

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**JULY 22, 2010**

A meeting was held at Lemon Bay High School, 2201 Placida Road, Englewood, Florida.

Members present were: Chairman Starr, Commissioner Duffy, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Loftus, and Commissioner Skidmore, County Administrator Baltz, Deputy County Attorney Gallagher, Deputy Clerk Lansing, and Deputy Clerk Carleton. The following members were absent: None

The meeting was called to order at **5:01 P.M.** followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Chairman Starr** announced those who wish to speak should sign in.

**I. PUBLIC HEARINGS TO SET MSBU RATES**  
**(Proofs of Publication were in order.)**

**A. Little Gasparilla Island Fire Services Unit**

Hector Flores, Fiscal Manager, Budget & Administrative Services;  
Tara Musselman, Municipal Services District Representative

Ms. Musselman provided MSBU detail and related rates.

**Resolution: 2010-061**

Advertised Rate for FY10/11 - Vacant	\$125.00 per ERU
Advertised Rate for FY10/11 - Occupied	\$350.00 per ERU
Proposed Maximum Rate - Vacant	\$125.00 per ERU
Proposed Maximum Rate - Occupied	\$350.00 per ERU
Provide funding mechanism for fire services	

**Public Comment:**

Chuck Soderquist, Vice Chairman thanked the Board, provided background information, and gave a history of their accomplishments to date.

Barry Hurt spoke in favor.

Louise Sasser spoke in opposition.

Thomas McCoy discussed the rates.

Chuck O'Hara spoke in favor and asked for the funding.

Bob Davis spoke in opposition and explained why.

**COMMISSIONER LOFTUS MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DUFFY**

**MOTION CARRIED 5:0.**

**Board Action:**

**COMMISSIONER LOFTUS MOVED TO APPROVE THE ASSESSMENT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SKIDMORE**

**MOTION CARRIED 5:0**

**Commissioner Cumming** responded to citizen with three parcels.

**Commissioner Duffy** explained how hard the citizens have worked on this project.

**B. South Gulf Cove Beautification Unit**

Tara Musselman, Municipal Services District Representative

Ms. Musselman explained the item. **Commissioner Skidmore** questioned the increase amount and discussed beautification. Ms. Musselman responded.

**Resolution 2010-062**

Advertised Rate for FY10/11 - Vacant	\$25.00 per ERU
Advertised Rate for FY10/11 - Occupied	\$25.00 per ERU
Proposed Maximum Rate	\$50.00 per ERU
New MSBU	

**Public Comment:**

Marvin Dunlevy asked how the Board has the right to use MSBU money for beautification instead of roads, noted the number of

residents versus 400 on the Homeowners Association, and expressed strong opposition.

Karen Ireland represented the Advisory Committee, gave background history of South Gulf Cove, discussed funding, and spoke in favor of the assessments.

Dennis Curtis, President of the Homeowners Association noted they have 700 members, mentioned funds and expenses, said 99% of the voters were in favor, and spoke in support.

Richard Vollmer talked about beautification and the importance of input, agreed Street and Drainage MSBU should only fund street and drainage projects, and expressed opposition.

Kendall Leach spoke in favor of the MSBU funds and their usage.

Karen Price stated any Charlotte County resident can attend the MSBU or Homeowners Association meetings.

Paul Chattinger, Vice President of CCT in South Gulf Cove spoke in favor of the proposed beautification unit and urged approval.

David See expressed concern with where the beautification project funds came from.

Nancy Nagy spoke in opposition to an increase now.

Sandy Slatter, Advisory Committee Chair asked for a show of hands from those in favor and from those opposed and the majority was in favor. Ms Slatter mentioned advertising procedures, discussed community support, and urged the Board to approve.

Maryann Como expressed concern that costs will increase in the future.

John Robinson said many communities are falling apart, but South Gulf Cove has volunteers who care, opined the increase will go a long way, and asked for Board support.

**COMMISSIONER DUFFY MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS**

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Commissioner Loftus commented on his involvement on many committees, talked about the MSBU increase, mentioned and suggested residents provide their input at meetings. Commissioner Duffy thanked Association members for their hard work.

Board Action:

COMMISSIONER DUFFY MOVED TO APPROVE THE ASSESSMENT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS

MOTION CARRIED 5:0

Commissioner Skidmore explained a past Board approved the use of MSBU funds for beautification, said he shares resident concerns, responded to speaker inquiries, explained the process, and thanked the residents for attending and for the opportunity to serve them.

ADJOURNED: 6:00 PM

Signature on file in Commission Minutes  
Chairman

ATTEST:

BARBARA T. SCOTT, CLERK  
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND  
EX-OFFICIO TO THE BOARD  
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: Signature on file in Commission Minutes  
Deputy Clerk

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