

**MINUTES
TAYLORS FIRE & SEWER DISTRICT
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
BUDGET WORKSHOP
MAY 24, 2016**

A special called meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at the District Office in the Board Room, 3335 Wade Hampton Blvd., Taylors, South Carolina at 3:30 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Douglas L. Wavle, Commission Chairman
Paul Bowen, Commission Vice Chairman/Treasurer
Mark A. J. Rea Jr., Commission Secretary

STAFF PRESENT

Bobby Baker, Fire Chief
Samantha Bartow, Director of Sewer Services
Stephanie Hackler, Bookkeeper
Chris Powell, Construction Crew Leader

OTHERS PRESENT:

David Holmes (Holmes Law Firm), Sean Kurtz (A.T. LOCKE), Tina Smerdon (A.T. LOCKE)

The workshop/meeting was called to order by Chairman Wavle at 3:35 pm. Chairman Wavle stated that the media outlets who requested notification of this monthly meeting were notified via door posting, email, website, Facebook, and Twitter.

Secretary Rea moved to go into executive session for discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee and to receive legal advice where the legal advice relates to pending threatened or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the District in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the District agency of a claim. Vice Chairman/Treasurer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. They entered executive session at 3:37 pm.

Secretary Rea moved to exit executive session, seconded by Vice Chairman/Treasurer the motion carried. The Board exited executive session at 6:52 pm with no action taken.


Chairman Wavle stated that he would entertain a motion to accept the FY 2017 proposed Cigna Health plan with no changes made to the benefits of the current insurance policy or employee premiums. Vice Chairman/Treasurer Bowen made a motion to accept the Cigna plan as written. Secretary Rea seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Wavle recognized Ms. Tina Smerdon to present a draft of the FY 2017 budget. The Department Heads discussed the pros and cons of their budgets. Discussion was made for millage amounts for FY 2017. There was an in-depth discussion for the upcoming fiscal year's budget. Discussion was made to hold a Public Hearing to present the FY 2017 budget on June 21, 2016 immediately following the Regular Monthly Meeting at 4:30 pm.


Secretary Rea moved to hold a Public Hearing on June 21, 2016 immediately following our Regular Monthly Commission Meeting at 4:30 pm to discuss the FY 2017 proposed budget. There is no proposed percentage increase in the millage rate between FY 2016 to FY 2017 for the Fire Department, while the Sewer Department proposed percentage increase in millage rate is 7.21%. The change in operating millage is 2.00%. The overall proposed millage increase is 1.94%. The FY 2016 tax millage rate for the Fire Department is 56.4 mils and the proposed tax millage rate for FY 2017 is 56.4 mils. The FY 2016 tax millage rate for the Sewer Department is 20.8 mils and the proposed tax millage rate for FY 2017 is 22.3 mils. Seconded by Vice Chairman/Treasurer Bowen, the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Wavle asked the Finance Department to complete the Public Hearing Notice that is to be published with the updated information. The Notice of Public Hearing will be published in the Sunday, May 29, 2016 edition of The Greenville News as well as published on all media outlets.

There being no further business, Vice Chairman/Secretary Bowen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Treasurer Rea, the motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.



Commissioner Douglas L. Wavle, Chairman



Date Minutes Approved



Commissioner Paul Bowen, Vice Chairman/Treasurer



Commissioner Mark A. J. Rea Jr., Secretary