MINUTES TAYLORS FIRE & SEWER DISTRICT SPECIAL CALLED MEETING JUNE 4, 2020

A special called meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at the District Office in the Board Room, 3335 Wade Hampton Blvd., Taylors, South Carolina at 12:00 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark A. J. Rea Jr., Commission Chairman Jeff Hannah, Commission Vice Chairman/Secretary Paul Bowen, Commission Treasurer

STAFF PRESENT

Bobby Baker, Fire Chief Samantha Babb, Director of Sewer Services Alicia Jenkins, Administrative Data Coordinator Stephanie Hackler, Senior Accounting & HR Specialist

Robert Van Pelt, Deputy Chief Gary Cantrell, Operations Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jaime Daniel, Katherine Turner (Renewable Water Resources)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rea at 12:03 pm.

Chairman Rea stated that the media outlets who requested notification of this special called meeting were notified via door posting, email, website, Facebook, and Twitter.

Treasurer Bowen made a motion to go into executive session for discussion of employment, position requirements, compensation, promotion, demotion, or discipline of employees. Vice Chairman/Secretary Hannah seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Board entered executive session at 12:04 pm.

Treasurer Bowen made a motion to exit executive session. Vice Chairman/Secretary Hannah seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Board exited executive session at 4:10 pm. No action was taken during executive session.

Treasurer Bowen made a motion to keep the current insurance as discussed in executive session at no expense to the employee. Vice Chairman/Secretary Hannah seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Rea made a motion to allow the Fire Chief to proceed forward with the payments as discussed, provided that the funds are available for that at the year's end. Treasurer Bowen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Rea recognized Mrs. Jaime Daniel to present a draft of the FY 2021 Budget. The proposed percentage increase in the millage rate between FY 2020 and FY 2021 for the Fire Department and the Sewer Department is 4.79% and 0.00%, respectively. The overall proposed millage increase is

3.35%. According to the 2020 tax year proposed millage, the homeowner of a home valued at \$100,000 would pay approximately \$263.20 in property taxes for annual fire protection and \$94.40 for annual sewer maintenance services, which is a combined increase of \$11.60 (or 2.9 mils) from the 2019 tax year. The FY 2020 (2019 Tax Year) tax rate millage for the Fire Department is 62.9 and the proposed tax rate millage for FY 2021 (2020 Tax Year) is 65.8. The FY 2020 (2019 Tax Year) tax rate millage for the Sewer Department is 23.6 and the proposed tax rate millage for FY 2021 (2020 Tax Year) is 23.6. The total budgeted revenues and expenditures for FY 2020 for the Fire Department was \$5,283,000 and proposed total for FY 2021 is \$5,601,000. The total budgeted revenues and expenditures for FY 2020 for the Sewer Department was \$5,730,000 and proposed total for FY 2021 is \$4,455,000. The increase for the Fire Department is primarily due to increased personnel costs and lease payments. There was no increase for the Sewer Department. Mrs. Daniel asked if there were any questions. There were none.

The Department Heads discussed the details of their separate budgets with the Board. Vice Chairman/Secretary Hannah made a motion to direct the Fire Department Administration to purchase additional bullet proof vests not to exceed \$30,000 provided funds are available out of the FY 2020 Budget. Treasurer Bowen seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. With no further discussion, Treasurer Bowen made a motion to accept the FY 2021 proposed budget as presented. Vice Chairman/Secretary Hannah seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Rea opened the floor for public comment. There was no public in attendance and therefore, no public comment. He then closed the floor for public comment.

Without any further business. Treasurer Bowen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman/Secretary Hannah seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:46 pm.

Date Minutes Approved

Commissioner Mark A.J. Kea Jr., Chairman

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Commissioner Paul Bowen, Treasurer