



**GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
Action Item Worksheet**

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item: II.B.
Subject: Future Direction of the District and Strategic Plan
Meeting Date: February 20, 2024
Prepared By: James West, Finance Director

Background

Over the past several years, the District has been faced with multiple operational and financial challenges. To address certain challenges, the District created a framework for determining goals and objections in connection with F.S. 189.0695. This was performed in November 2021 by consulting with a third party to conduct an evaluation of the District's goals and objections. Within this document, the District identifies the need to provide proper fiscal stewardship coupled with delivering optimal service levels.

Another challenge the District has been faced with is identifying specific long-term and short term needs. This was addressed by creating a five (5) year strategic plan. Within this plan document the District acknowledges that it needs to prioritize several immediate items inclusive of capital infrastructure replacement, fleet replacement, personnel staffing levels, and additional funding mechanisms. Without an additional funding mechanism, the District will be at a disadvantage in achieving some of its goals identified in the strategic plan in a timely manner.

Furthermore, an additional funding source will allow the District to maintain a separate budget for capital projects only. It will alleviate the general fund operational budget and allow for greater transparency to its citizens as new infrastructure and fleet apparatus are obtained by way of a board approved, specific capital projects fund.

It was at the request of the board to present the same resolutions that were previously presented back in December 2021. Resolution 2021-018 called for a ballot question asking whether the District shall be authorized to issue general obligation bonds from time to time not exceeding \$70M in aggregate principal amount. Resolution 2021-019 called for a ballot question asking whether the District shall be authorized to increase its millage rate by .50 mils.

Funding Source/Financial Impact

Based on the District's 2023 taxable property valuations, the following amounts are examples of approximated annually generated funds from a millage rate increase:

.25	\$8.01M
.50	\$16.02M

As previously presented to the board, all of these additional funds could be budgeted and accounted for on a separate capital improvements fund.



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Moreover, initial cost estimates from the FY 2023-2027 strategic planning analysis - infrastructure, facility, information technology, apparatus/vehicles, and personnel projects - for a total initial estimate of \$73 million (Note: this initial estimate excludes the personnel analysis of the strategic plan).

The aforementioned figures are best estimates, and subject to change based on annual property valuations conducted by the Collier County Property Appraiser's Office, new construction valuations added to the property rolls, updates to the strategic planning document, local/state/federal economic conditions, and annual changing District needs.

Based on the cost of \$325,000 - \$350,000 to hold a special election, staff recommends placing a referendum on the Primary Election Day ballot of August 20, 2024. In order to have a referendum placed on the Primary Election ballot, we must have the final text of the referendum in English and Spanish by 5:00 p.m. on June 14, 2024.

Note: A passing/sustained August 2024 referendum means the additional funds become available for budgetary purposes in fiscal year 2026 – commencing 10/1/2025 (not fiscal year 2025).

Recommendation

Provide Staff direction on drafting a new resolution in support of a millage increase up to 2.0 mills with a sunset that will be maintained in a separate capital improvements fund.

Potential Motion

I move to direct Staff to work towards placing a referendum of the August 20, 2024 Primary Election ballot that authorizes the District to increase its millage rate by 0.5 mills for no more than ___ years to be maintained in a separate capital improvements fund.

Attachments

1. August 2021 Referendum Agenda Item



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NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item: III. D.
Subject: August 23, 2022 (Primary Election Day) Referendum
Meeting Date: December 14, 2021
Prepared By: Sal D'Angelo III, Deputy Chief

Background

On August 10, 2021, Deputy Chief Tobin apprised the Board of Fire Commissioners (BOFC) about the District's infrastructure, maintenance, and repair problems. DC Tobin discussed the advantages of the Limited Tax Obligation Bond, and Attorney Laura Donaldson discussed the procedures associated with said public finance mechanism. Chief Sapp advised the BOFC this was for informational purposes only, and the BOFC advised Chief Sapp to present a plan for further comment and review.

On September 14, 2021, Deputy Chief Tobin apprised the BOFC that he is working with Attorney Laura Donaldson on a resolution and referendum language, and this is being prepared for the October 2021 BOFC meeting. DC Tobin advised that Chief Sapp and Chief D'Angelo are working on the project list. During the same conversation, Commissioner Duffy started to discuss Collier County's one cent sales tax and if the fire district is entitled to a certain portion of that revenue stream.

On October 12, 2021, Commissioner Duffy asked about the status of the District's strategic plan and staff advised we are working towards creating a new document. Chief Sapp asked me to take the lead on the District's strategic planning initiative, and it was decided to hold a *Strategic Planning workshop* before the November 9, 2021, scheduled BOFC meeting.

On November 9, 2021, I presented the strategic planning framework/outline, and infrastructure/facility, fleet, personnel, and other capital needs for the Fiscal Years 2023-2027 (see attachment #1 for the revised plan). The aforementioned document – coupled with further analysis as provided by Attorney Laura Donaldson - provides the foundational project base for the remaining discussion, and for the BOFC to decide if they want to move forward with an August 23, 2022 – Primary Election Day - referendum.

Funding Source/Financial Impact

Based on the District's 2021 taxable property valuations, the following amounts are examples of approximated annually generated funds from a millage rate increase: 1. 0.25 = \$5.77 million; 2. 0.35 = \$8.08 million; and 3. 0.50 = \$11.45 million.



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Note: Resolutions #2021-18 and #2021-19 are two (2) separate resolutions, and the passage of one resolution IS NOT contingent upon the passage of the other resolution.

Recommendation

Based on the cost of \$325,000 - \$350,000 to hold a special election (see attachment #3, email communication with the Chief Deputy Supervisor of Elections), staff recommends holding the referenda on the Primary Election Day of August 23, 2022, coupled with, approving the subsequent non-contingent resolutions.

1. Approve the Project List/Exhibit A document
2. Approve Resolution #2021-18 GNFD Election Referendum
3. Approve Resolution #2021-19 GNFD Millage Referendum

Potential Motion

1. Motion to approve the Project List/Exhibit A
2. Motion to approve Resolution #2021-18 GNFD Election Referendum
3. Motion to approve Resolution #2021-19 GNFD Millage Referendum



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Attachments

1. Project List, Exhibit "A" document.
2. Collier County Infrastructure and Growth Projects MAP.
3. November 17, 2021, E-mail communication with Melissa Blazier (Collier County Chief Deputy Supervisor of Elections).
4. Resolution #2021-18 GNFD Election Referendum
5. Resolution #2021-19 GNFD Millage Referendum

Greater Naples Fire Rescue District

Strategic Planning Session

Revised Plan For:

BOFC 12.14.2021

Deputy Chief Sal D'Angelo

Project List – Exhibit “A”

Financial Service Gap

Millage	0.25	0.35	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50
Current	\$33,732,373,972	\$33,732,373,972	\$33,732,373,972	\$33,732,373,972	\$33,732,373,972	\$33,732,373,972
Gross	\$8,433,093	\$11,806,331	\$16,866,187	\$25,299,280	\$33,732,374	\$50,598,561
	5 % adjustment	5 % adjustment	5 % adjustment	5 % adjustment	5 % adjustment	5 % adjustment
Budget	\$8,011,439	\$11,216,014	\$16,022,878	\$24,034,316	\$32,045,755	\$48,068,633

Source: GNFRD Finance Section

Facility Service Gap

Station #23 FY 2023	Station #21 FY 2023	Station #70 FY 2024	Station 27 (Outer Drive) FY 2024	Support Services Training Complex FY 2024	Station #60 FY 2025	Station #26 FY 2025	Station 73 FY 2026	Fire and Life Safety FY 2027
1982 - Built for 2 1. Rookery Bay 2. Total Remodel	1993	Collier County Owns Site (we need a new fire station) – EMS shared site.	Needed for service demand and concurrent call volume in area	CDBG-MIT Grant- \$14.3 million for current design	1975- City of Everglades City Owns site	NEW East Trail Fire Station – needed in FY 24 or FY 25	Current office space is not appropriate.	Potentially adding a second story to the current building – ½ or entire structure
Obsolete Facility; Ascertain 1 acre from Rookery Bay	Shared Site with CCSO; Too small, obsolete facility	Fire Department may purchase site – Lease is up this FY 2022	Assist with Stations 20, 21, 22 call volume; and densely populated area		Flood Plain – Need to raise Facility and need a new building.	Needed for area growth and density along the corridor – Commercial and Residential	Potentially adding another building, single or two-story addition to the East side.	Growth in Fire and Life Safety, CERT, Public Education, and other sections being reviewed.
Stay at same site and Rookery Bay acre	Develop two sites – East Property (completed)	Termites, water leaks, electrical	Squad or Engine Company		Stay on same site	CCSO interested in joint site	Parking, SDP, storm water, etc...	Parking? SDP?
\$5 million (EMS is in the Station)	2-way ownership (GNFRD/EMS) we own the property - \$6.5 million	Needs to be a 5-6 bay station \$6 million	\$2-3 million	Requires new furniture/lifts – approximately \$800,000.00	Complete site renovation/infrastructure and new building \$4 million	Requires 12 personnel and new apparatus/equipment - \$6 million	\$3 million	\$2-3 million

Personnel Service Gaps – NEW FTE’s

Fiscal Year	Operations	FLS	Administration	Support Services	Professional Development
2023	St. 74 (15 FTE) – NEW; St. 20 (6); St. 70 (6)	3 Inspectors ; CRR/Public Education Division ; Division Chief Assignment; Hydrant Technician	Data Analyst (1); Quality Control Analyst (1)	Mechanic (1) Logistics (1) Facilities (1)	1 Div. Chief; 1 Fire LT. 1. EMS Lt., and 1 Training Specialist
2024	New BC Position	Plan Review – (4 FTE); AP/AR (1 FTE)	PIO/Legislative Aide (1)	Mechanic (1)	1 Div. Chief; 1 Fire Lt. , and 1 EMS Captain
2025	St. 26 (15 FTE) - NEW	2 Inspectors	Risk Manager		1 EMS Lt.
2026	St. 27 (15 FTE) - NEW	1 Inspectors	Administrative Assistant	Mechanic (1) Logistics (1) Facilities (1)	1 Fire Lt. and 1 EMS Lt.
2027	10-15 New Hires	2 Inspectors			

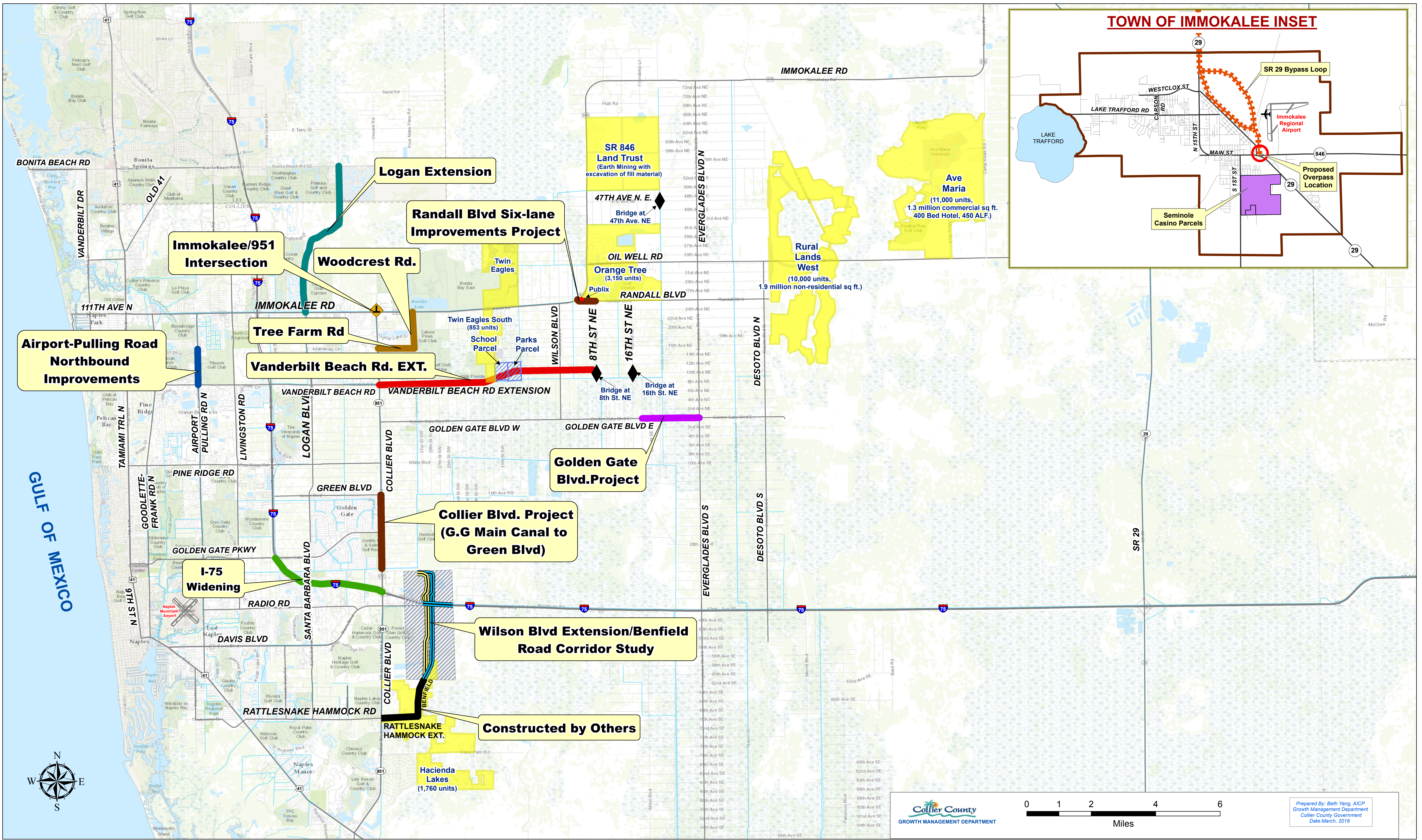
Apparatus/Fleet Service Gap

Description	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Engines	70,71,23, 22 (Lease-July 2023) 74 (NEW)	61 ;	60, 26 (NEW)	27 (NEW)	74,24,73,75,90
Squads	21, 20 (New), 70 (New)		72	76	25
Ladders	New Tower to 21	21 (possibly move to North END)	72		
Specialty		SRU 73; Rehab Unit (NEW)	Mobile Command Unit (NEW); SRU MARC 70	ATV's; Public Education; Specialty Teams – Dive	Air 72/Cascade System
Boats		90 plus trailer	60 (County) plus trailer		
Staff	FLS/3; Fleet; Logistics; Training/4	FLS – Pool Vehicle; Training/3	IT Van; FLS/2; Training/3	Fleet; Logistics; Training/2	Approximately 20 staff/Command vehicles
BC's		BC 70, BC 20, New BC			
Brush Trucks	A23, A60 , 74	73,22	72	21	71
Water Tenders	71, 74	60,20	70, 26 (NEW)		
Trailers	I.T. Van	10 plus Light Tower	Box Truck; Light Tower	USAR; FOAM 63	

Other Capital Projects

Fiscal Year	Information Technology	Finance/ Human Resources	Fire/Life Safety /Fire Stations	Support Services	Training/Prof. Development	Current District Land and Land Purchase
2023	New AA, Fleet and Logistics MDT Computers, Possible Net Motion network deployment; DATA Analytic Programs	HRIS Platform – Benefits Administration/E-File Cabinet		Station 20 – concrete apron replacement ; Station 90 – asphalt repaving and other major upgrades - \$595,000	FY 23 - \$239,600 FY 22 - \$190,100 (Recognized needs of capital items including the ZOLL Heart Monitors)	Meet with NCFRD – Krape Road partnership/Joint Fire Station and Ancillary Facilities
2024	New Firewall VPN Routers at all facilities; New FLS Tablets; New MDT Computers			Station 71 – painting, driveway finishing, roof 73/Admin – Asphalt Station 72 – concrete apron, interior paint	\$263,600	South of GG BLVD East/West of 28 th Ave SE (3-5 acres); North of Manatee Road/East Trail – Fire Station
2025	New Domain and Storage Servers; New MDT computers		Emergency Generator Replacements		\$104,700	Station 26/Lake Park Blvd; Six L’s Farm Road - Fire Station
2026	New Wireless Access Points at all Fire Stations		Emergency Generator Replacements	District-wide Fuel System Upgrades	\$80,200	Station 27 (Outer Dr.) – Fire Station
2027	MDT’s / Portables		Emergency Generators			

COLLIER COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE AND GROWTH PROJECTS



From: [BlazierMelissa](#)
To: [Sal D'Angelo](#)
Subject: FW: Greater Naples Fire Rescue - Possible 2022 Referendum
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 11:26:31 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Hi Sal,

Dave forwarded your email on to me for a response. Any referenda placed on the ballot is required, by us, to be placed on the Primary Election. We would need verbiage submitted to us, English and Spanish, by the end of qualifying – June 17, 2022. The title is limited to 15 words and the body of the referenda is limited to 75 words. If the district was to hold a special election it would cost between \$325,000 - \$350,000. Same price whether its all by mail or in-person and mail. Hope this helps and if you have any other questions, please let me know. Thanks, Melissa

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My email address has recently changed to: Melissa.Blazier@CollierVotes.gov Please make updates as necessary.

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From: CarpenterDave <Dave.Carpenter@colliervotes.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 10:07 AM
To: BlazierMelissa <Melissa.Blazier@colliervotes.gov>
Subject: FW: Greater Naples Fire Rescue - Possible 2022 Referendum

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Qualifying Officer
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From: Sal D'Angelo <sdangelo@gnfire.org>

Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 9:19 AM

To: CarpenterDave <Dave.Carpenter@colliervotes.gov>

Cc: Sal D'Angelo <sdangelo@gnfire.org>; Nolan Sapp <nsapp@gnfire.org>; Nicole Chesser <nchesser@gnfire.org>

Subject: Greater Naples Fire Rescue - Possible 2022 Referendum

EXTERNAL EMAIL: This email is from an external source. Confirm this is a trusted sender and use extreme caution when opening attachments or clicking links.

Good morning Dave – hope this E-mail finds you well.

The fire district may move forward with a millage rate referendum in 2022.

To confirm:

1. What timelines for the ballot question(s) (we may have two questions) shall we follow for an August 23, 2022 primary election day vote, or, the November 8, 2022 general election day?
2. If the Board of Fire Commissioners (BOFC) decides not to have the 2022 referendum, and hold a special election vote in 2023, what is the estimated cost?
3. Does the Supervisor of Elections prefer or require us to have a referendum during the August primary election cycle?

Thanks for your help with this matter as I am presenting an agenda item at our December 14, 2021, BOFC meeting.

Best,
Sal.

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RESOLUTION 2021-018

A RESOLUTION OF THE GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA, CALLING FOR AN ELECTION ON AUGUST 23, 2022, TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORATE OF THE GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT, A BALLOT QUESTION ASKING WHETHER THE DISTRICT SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, FROM TIME TO TIME, NOT EXCEEDING \$70,000,000 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT, PAYABLE FROM AD VALOREM TAXES, BEARING INTEREST NOT EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM LEGAL INTEREST RATE, AND MATURING NO LATER THAN TWENTY YEARS FROM ISSUANCE DATE, TO IMPROVE THE DISTRICT'S PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES, TECHNOLOGY, AND EQUIPMENT.

WHEREAS, Section 191.008, Florida Statutes, authorizes independent special fire control districts to provide for fire suppression and prevention by establishing and maintaining fire stations and fire substations and acquiring and maintaining such firefighting and fire protection equipment deemed necessary to prevent or fight fires; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.01 of Section 4 of Chapter 2014-204, Laws of Florida, as amended, (Charter) of the Greater Naples Fire District (District) grants the District the authority to establish, equip, operate, and maintain a fire department and rescue service, including, but not limited to, providing fire hydrants or other types of water supply, buildings for housing fire equipment and personnel, training facilities for fire and rescue, and other buildings deemed necessary by the Board of Commissioners to provide adequate protection from unwanted fire and to carry out rescue operations; and

WHEREAS, Section 12, Article VII of the Florida Constitution, provides that a special district with taxing powers may issue bonds, certificates of indebtedness or any form of tax anticipation certificates, payable from ad valorem taxation and maturing more than twelve months after issuance only to finance or refinance capital projects authorized by law and only when approved by vote of the electors who are owners of freeholds therein not wholly exempt from taxation; and

WHEREAS, Section 191.006(10), Florida Statutes, authorizes the District to borrow money and issue bonds payable and secured by a pledge of funds, revenues, taxes, and assessments, when necessary to carry out an independent special fire control district's duties and authority under Chapter 191, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Section 191.012, Florida Statutes, authorizes independent special fire control districts the authority to issue bonds, notes, and other indebtedness, and provides the applicable requirements, including when an independent special fire control district pledges its full faith and credit; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.01 of the Charter provides the District the powers, functions, and duties regarding bond issuance and the methods for financing the District as set forth in the Charter, Chapter 191, Florida Statutes, and in any applicable general or special law; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that it will have insufficient ad valorem taxes to address the immediate and future needs of the District, including improvements to existing facilities, and has developed a list of capital projects ("Projects") described in more detail in attached Exhibit "A" (Greater Naples Fire Rescue District Public Safety Facilities, Technology, and Equipment Project List), that the District must address over the next thirty years; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to issue general obligation bonds of the District to pay for the Projects on the Project List, payable from ad valorem taxes, recognizing that bonds being issued shall be for no more than twenty years; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Florida Constitution and Sections 191.012 and 100.201, Florida Statutes, before the issuance of general obligation bonds, the question of the issuance must be approved by a majority of votes cast at an election in which qualified electors residing in the District shall participate; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable and necessary to provide for the submission to the qualified electors of the District at the primary election to be scheduled for August 23, 2022, of such a question for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the District to pay for Projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT, COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Section 1. The preceding "WHEREAS" clauses are ratified and confirmed as true and correct and incorporated in this Resolution.

Section 2. The District hereby finds, determines and declares as follows:

- A. The District is authorized under law to issue the Bonds, as defined in Section 3 below, for the valid public purpose of paying the cost of the Projects, as defined in Section 8 below, upon approval at a referendum by a majority of votes cast at an election in which qualified electors residing in the District shall participate.
- B. The District intends to finance the cost of the Projects with the proceeds of its Bonds to be issued in the future in one or more series.
- C. The District expects to pay or reimburse certain costs of the Projects from the Bonds and it is anticipated that the interest on all or a portion of such Bonds shall be excludable from gross income of the holders thereof for federal income tax purposes.

Section 3. Subject to the referendum and the provisions of this Resolution, the District authorizes the issuance of public safety facilities, technology, and equipment general obligations bonds ("Bonds") in one or more series and in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$70,000,000.

Section 4. Under the general laws of the State of Florida, an election is now called and directed to be held in the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District, Collier County, Florida, on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, to submit to the electorate the question set forth below (Election).

Section 5. The Collier County election officials shall conduct the Election, with acceptance of the certification of the election results to be performed by the Election Commission.

Section 6. The voting precincts in the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District for this Election shall be established by the proper and appropriate Collier County election officials. All electors shall vote at the polling places and the voting precincts as determined by the Collier County election officials.

Section 7. Under the requirements of Section 100.342, Florida Statutes, notice of Special Elections or Referendum outlined in this Resolution shall be given at least thirty days in advance of the Election and shall be presented in a newspaper of general circulation published in Collier County. The notice shall be posted at least twice, once in the fifth week and once in the third week prior to the week the Election is to be held.

Section 8. A. The Projects included in the Projects List in Exhibit A is hereby approved. The District may, in its sole discretion, by official action evidenced by resolution or motion of the Board of Commissioners adopt or enacted from time to time, modify or amend all or any portion of the Project List to (1) delete one or more of the Projects or if the District determines it is not feasible or is otherwise not in the best interest of the District to pursue such Project or Projects or (2) in consultation with bond counsel to the District, substitute or modify one or more of the Projects on the Project List if the District determines such substitution or modification better serves District purposes, provided such modified or substituted facility, improvement or equipment is related to public safety services, including fire/rescue operations, fire prevention, fire inspection, environmental hardening of public safety facilities, community protection, and all-hazard mitigation.

B. A portion of the costs of the Projects may be paid or incurred before the related Bonds are issued, in anticipation of the reimbursement of such expenditures from proceeds of such Bonds. Section 1.150-2 of the Federal Income tax regulations require the District to officially declare its intent to use proceeds of the Bonds to reimburse Project

expenditures paid before the issuance thereof as a prerequisite to the proceeds being used for reimbursement purposes. Accordingly, this Resolution shall serve as evidence of the District's intent to issue the Bonds for reimbursements, if approved at the Election, within the meeting of Section 1.150-2 of the Federal income tax regulations. The applicable Bonds shall have the appropriate maximum principal amounts specified in Section 3 and be issued concerning the related Projects identified in the Project List. All of the expenditures initially to be made with the advanced funds and then to be reimbursed by the District from proceeds of the Bonds will be for costs of the Project of a type constituting capital expenditures or preliminary expenditures relating to the Project or costs of issuing the Bonds.

C. Nothing in this Resolution shall be deemed to require the District to issue any of the Bonds.

Section 9. The official ballot to be used in the Election to be held on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, shall be in substantially the following form:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

General Obligation Bond Issue

Greater Naples Fire Rescue District Public Safety Facilities, Technology, and Equipment

To improve fire and rescue services, including construction of new fire stations and facilities, improvements to existing facilities, and purchase of fire apparatus/technology/equipment, shall the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District be authorized to issue general obligation bonds, from time to time, not exceeding \$70,000,000 in aggregate principal amount, and payable from ad valorem taxes, bearing interest not exceeding the maximum legal interest rate and maturing no later than 20 years from the date of issuance?

_____ For Bonds

_____ Against Bonds

Section 10. The Greater Naples Fire Rescue District shall pay all expenses for conducting the Election and pay to Collier County or directly to all persons or firms upon

receipt of the invoice or statement of approval by the Supervisor of Elections, Collier County.

Section 11. If any word, phrase, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this Resolution shall be held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect any other word, clause, phrase, sentence, or paragraph hereof.

Section 12. This Resolution shall be in full force and immediate effect upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED THIS _____.

We, the undersigned hereby, certify that the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District Board of Fire Commissioners is comprised of Five members, of whom ____, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed, convened and held this 14th day of December, 2021, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members, and opposed by ____ members, and that said Resolution has been duly recorded in the Official Records and is in full force and effect.

Chairman Kevin Gerrity

Commissioner Nick Biondo

Commissioner Charles Cottiers

Commissioner Al Duffy

Commissioner David Stedman



RESOLUTION 2021-019

A RESOLUTION OF THE GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA, CALLING FOR AN ELECTION ON AUGUST 23, 2022, TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORATE OF THE GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT, A BALLOT QUESTION ASKING WHETHER THE DISTRICT SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO INCREASE ITS MILLAGE RATE BY 0.5 MILS, TO IMPROVE THE DISTRICT'S PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES, TECHNOLOGY, AND EQUIPMENT.

WHEREAS, in 1982, the East Naples Fire Control and Rescue District and the Golden Gate Fire Control and Rescue District received approval to levy a maximum millage rate of 1.5 mills of ad valorem taxation on property within their respective boundaries; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Greater Naples Fire District (District) was created through the merger of the East Naples Fire Control and Rescue District and the Golden Gate Fire Control and Rescue District, which was in accordance with Chapter 2014-204, Laws of Florida, and approved at referendum; and

WHEREAS, Section 10 of Chapter 2014-204, Laws of Florida, as amended provided that the District maintained the authority to levy a millage rate up to 1.5 mills, as previously approved by referendum in the East Naples Fire Control and Rescue District and Golden Gate Fire Control and Rescue District, and that a subsequent referendum would be needed to increase the District's maximum millage rate; and

WHEREAS, the ballot question that was approved in 2014 referendum on the creation of the District provided that the District would retain the authority to levy no more than the current maximum millage rate of 1.5 mills of ad valorem taxation on property located within the District; and

WHEREAS, Section 191.008, Florida Statutes, authorizes independent special fire control districts to provide for fire suppression and prevention by establishing and maintaining

fire stations and fire substations and acquiring and maintaining such firefighting and fire protection equipment deemed necessary to prevent or fight fires; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.01 of Section 4 of Chapter 2014-204, Laws of Florida, as amended, (Charter) of the District grants the District the authority to establish, equip, operate, and maintain a fire department and rescue service, including, but not limited to, providing fire hydrants or other types of water supply, buildings for housing fire equipment and personnel, training facilities for fire and rescue, and other buildings deemed necessary by the Board of Commissioners to provide adequate protection from unwanted fire and to carry out rescue operations; and

WHEREAS, Section 9, Article VII of the Florida Constitution, provides that a special district may levy a millage rate authorized by law approved by vote of the electors who are owners of freeholds therein not wholly exempt from taxation; and

WHEREAS, Section 191.006(14), Florida Statutes, authorizes the District to assess and impose on real property ad valorem taxes; and

WHEREAS, Section 191.009(1), Florida Statutes, authorizes independent special fire control districts the authority to levy and assess ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the district to construct, operate, and maintain district facilities and services and to pay for general obligation bonds, with such millage rate not exceeding 3.75 mills unless a higher amount has been previously authorized by law, subject to a referendum as required by the Florida Constitution and Chapter 191, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Section 191.009(1), Florida Statutes, requires a referendum when the proposed levy of ad valorem taxes exceeds the amount authorized by prior special act, general law of local application, or county ordinance approved by referendum and that the ballot question must state the currently authorized millage rate and the year of its approval by referendum; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.01 of the Charter provides the District the powers, functions, and duties regarding ad valorem taxation and the methods for financing the District as set forth in the Charter, Chapter 191, Florida Statutes, and in any applicable general or special law; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.02 of the Charter requires the District to levy and collect ad valorem taxes in accordance with Section 191.009, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 200, Florida Statutes, provides that the District has the authority to levy a millage rate up to 1.5 mills, and clarifies that the Charter does not prevent the levying of a millage rate as provided for in Section 191.009, Florida Statutes, which has been approved by referendum; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that it will have insufficient ad valorem tax revenues to address the immediate and future capital needs of the District, including improvements to existing facilities, and has developed a list of capital projects ("Projects") described in more detail in attached Exhibit "A" (Greater Naples Fire Rescue District Public Safety Facilities, Technology, and Equipment Project List), that the District must address over the next thirty years; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to increase the District's millage rate for an eight-year term to pay for the Projects on the Project List; and

WHEREAS, if a separate referendum regarding the ability to issue bonds that are payable from ad valorem taxes is approved, the District will be able to complete the Projects timelier and efficiently, thus better meeting the needs of the District's citizens; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Florida Constitution and Section 191.009(1), Florida Statutes, approval of the millage rate increase must be approved by a majority of votes cast at an election in which qualified electors residing in the District shall participate; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable and necessary to provide for the submission to the qualified electors of the District at the primary election to be scheduled for August 23, 2022, of such a question for the increase in millage rate for a limited specified term to pay for Projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT, COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Section 1. The preceding "WHEREAS" clauses are ratified and confirmed as true and correct and incorporated in this Resolution.

Section 2. The District hereby finds, determines, and declares that the District needs to increase its millage rate for an eight-year period as it has insufficient funds to pay for necessary improvements to existing facilities and equipment as well to purchase needed new fire stations, equipment, and technology with its existing millage rate of 1.5 mills.

Section 3. Subject to the referendum and the provisions of this Resolution, the District is authorized to increase its millage rate by 0.5 mills for a total maximum ad valorem millage rate of 2.0 mills for eight years starting with the Fiscal Year 2024.

Section 4. Under the general laws of the State of Florida, an election is now called and directed to be held in the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District, Collier County, Florida, on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, to submit to the electorate the question set forth below (Election).

Section 5. The Collier County election officials shall conduct the Election, with acceptance of the certification of the election results to be performed by the Election Commission.

Section 6. The voting precincts in the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District for this Election shall be established by the proper and appropriate Collier County election officials. All electors shall vote at the polling places and the voting precincts as determined by the Collier County election officials.

Section 7. Under the requirements of Section 100.342, Florida Statutes, notice of Special Elections or Referendum outlined in this Resolution shall be given at least thirty days in advance of the Election and shall be presented in a newspaper of general circulation published in Collier County. The notice shall be posted at least twice, once in the fifth week and once in the third week prior to the week the Election is to be held.

Section 8. The Projects included in the Projects List in Exhibit A is hereby approved. The District may, in its sole discretion, by official action evidenced by resolution or motion of the Board of Commissioners adopt or enacted from time to time, modify or amend all or any portion of the Project List to (1) delete one or more of the Projects or if the District determines it is not feasible or is otherwise not in the best interest of the District to pursue such Project or Projects or (2) if general obligation bonds have been issued, in consultation with bond counsel to the District, substitute or modify one or more of the Projects on the Project List if the District

determines such substitution or modification better serves District purposes, provided such modified or substituted facility, improvement or equipment is related to public safety services, including fire/rescue operations, fire prevention, fire inspection, environmental hardening of public safety facilities, community protection, and all-hazard mitigation.

Section 9. The official ballot to be used in the Election to be held on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, shall be in substantially the following form:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Referendum to Increase the Maximum Millage Rate of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District

To improve fire and rescue services, including construction of new fire stations and facilities, improvements to existing facilities, and purchase of fire apparatus/technology/equipment, shall the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District be authorized to increase the current authorized ad valorem millage rate the District can charge from 1.5 mills (\$1.50 for every \$1,000.00 of assessed value), approved in 2014, to 2.0 mills (\$2.00 for every \$1,000.00 of assessed value), for no more than 8 years?

_____ Yes

_____ No

Section 10. The Greater Naples Fire Rescue District shall pay all expenses for conducting the Election and pay to Collier County or directly to all persons or firms upon receipt of the invoice or statement of approval by the Supervisor of Elections, Collier County.

Section 11. If any word, phrase, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this Resolution shall be held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect any other word, clause, phrase, sentence, or paragraph hereof.

Section 12. If the referendum is approved, the Fire Chief, or designee, shall report the levy of ad valorem taxes approved by referendum to the Department of Economic Opportunity within 60 days after the vote.

Section 13. This Resolution shall be in full force and immediate effect upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED THIS _____.

We, the undersigned hereby, certify that the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District Board of Fire Commissioners is comprised of Five members, of whom ____, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed, convened and held this 14th day of December, 2021, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members, and opposed by ____ members, and that said Resolution has been duly recorded in the Official Records and is in full force and effect.

Chairman Kevin Gerrity

Commissioner Nick Biondo

Commissioner Charles Cottiers

Commissioner Al Duffy

Commissioner David Stedman