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GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FINAL BUDGET HEARING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2026 ▪ 5:05 PM
Fire & Life Safety Office ▪ 2700 N. Horseshoe Dr. Naples, FL 34104

I. MEETING OPENED

Chairman Cherney called to order the Final Public Budget Hearing of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District's Board of Fire Commissioners at 5:05 p.m., on September 23, 2026 at the Fire and Life Safety Office. Present were Commissioners Cherney, Duffy, Dearborn, and Biondo. Commissioner Cross was absent.

A. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

B. Discussion of Rolled Back Rate

Finance Director Polanco stated the proposed millage rate of 2.0 mills is a 0.6289% increase from the roll back rate of 1.9875 mills. He announced the only changes from the tentative hearing included updates to the Organizational Chart, a capital improvement projects list, and updates to the Final General Fund Budget amount.

C. Discussion of FY 2026-2027 General Fund, Impact Fee Fund, Mile Marker 63, Fund, Ochopee Fund, and Capital Improvement Projects Fund Budgets

Staff recommended the adoption of Resolutions 2026-11, 2026-12, 2026-13, 2026-14, 2026-15, 2026-16, 2026-17 and 2026-18.

D. Approve Final Millage Rate by Resolution 2026-11

Commissioner Duffy moved to adopt Resolution 2026-11 establishing the final millage rate for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to be 2.0 mills which represents a 0.6289% increase of the rolled back rate of 1.9875 mills. Commissioner Dearborn seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

E. Approve Final General Fund Budget by Resolution 2026-12

Commissioner Duffy moved to adopt Resolution 2026-12 approving the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Final General Fund Budget in the amount of $85,556,423. Commissioner Biondo seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

F. Approve Final Capital Improvement Projects Fund Budget by Resolution 2026-13

Commissioner Duffy moved to adopt Resolution 2026-13 approving the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Final Capital Improvement Projects Fund Budget in the amount of $20,410,266. Commissioner Biondo seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

G. Approve Final Impact Fee Rate by Resolution 2026-14

Commissioner Duffy moved to adopt Resolution 2026-14 establishing a final rate for Impact Fees of $.433 per square foot for commercial and residential for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Commissioner Biondo seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

H. Approve Final Impact Fee Fund Budget by Resolution 2026-15

Commissioner Dearborn moved to adopt Resolution 2026-15 approving the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Final Impact Fee Fund Budget in the amount of $12,735,644. Commissioner Duffy seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

I. Approve Final Mile Marker 63 Fund Budget by Resolution 2026-16
Commissioner Duffy moved to adopt Resolution 2026-16 approving the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Final Mile Marker 63 Fund Budget in the amount of $2,000,000. Commissioner Dearborn seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

J. Approve Final Ochopee Fund Budget by Resolution 2026-17
Commissioner Duffy moved to adopt Resolution 2026-17 approving the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Final Ochopee Fund Budget in the amount of $6,052,930. Commissioner Biondo seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

K. Approve Final Grant Fund Budget 2026-18
Commissioner Duffy moved to adopt Resolution 2026-18 approving the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Final Grant Fund Budget in the amount of $2,145,665. Commissioner Biondo seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

L. Comments by Commissioners and Public
Several sentiments of appreciation were shared in recognition of staff's hard work.

II. ADJOURNMENT
Commissioner Duffy moved to adjourn at 5:12 p.m. Commissioner Biondo seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0. The meeting was adjourned.