



**MINUTES  
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING  
Ed Burke Recreation Center - 11400 NE 9th Court  
Biscayne Park, FL 33161  
Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at 6:30pm**

**1 Call to Order**

Mayor David Coviello called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

**2 Roll Call**

Mayor David Coviello - present  
Vice Mayor Anderson - present  
Commissioner Jonas - present  
Commissioner Roxanna Ross - present  
Commissioner Barbara Watts - present

Present from staff were:

Village Manager Heidi Siegel  
Village Clerk Heidi Siegel  
Attorney Andrew Dunkiel  
Public Services Manager Krishan Manners  
Finance Manager Claude Charles  
Parks & Recreation Manager Shelecia Bartley  
Assistant Public Works Manager Cesar Hernandez

**3 Pledge of Allegiance**

**4 Presentations**

**5 Public Comments Related to Agenda Items / Good & Welfare**

Barbara Kuhl: In support of the 9.70 millage rate, as well as the Parks & Parkway Advisory Board.

Chuck Ross: Also in support of the 9.70 millage rate. Would also support higher for capital expenditures that are needed. Looks for Village to do a Village wide tree assessment.

**6 Additions, Deletions or Withdrawals to the Agenda**

Vice Mayor Anderson asks for a discussion on opening up the current loan to borrow additional money.

**7 Information / Updates**

**8 Resolutions**

**8.a Resolution 2015-39**

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA; **ESTABLISHING A TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE OF 9.7000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16**, ESTABLISHING THE CURRENT YEAR ROLLED-BACK RATE TO BE 8.7468 AND ESTABLISHING THE FIRST AND THE SECOND PUBLIC BUDGET HEARINGS AS REQUIRED BY LAW; DIRECTING THE VILLAGE CLERK AND FINANCE MANAGER TO FILE SAID RESOLUTION WITH THE PROPERTY APPRAISER OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FLORIDA STATUTES AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING THE TIME AND LOCATION OF THE FIRST AND SECOND PUBLIC HEARINGS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Attorney Dunkiel read the title and explained the process for setting the tentative millage rate, the roll back rate, and the schedule for the two public hearings.

Manager Siegel provided a summary of the proposed budget set at 9.70 and highlighted the increase in property values over last year, the items/projects included in the budget as well as those items that were not included.

Commissioner Jonas: We are a unique Village with needs that we are not meeting. Why would we not set at 10.0. Will not support anything less than 10.0.

Vice Mayor Anderson: In support of 9.70.

Commissioner Watts: In support of 9.70.

Commissioner Ross: Disappointed in the list of things we cannot do. Mostly not giving raises to all staff, the support needed for the last part of the annexation process. Not ready to go to 10.0, but would like to go to 9.80 in this initial stage as it would be \$15,000 more.

Mayor Coviello: A ground breaking year. Not the year to lower, but do not see need to increase to do all the things that are needed. Not a symbolic direction we want to go in. Would like to keep at 9.70 and during budget workshops, look for way to get merit increases in.

Vice Mayor Anderson makes a motion to approve Resolution 2015-39 as presented setting the tentative millage rate at 9.70. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Watts.

Manager Siegel and Attorney Dunkiel ask for a super majority vote in order to insure we are meeting the requirements set by both the Department of Revenue and Florida State Statutes.

The motion is called to a vote:

Vice Mayor Anderson: Yes  
Commissioner Jonas: No  
Commissioner Ross: No  
Commissioner Watts: Yes  
Mayor Coviello: Yes

Motion fails the super majority requirement: 3/2

Commissioner Ross makes a motion to approve Resolution 2015-39 setting the tentative millage rate at 9.80.

The motion fails for lack of a second.

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*Mayor Coviello calls a recess at 7:10pm*

*Meeting resumes at 7:23pm*

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During the recess Manager Siegel, Attorney Dunkiel and Finance Manager Charles reviewed the form used to determine the voting requirement which states that based on a tentative millage rate of 9.70, only a majority vote was required.

Commissioner Ross makes a motion to approve Resolution 2015-39 setting the tentative millage rate at 9.80.

The motion fails for lack of a second.

Commissioner Watts makes a motion to approve Resolution 2015-39 as presented setting the tentative millage rate at 9.70. The motion is seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson.

The motion is called to a vote:

Vice Mayor Anderson: Yes  
Commissioner Jonas: No  
Commissioner Ross: No  
Commissioner Watts: Yes  
Mayor Coviello: Yes

Motion carries: 3/2

Commissioner Ross asks the Attorney for his opinion.

Attorney Dunkiel cited Florida Statute 200.065. At the end of the day, the Department of Revenue enforces this section, and the online form used to enter the tentative millage rate indicates that only a majority vote is required, therefore we are in accordance.

**9 Old Business**

**10 New Business**

Commission Anderson: Discussion on re-opening the loan to borrow additional money to cover the shortfall for phase 4 of the log cabin restoration project.

There is consensus to have the Manager research further and provide the information during the budget workshops.

**11 Reports**

**12 Announcements**

Tuesday, July 28th - Recreation Advisory Board at 7:00pm

The next regular commission meeting is Tuesday, August, 2015, at 7:00pm.

**13 Adjournment**

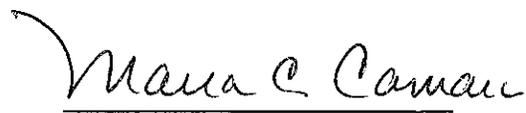
The meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm.

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Commission approved on August 4, 2015.

Attest:

  
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David Coviello, Mayor

  
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Maria Camara, Village Clerk