

Final Public Hearing on Budget
Downtown Development Authority
Wednesday, September 23, 2009
DDA Office, 305 South Andrews Avenue, Suite 301, Fort Lauderdale, FL

ROLL CALL

BOARD PRESENT: Charles B. Ladd, Chair
Alan Hooper, Vice Chair
D. Fredrico Fazio, Secretary
Dennis F. O'Shea, Treasurer
Gregory Durden, Board Member
William R. Scherer, Board Member

ALSO PRESENT: John M. Milledge, DDA Legal Counsel
Chris Wren, DDA Executive Director
Elizabeth Van Zandt, Planning & Design Manager
Marti Brown, Administrative Coordinator
Chadwick Blue, Urban Planner
Neil Sterling
Chuck Adams

PRESIDING: Charles B. Ladd, Chair

Chair Ladd called the First Public Hearing on the Final Millage Rate and Final Budget for 2009-2010 to order at 5:07 p.m. Roll call was taken. Chair Ladd opened the Public Hearing on the Final Millage Rate for 2009-2010. Chairman Ladd made the announcement of the following: The name of the taxing authority, the rolled-back rate of .4849, the percentage increase of the Final Millage Rate over the Rolled-back Rate is 2.50%, the Final Operating Millage Rate of .4970, the Final Debt Service Millage Rate of .4313 and the Final Total Millage Rate of .9283. Mr. Milledge read Resolution 9-4-09 by title only adopting the Final Millage Rate for 2009-2010.

Chair Ladd asked if there were comments from the public and hearing none, Chair Ladd closed the Public Hearing on the Final Millage Rate for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year. Chair Ladd asked if there were comments from the Board. There were none. Chair Ladd asked if there was a Motion to Adopt the Resolution Adopting the Final Millage Rate for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year. ***Mr. Fazio made the motion and Mr. Durden seconded. Roll call was taken and all approved.***

Chair Ladd opened the Public Hearing on the 2009-2010 Budget. Mr. Milledge read Resolution 9-5-09 by title only adopting the Final Budget for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year. Chair Ladd asked if there were comments from the public and hearing none, Chair Ladd closed the Public Hearing on the 2009-2010 Budget. Chair Ladd asked if there were comments from the Board. There were none. Chair Ladd asked if there was a Motion to Adopt the Resolution Adopting the Final Budget for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year. ***Mr. Scherer made the motion and Mr. Fazio seconded. Roll call was taken and all***

approved.

Chair Ladd closed the Public Hearing on the Final Millage Rate and Final Budget at 5:10 p.m.

Special Meeting

Chairman Ladd opened the special meeting at 5:10 p.m.

1) 3rd Avenue/Andrews Avenue One Way Pair & Streetscape Elements:

Chairman Ladd said that Mr. Hooper wanted the Board to talk about the scope of work on the Andrews Avenue and N.E. 3rd Avenue Study regarding one way pairing. He said the cost for the work would be \$7,800. Mr. Hooper said he feels the scope prepared by Hugh Johnson is a good deal and he'd like to move forward. ***Mr. Hooper made a motion to spend \$7,800 from the capital projects fund for the scope of work and Mr. Fazio seconded. Roll call was taken and all approved.*** Mr. Scherer expressed concern with reference to the scope of work not continuing south, past Broward Boulevard. He mentioned the future courthouse and parking expansions and other developments.

2) TMA Financial Support:

Mr. Wren said the TMA problems have been relatively solved except the issues surrounding the Galt and NW routes, which will need additional funding to keep them running. He said he's been working closely with Vice-Mayor Roberts and Commissioner Dubose and they are just asking for time to find ways to have these routes sustain themselves. Mr. Wren said he's proposing is a loan of \$50,000 from the DDA to the TMA to support these routes. He said that the DDA's general counsel will draw up an agreement to secure getting the money back in the next few years. He said he'd like to give the organization one year of breathing room on the loan. Mr. Hooper said Commissioners who are seated on the TMA Board appreciate Mr. Wren's efforts to help the TMA and that he always stresses that the DDA is working on the betterment of the community. Chairman Ladd asked how the TMA would pay the DDA back and Mr. Wren said through projected advertising and fare box revenues. Mr. Wren said if the TMA organization has to close down, he'd have the agreement stipulate that the DDA is protected and he wanted to know specifically what the Board wants included in the agreement. Mr. Sterling suggested they get a formal request from the TMA Board asking for assistance. Mr. Hooper said if they do not get funding, the two routes will stop October 1st. The Board talked about a payback schedule with half due in 2010 and half due in 2011.

Mr. Wren said he's spoken to leaders on the Galt and they discussed the route. He said previously there wasn't effective communication to them about the route ending and that the community said they would work to help make the route continue. The Board talked about the NW route and Mr. Hooper said the NW cannot afford the fee and he's hoping the CRA can come to the table to assist. ***Mr. Fazio made a motion in support of a \$50,000 loan from the capital projects fund to the TMA, secured preferably by trolleys or something else with 50% payment due back in October 2010 and 50% due back in October 2011 subject to a formal request for assistance by the TMA Board. Mr. Hooper***

seconded. By roll call, all approved.

As there was no other business to come before the Board, Chairman Ladd adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.