

**TICE FIRE DISTRICT
9351 WORKMEN WAY
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA 33905**

2025-2026 FINAL BUDGET HEARING

September 30, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER:

2. ROLL CALL:

Chairperson Cannamela brought the 2025-2026 final budget hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Tice Fire and Rescue District Station One located at 9351 Workmen Way, Fort Myers, FL 33905.

Commissioner Carolyn Miller:	Present
Commissioner Timothy Barrett:	Present
Commissioner Ted Pickering:	Present
Commissioner TJ Cannamela:	Present
Commissioner James Burgess:	Present
Attorney Pringle:	Present
Chief Runk:	Present
District Manager Rena Smart:	Present

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

4. PRESENTATION OF FINAL BUDGET

*Attorney Pringle went over the instructions of the final budget hearing with the Board.

*Chief Runk stated the millage rate

was set at 3.75 at the tentative budget hearing held on September 11, 2025. The Budget Summary and Notice of Proposed Tax Increase were reviewed by the Property Tax Oversight/TRIM section before publication in the Fort Myers News-Press on September 26, 2025. Both documents were found in compliance.

*Chief Runk handed out the 2025-2026 budget to the Board. The final budget was adjusted by the recommendations of the Board and differs from the tentative budget as presented: Decreased interest income, decreased impact fees, adjusted the discount rate applied to income, categorized expenditures on the advice of counsel, \$600,000 moved from the vehicle fund to a vehicle reserve line, because the purchase will not be made this year. He also went over the reserves in detail showing each millage rate of 3.75, 3.70, and 3.65. The Board discussed it.

*The Board discussed the leases that are outstanding with Chief Runk.

*The Board discussed the SAFER grant with Chief Runk and the number of firefighters we could hire with it.

*The Board discussed the 3.75 millage rate and final budget of \$9,384,114.

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5. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT FINAL MILLAGE

Attorney Pringle read the Resolution #2025-09-03 to the Board.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

Commissioner Burgess made a motion to adopt Resolution #2025-09-03, which sets the millage rate at 3.75 for the 2025-2026 budget year, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Carolyn Miller	Nay
Commissioner Timothy Barrett	Aye
Commissioner Ted Pickering	Aye
Commissioner TJ Cannamela	Aye
Commissioner James Burgess	Aye

6. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT FINAL BUDGET

Attorney Pringle read the Resolution #2025-09-04 to the Board.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

Commissioner Burgess made a motion to adopt Resolution #2025-09-04 for the 2025-2026 budget year, which is the final budget of \$9,384,114, seconded by Commissioner Pickering. Upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Carolyn Miller	Aye
Commissioner Timothy Barrett	Aye
Commissioner Ted Pickering	Aye
Commissioner TJ Cannamela	Aye
Commissioner James Burgess	Aye

7. CLOSING OF MEETING:

There being no further business, Commissioner Burgess made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Vote: Unanimously for.

