

**TICE FIRE DISTRICT  
9351 WORKMEN WAY  
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA 33905  
2026-2027 FINAL BUDGET HEARING**

**September 23, 2026**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Cannamela brought the 2026-2027 budget hearing to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Tice Fire and Rescue District Station One located at 9351 Workmen Way, Fort Myers, Florida 33905.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

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| Tim Barrett      | Unexcused absence |
| James Burgess    | Present           |
| T.J. Cannamela   | Present           |
| Carolyn Miller   | Present           |
| Ted Pickering    | Present           |
| Chief Runk       | Present           |
| Rena Smart       | Present           |
| Attorney Pringle | Present           |

**3. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.**

**4. PRESENTATION OF FINAL BUDGET:**

Attorney Pringle presented the final budget in detail at a millage rate of 3.75 and a final budget of \$10,694,620 to the Board.

Chief Runk presented the 2026-2027 Strategic Planning to the Board as follows:

- Replace E-215
  - 2006 Pierce Contender
  - 20 years old
  - End of service life
- Purchase a new staff vehicle.
  - Additional Admin position
- Purchase two SXS UTV's (Impact fees)
  - Harns Marsh
  - 20/20 Land
  - Valuable for search and rescue
  - Valuable for reconnaissance during brush fires
  - Valuable for response to protests or parades
- Install security cameras/access control at both stations (Impact fees)
  - Provide enhanced security for our personnel, buildings, and equipment
- Remodel the kitchen at Station 1
  - Replace cabinets and counter tops
  - 22 years old

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- Promote a Deputy Chief of Operations
  - Budgeted for in 2025-26 and not filled
- Promote a Deputy Chief of Prevention (Fire Marshal)
- Hire three additional firefighters
  - Budgeted for in 2025-26 and not filled

The Board discussed the final millage rate and final budget in detail.

**5. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT FINAL MILLAGE**

Attorney Pringle read the 2026-09-03 resolution to the Board.

PUBLIC INPUT:      None.

MOTION:              Commissioner Burgess

SECOND:             Commissioner Pickering

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Commissioner Miller:      Aye

Commissioner Barrett:    Unexcused absence

Commissioner Pickering:   Aye

Commissioner Cannamela:   Aye

Commissioner Burgess:    Aye

**6. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT FINAL BUDGET**

Attorney Pringle read the 2026-09-04 resolution to the Board.

PUBLIC INPUT:      None.

MOTION:              Commissioner Pickering

SECOND:             Commissioner Burgess

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Commissioner Miller:      Aye

Commissioner Barrett:    Unexcused absence

Commissioner Pickering:   Aye

Commissioner Cannamela:   Aye

Commissioner Burgess:    Aye

**7. CLOSING OF MEETING:** Commissioner Burgess made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Pickering. Vote: Unanimously for.