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**PUBLIC HEARING – FINAL MILLAGE RATE/  
FINAL FY 2016 OPERATING & CAPITAL BUDGET  
MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 23, 2015**

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The Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) Board of Directors held a public hearing concerning the final FY 2016 Millage Rate and the final FY 2016 Operating & Capital Budget in the Board Room at PSTA Headquarters at 6:00 PM on this date with the following members present:

Bill Jonson, Chairperson  
Julie Bujalski, Vice-Chairperson  
Janet Long, Secretary/Treasurer  
Doug Bevis  
Dave Eggers  
Mark Deighton  
Pat Gerard  
Curtis Holmes  
Patricia Johnson  
Wengay “Newt” Newton  
Darden Rice  
Brian Scott  
Kenneth Welch

Absent:

Joseph Barkley  
Ben Diamond

Also Present:

Brad Miller, CEO  
Alan Zimmet, PSTA General Counsel  
PSTA Staff Members  
Members of the Public

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairperson Jonson called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM and the Board was led in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

[Mr. Welch entered the meeting at 6:03 PM.]

### **BOARD CHAIRPERSON INTRODUCTION**

Chairperson Jonson read the Chairperson's statement as follows: The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public input and allow the public to ask questions concerning the Authority's tentative millage rate and tentative operating and capital budget for FY 2016. Copies of our tentative budget are available if you have not already obtained one.

Chairperson Jonson announced that the tentative FY 2016 budget totals \$77,863,799: (operating budget is \$65,246,845 and capital budget is \$12,616,954).

### **STAFF STATEMENT FOR RECORD**

Mr. Miller read the following statement: This public hearing has been scheduled so that the general public may be given the opportunity to comment on the proposed millage rate and budget for FY 2016.

A paid advertisement concerning this public hearing appeared in the *Tampa Bay Times* on August 24, 2015. Notices were posted at Park Street Terminal, Grand Central Station, Williams Park, Pinellas Park Transit Center, PSTA administrative headquarters, and on all PSTA buses on Thursday, August 13, 2015. Information fliers were distributed via insertion in all Schedules-By-Mail requests, on the PSTA bus fleet, and at the Customer Service Centers beginning on Thursday, August 13, 2015. A press release announcing the public hearing was e-mailed or faxed to major media and PSTA's email list subscribers on Tuesday, August 25, 2015. A notice regarding the public hearing was posted on PSTA's website on Thursday, August 13, 2015.

To date, staff has received two comments regarding budget/millage.

### **FINAL FY 2016 MILLAGE RATE AND FY 2016 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET**

Public Comments on Millage Rate and Budget – There were no public comments.

Adopt Final Millage Rate Resolution – Mr. Zimmet read Resolution #15-17 by title. Chairperson Jonson noted that the Board can lower the millage rate but not increase it from the .7305 that was adopted at the September 9, 2015 Public Hearing.

Mr. Bevis made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gerard to adopt the final millage rate of .7305. There were no public comments. Motion passed (9:4) with Mr. Deighton, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Rice, and Mr. Welch dissenting.

### **ADOPTION OF THE FINAL FY 2016 MILLAGE RATE AND FINAL FY 2016 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET**

Announce Percentage, If Any, By Which Rate Exceeds Rolled-Back Rate – Chairperson reported that the FY 2016 tentative millage rate of .7305 is the same millage rate as FY 2015. The FY 2016 rolled-back rate is .6898. The FY 2016 tentative millage rate of .7305 is 5.90 percent greater than the rolled-back rate. PSTA’s millage rate limit is .7500.

Adopt Final FY 2016 Budget – Ms. Gerard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bevis to adopt the final FY 2016 Budget.

Mr. Eggers inquired about the Bus Replacement Plan asking what is assumed in the budget. Mr. Miller responded that in May, the Board approved the bus purchases in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) as a separate action item. He explained that the Board today is approving the FY 2016 operating and capital, which is part of the adopted CIP. The amount allocated for bus purchases for FY 2016 is \$3.5 million, but the type of bus has not been determined. The Board will discuss this at the October meeting.

Adopt Final Budget Resolution – Mr. Zimmet read Resolution #15-18 by title. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Jonson gave an update on Board procedures recommended in the Executive Committee meeting held on September 9th. He stated that the Committee is recommending: 1) that the General Counsel sit next to the Chairperson on the dais, 2) Mr. Zimmet will provide a cheat sheet on parliamentary procedure (Robert’s Rules) for Board review, and 3) Mr. Miller will investigate an electronic queuing system to alert the Chairperson when a member would like to speak.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairperson Jonson adjourned the meeting at 6:15 PM.

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Chairperson