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SANTA ROSA ISLAND AUTHORITY
BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
JUNE 9, 2021

MEMORANDUM

TO: Authority Members
FROM: Executive Director
DATE: June 10, 2021
RE: Minutes of June 9, 2021 Budget Workshop Meeting

A Budget Workshop Meeting was held on Wednesday June 9, 2021, immediately following the Regular Board Meeting, to discuss the 2021/2022 SRIA Budget. Those present were: Chair- Dr. Thomas Campanella, Vice Chair- Mr. Jerry Watson, Secretary Treasurer- Ms. Liz Callahan, Acting Secretary Treasurer- Mr. Bubba Peters, Board Member- Ms. Karen Sindel, Board Member- Ms. Brigette Brooks, Attorneys- Mr. Mike Stebbins and Ms. Mary Jane Bass, Director of Administration- Ms. Robbie Schrock, Director of Development Services- Mr. Juan C. Lemos, Director of Finance- Ms. Vickie Johnson and Executive Director- Ms. Leigh Davis. Dr. Thomas Campanella, Chair, called the meeting to order, and presented the following item.

Item #1- Budget FY 2021/2022

Ms. Leigh Davis gave the following Executive Summary:

Operating Budget Highlights -

- While optimistic about post-pandemic tourism levels and the improved access from the reopening of the Pensacola Three Mile Bridge, revenues for FY 21/22 are projected at a modest 3% increase.
- Total budgeted expenses reflect a 1.88% decrease from last fiscal year.
- Funds are realigned from the Environmental and Developmental Services budget to the Administration and Leasing budget reflective of the revised organizational

structure that now separates the Executive Director and Director of Environmental and Developmental Services into two positions.

- Increases in the Attorney Retainer and Legal Attorney line items within the Administration and Leasing budget are a result of contract negotiations and the anticipated work associated with a backlog of lease defaults that were suspended during COVID, as well as a comprehensive review of SRIA policies.
- The Finance Department's Contract Services line item has been increased \$80,000 to begin addressing much needed technology improvements.
- The Environmental and Developmental Services' Contractual and Professional Services budget has been increased by \$170,406 based on trend analysis and reflective of the potential need to continue increased EMS services in the first quarter of the fiscal year.

Capital Improvement Program Highlights -

- Funding for Beach Nourishment was doubled (\$500,000 to \$1 million).
- Design and permitting dollars in the amount of \$200,000 were included for the new bathrooms at Pensacola Beach Boardwalk pursuant to Board approval at the February 10, 2021, SRIA Regular Meeting. Construction dollars will be budgeted in FY 22/23.
- New proposed Trolley Stop Maintenance and Repair funding has been included in the amount of \$60,000 to refresh the trolley stop infrastructure.
- New proposed Administration Building Maintenance and Repair funding in the amount of \$60,000 has been included to address needs associated with the SRIA Office (1 Via De Luna) which are not covered in the Escambia County/SRIA Interlocal Agreement.

Ms. Brigette Brooks asked how funds from 2020 events were redirected because of COVID.

Ms. Robbie Schrock stated that the Bands on the Beach funds were redirected to the EcoTrail website.

Ms. Vickie Johnson stated that the Blue Angel's funds for contracts were returned to us.

Ms. Karen Sindel asked if EMS is fully funded.

Ms. Vickie Johnson stated yes it was.

Mr. Jerry Watson asked if the 1.88% decrease was from a particular area.

Ms. Vickie Johnson stated that the beach nourishment loan will be paid off on September 30, 2021 and that is where the decrease was.

Ms. Liz Callahan stated she appreciated the time spent prior to the meeting and she understood the budget better.

Ms. Brigitte Brooks asked what falls into the 'others' line item under HR and Events.


Ms. Robbie Schrock stated that would be for any organization the SRIA wanted to become a part of.

Ms. Leigh Davis informed the Board that Escambia County was meeting the next day on their budget. One item is fire service increases for Pensacola Beach Fire station 13.

Mr. Bubba Peters asked if there is anticipation for the budgeted \$206,000 to increase percentage wise if the County acts upon increasing their budget or fees.

Ms. Leigh Davis stated it would all depend on how the meeting goes the next day.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:19pm.



Leigh Davis
Executive Director

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