Cote, Southern Arizona Home Builders Association (SAHBA)
- Steve Huffman, Tucson Association of Realtors

They offered the following comments:

- Opposed the property tax increase and urged the Board to vote against the increase.
- In lieu of property tax rate, suggested special taxing districts in unincorporated areas to pay for the Sheriff's Department and road improvements.
- Expressed concerns regarding the proposed property tax increase.
- Supported the proposed property tax increase and commented that dedicating funds to road repairs would address the deterioration of the streets while improving pedestrian safety.
- Opposed property tax increase and spoke about Pima County's expenditures to accommodate the growth of Marana.
- Pima County has the highest property tax rate in Arizona.
- If the property tax rate increase was approved, an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Tucson and its commissioners should be implemented to oversee the allocation of funds.
- Favored the proposed property tax increase and good road conditions were beneficial to emergency responders and for the transport patients.
- Commended the Board for seeking other revenue sources for road repairs and spoke in support of the proposed property tax increase.
- SAHBA supported the proposed property tax increase.
- Supported the proposed property tax increase but indicated that a county-wide sales tax would be preferred.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

6. Review and adoption of the County Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

Jan Leshner, Chief Deputy County Administrator, provided an overview of the Proposed Tentative Budget and the Transportation Proposal. She explained that with the adoption of the tentative budget the Board would be establishing the cap on expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

Supervisor Elías spoke in support of the proposed property tax increase and pavement preservation plan. He further stated staff should create an expenditure process for road repairs for all five districts and not leave the decisions to individual supervisorial districts.

Chair Bronson echoed Supervisor Elías's comments and stated that she would prefer implementing a sales tax but did not think it was feasible. She noted the per capita Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF) amount for Pima County for fiscal year 2014/2015 was \$115.00 compared to Maricopa County's per capita HURF revenue amount of \$343.52 and stated that the challenge was not only how the County pays for road repairs but also how HURF are distributed.

Supervisor Miller spoke in opposition to a property tax increase, as she did not feel it addressed the root of the problem. She stated that regional decisions and funding mechanisms should be agreed upon by all jurisdictions and the focus should be placed on core services. She added that the State Legislature should ensure that funds are evenly distributed, and that audit functions and penalties should be incorporated into statutes to ensure distributions are being spent on road preservation and repairs. She noted that the county roads were a safety hazard and repairing them needed to be a priority.

Chair Bronson questioned if Supervisor Miller would be willing to support a county-wide sales tax.

Supervisor Miller replied that she was open to having that discussion and was willing to search for other solutions.

Supervisor Christy inquired about the original proposed budget total and the total with the proposed property tax increase.

Robert (Bob) Johnson, Finance and Risk Management Administrative Support Services Manager, responded that the original budget amount was \$1,243,000,000.00 and that the proposed property tax increase total was \$1,267,000,000.00, which resulted in a \$24,000,000.00 increase.

Supervisor Chirsty asked what amount of HURF were being allocated to the Department of Transportation for overhead salaries.

Supervisor Miller responded that the budget presented by Transportation identified \$43,000,000.00 of HURF revenues.

Chair Bronson questioned if other jurisdictions used HURF to pay overhead salaries and asked how Pima County's distribution of HURF compared to other jurisdictions.

Carmine DeBonis, Deputy County Administrator, explained that other jurisdictions used HURF for operating expenses, capital maintenance and debt services. He added that a breakdown of how Pima County compared to other jurisdictions was not available but could be compiled and provided to the Board.

Chair Bronson asked if all 15 counties used HURF to pay for staff as well as road repairs.

Mr. DeBonis responded that those funds were generally applied to operating expenses, debit services, and capital projects and provided an explanation of how HURF and Vehicle License Tax (VLT) Funds are distributed.

Supervisor Christy requested that staff provide a comparison of HURF distribution between the County and other jurisdictions. He then asked what was the total amount of HURF and VLT allocated to the City of Tucson and Pima County in the past eleven years.

Supervisor Miller responded that the City of Tucson and Pima County had received approximately \$1.6 billion over the past eleven years. She then asked where the \$27.9 million in VLT was spent.

Mr. DeBonis responded that the VLT Funds were distributed to the general fund and were not intended for transportation related expenses.

Tom Burke, Deputy County Administrator, referenced a memo written by County Administrator, Chuck Huckelberry, on February 1, 2017, and explained that the memo provided the history of VLT expenditures.

Supervisor Christy commented that the HURF distribution process needed to be reformed, and suggested new laws be implemented to ensure funds are spent on road repair. He further indicated that he could not support the proposed Transportation plan.

Supervisor Valadez questioned the final State budget diversion from HURF for the Department of Public Safety (DPS).

Mr. Burke responded approximately \$80 million.

Supervisor Valadez asked if that \$80 million was being spent on road repairs.

Chair Bronson responded that the \$80 million was distributed to the Department of Public Safety.

Supervisor Valadez spoke in favor of the proposed property tax increase and stated that it was an opportunity to fix the roads in Pima County.

Supervisor Elías commented that a large percentage of HURF were being spent on DPS Officers and added that with clarity and transparency, the proposed property tax increase was an opportunity for Pima County to repair roads.

Chair Bronson noted that when utility costs rise it affects county government rates as well. She also commented that the surrounding jurisdictions such as Marana, Oro Valley, and Sahuarita are younger communities with newer roads and as a result, they do not currently face the same road preservation and repair issues as Pima County. She added that Justice and Law Enforcement takes up over 60% of the county budget and noted their budgets have grown while other county

department budgets have decreased. She then provided staff direction that prior to final budget adoption, the Pima County Justice and Law Enforcement entities provide a memo explaining their public defense cost, including statistics on the diversion programs and their success rates. She also requested a synopsis of the number of drug cases and the number of individuals being placed into diversion programs versus being prosecuted for small-scale drug crimes.

It was moved by Supervisor Elías and seconded by Supervisor Valadez, to close the public hearing and adopt the Tentative County Budget for FY 2017/2018 in the amount of \$1,267,072,355.00 at an effective tax rate of \$5.9784. No vote was taken at this time.

Supervisor Valadez offered a friendly amendment to the motion to direct staff to create a public and transparent process for distribution of the property tax monies.

Supervisor Elías accepted the friendly amendment and noted that he felt it was a critical piece of the 2017/2018 budget.

Upon roll call, the motion carried by a 3-2 vote, Supervisors Christy and Miller voted "Nay."

7. Review and adoption of the Debt Service Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

It was moved by Supervisor Elías and seconded by Supervisor Miller, to close the public hearing and adopt the Debt Services Tentative Budget in the amount of \$134,790,376.00 at an effective tax rate of \$0.7000. Upon roll call, the motion unanimously carried by a 5-0 vote.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

CHAIR

ATTEST:

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