

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### ISLE OF PALMS SPECIAL DISTRICT

July 13, 2016

Board Treasurer Matt Kwartler opened the meeting and called it to order at approximately 1842 hours with a Roll Call of all Board members present [Agenda Item 1]. Other Board members/officers present were Secretary Brad Radloff and Member Tim Pacheco. Both Board President Ken Wright and Vice President Paul Raudenbush could not physically attend the meeting but were present via teleconferencing. Board Attorney Wayne Flowers of Lewis, Longman & Walker (LLW) was also present. Approximately 31 homeowners from the District attended.

#### **Agenda-Specific Public Comments [Agenda Item 2]-**

As a result of a new Florida Statute, public comments of agenda items only (no general items) are to be taken prior to addressing the Meeting Agenda. The Public Comment part of the meeting also doubled as the Public Hearing that was to be held to vote on increasing the annual assessment from \$550.00 to \$650.00. *Several homeowners spoke up about certain items on the agenda but mainly revolved around increasing the annual assessment from \$550.00 per year to \$650.00. Out of about 11 homeowners who spoke about half were not in favor of the increase and the other half in favor. There were also concerns about how, when, and where the dredging would occur; however, these were not agenda items and Board members attempted to address those questions briefly. Following were homeowners that asked questions:*

Marino Storm, Island Drive, requested an update on the dredging and when it might begin again.

Ron Nessler, Coquina Drive, didn't think he received a good dredging during the original.

Lon Anderson, Coquina, wanted to know if the District could just raise the assessment enough to get things going sooner.

Scott Indley, Tideview, wanted to know what the community could do to help get bonding.

Chris Parsel, Tideview, had cost concerns and how and where the dredging would occur.

Jeff Wansor, Eunice, has a concern over how and where

Alan Lilkendey, Palm Island Road, does not want to pay more and is worried that the Board will not stop raising the assessment and that it will get out of control.

Bill Hana, Coquina Drive, concerned over the way dredging is done, does not like using the excavators.

Jeanne Garcia, Coquina Drive, has been paying the assessment and has not seen anything happening with the dredging and so does not want to pay any more.

Dan Decorshal, concerned about how the dredging will be conducted.

Andy May, Plumosa Drive, concerned about having estimates for the dredging in order to justify the increase of the assessment.

Ronny Iwan, Tideview, concerned that the District will always be behind in terms of collecting revenue and keeping up with the dredging.

Bill Hennigan, wants water access 24/7 for property values, etc. and is concerned about safety.

Once there were no more Public Comments, The Board began the discussion to raise the assessment by presenting to the attendees their views on whether they would like to raise the assessment or not and why.

**MOTION:** To increase the annual assessment from \$550.00 and \$650.00 for FY 2016/2017, by MKwartler.

**The motion was seconded by KWright and PASSED having three Yea (KWright, PRodenbush, MKwartler) and two Nay (BRadloff, TPacheco).**

At that time WFlowers, Board Attorney, presented a resolution for approval by the Board that memorializes the vote to increase annual assessment, indicates the lots within the District that will be assessed the new annual fee, and that the hearing was conducted today. He also suggested that a motion be made to approve the resolution.

**MOTION:** To approve the non-ad valorem assessment roll, increasing the annual assessment to \$650.00, and excluding one parcel from the assessment as noted in the resolution, by MKwartler.

**The motion was seconded by BRadloff and passed unanimously by all Board members present.**

Subsequent to the approving the resolution motion, the Board continued the meeting with addressing the remaining Agenda Items.

### **OTHER AGENDA ITEMS**

3. Approve the Minutes of the June 16, 2016 Board meeting.

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the June 16, 2016 Board meeting, by MKWartler.

**The motion was seconded by TPacheco and passed unanimously by all Board members present.**

4. Treasurer's Report/MKWartler was available to discuss account balance(s), approval of any bills to be paid and an Audit update - if any. The District's account balance is currently (as of the date of this meeting) \$521,534.50. There were bills/reimbursements that needed to be paid: 1) Majors & Associates (M&A)-Auditors, for \$3,650.00, 2) the final invoice/payment from Taylor Engineering (TEI), for \$2,015.94, and 3) Board Attorney's firm (LLW), for \$1,150.00. As a special note, there is a dual signature requirement that is in place for all checks/bill payments.

**MOTION:** To approve the payments to M&A, TEI, and LLW, as described above, by MKWartler.

**Motion was seconded by TPacheco and passed unanimously by all Board members present.**

5. Update regarding amending enabling Ordinance to allow for dredging and to require movement of non-permanent structures that would impede dredging. In particular, newly raised concerns regarding the authority to move "vessels.", by WFlowers. If approved, the amendment would provide authorization to finance dredging, only if the Board deems it necessary or if that would seem to be the most appropriate action or in the best interests of the District and allow the District to move boats and non-fixed structures to facilitate dredging at the expense of the owner. According to WFlowers, the City Council/Committees had some concerns over certain language in the proposed amendment and wanted the District to use language that apparently is entirely congruent with another similar district (Harbor Waterway) that has already received approval for such. The Board had discussed the apparent concerns of the City Council/Committee(s), as understood and had Board by Wayne Flowers resubmit the language that was more appealing to the City and the language has been passed by the City Council, as such now, including the ability to obtain loans for financing dredging.

MKWartler suggested that available funding sources be looked into

6. Discussion and vote regarding Approval of Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll. This item was discussed and voted up during the Public Comments/Hearing part of the meeting, as described above.
7. Discussion of Special District per-property annual tax assessment amount. This item was discussed and voted up during the Public Comments/Hearing part of the meeting, as described above.

8. New Business. KWright brought up an issue regarding a new engagement letter from Majors & Associates for FY 2016 and new fees from \$3,650.00 to \$4,500.00. that will have to be discussed by the Board in an upcoming meeting.

**MOTION:** To retain Majors & Associates for FY 2016 at the increased rate of \$4,500.00, by MKwartler.

**Motion was seconded by TPacheco and passed unanimously by all Board members present.**

***Future Meeting Dates -***

Meetings are to be held on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM at the "Captain's Club" located at 13363 Beach Blvd.; as listed below:

October 12, 2016      November 16, 2016

***General Public Comment -***

- 1) Minutes were not on the web-site.

***Adjournment -***

MKwartler adjourned the meeting at 1942 hrs.