

MINUTES, FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD

MAY 15, 2012

The Pima County Flood Control District Board met in regular session at their regular meeting place in the Pima County Administration Building (Hearing Room), 130 West Congress Street, Tucson, Arizona, at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 15, 2012. Upon roll call, those present and absent were as follows:

Present:                    Ramón Valadez, Chairman  
                                 Sharon Bronson, Vice Chair  
                                 Ray Carroll, Member  
                                 Ann Day, Member  
                                 Richard Elías, Member  
                                 Robin Brigode, Clerk

1.     **TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING**

Review and adoption of the Flood Control District Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2012/2013.

On consideration, it was moved by Supervisor Bronson, seconded by Supervisor Elías and carried by a 4-1 vote, Supervisor Carroll voting "Nay," to close the public hearing and adopt the Tentative Budget in the amount of \$11,457,002.00 with an estimated tax rate of \$0.2635.

2.     **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.



CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:



CLERK

# MINUTES, IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD

MAY 15, 2012

The Pima County Improvement District Board met in regular session at their regular meeting place in the Pima County Administration Building (Hearing Room), 130 West Congress Street, Tucson, Arizona, at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 15, 2012. Upon roll call, those present and absent were as follows:

Present:                    Ramón Valadez, Chairman  
                                 Sharon Bronson, Vice Chair  
                                 Ray Carroll, Member  
                                 Ann Day, Member  
                                 Richard Elías, Member  
                                 Robin Brigode, Clerk

## 1.     **TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING**

Review and adoption of the following County Improvement District Tentative Budgets for Fiscal Year 2012/2013.

<b><u>IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT</u></b>	<b><u>FY 12-13 PROPERTY TAX LEVY</u></b>
<b><u>Other Improvement District</u></b>	
Hayhook Ranch	\$36,000
<b><u>Street Lighting Improvement District</u></b>	
Desert Steppes	\$1,980
Hermosa Hills Estates	\$1,698
Longview Estates No. 1	\$3,583
Longview Estates No. 2	\$4,149
Rolling Hills	\$6,759
Mañana Grande B	\$2,829
Mañana Grande C	\$4,621
Carriage Hills No. 1	\$3,301
Lakeside No. 1	\$2,641
Carriage Hills No. 3	\$1,132
Cardinal Estates	\$5,876
Orange Grove Valley	\$2,914
Peppertree	\$4,389
Littletown	\$7,316
Midvale Park	\$5,973
Peach Valley	\$1,563
Oaktree No. 1	\$10,047
Oaktree No. 2	\$7,890
Oaktree No. 3	\$10,334
Salida Del Sol	\$6,480
Mortimore Addition	\$12,947

On consideration, it was moved by Supervisor Bronson, seconded by Supervisor Carroll and unanimously carried by a 5-0 vote, to close the public hearings and adopt the Tentative Budgets as listed.

2. **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

  
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MINUTES, LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD

MAY 15, 2012

The Pima County Library District Board met in regular session at their regular meeting place in the Pima County Administration Building (Hearing Room), 130 West Congress Street, Tucson, Arizona, at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 15, 2012. Upon roll call, those present and absent were as follows:

Present:                    Ramón Valadez, Chairman  
                                 Sharon Bronson, Vice Chair  
                                 Ray Carroll, Member  
                                 Ann Day, Member  
                                 Richard Elías, Member  
                                 Robin Brigode, Clerk

1.     **TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING**

Review and adoption of the Library District Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2012/2013.

Supervisor Carroll stated that he would be voting against the tentative budget for the Library District due to the approximately \$2 million dollar net increase.

On consideration, it was moved by Supervisor Bronson, seconded by Supervisor Elías and carried by a 4-1 vote, Supervisor Carroll voting "Nay," to close the public hearing and adopt the Tentative Budget in the amount of \$34,150,000.00 with an estimated tax rate of \$0.3460.

2.     **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

  
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MINUTES, STADIUM DISTRICT BOARD

MAY 15, 2012

The Pima County Stadium District Board met in regular session at their regular meeting place in the Pima County Administration Building (Hearing Room), 130 West Congress Street, Tucson, Arizona, at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 15, 2012. Upon roll call, those present and absent were as follows:

Present:                    Ramón Valadez, Chairman  
                                 Sharon Bronson, Vice Chair  
                                 Ray Carroll, Member  
                                 Ann Day, Member  
                                 Richard Elías, Member  
                                 Robin Brigode, Clerk

1.     **TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING**

Review and adoption of the Stadium District Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2012/2013.

On consideration, it was moved by Supervisor Bronson, seconded by Supervisor Elías and carried by a 4-1 vote, Supervisor Carroll voting "Nay," to close the public hearing and adopt the Tentative Budget in the amount of \$4,622,363.00.

2.     **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

  
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## MINUTES, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING

MAY 15, 2012

The Pima County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at their regular meeting place in the Pima County Administration Building (Hearing Room), 130 West Congress Street, Tucson, Arizona, at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 15, 2012. Upon roll call, those present and absent were as follows:

Present:                    Ramón Valadez, Chairman  
                                 Sharon Bronson, Vice Chair  
                                 Ray Carroll, Member  
                                 Ann Day, Member  
                                 Richard Elías, Member  
                                 Robin Brigode, Clerk

### 1.     **INVOCATION**

The invocation was provided by Father Emilio Chapa, St. Augustine Cathedral.

### 2.     **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3.     **PAUSE 4 PAWS**

The Pima County Animal Care Center showcased an animal available for adoption.

### 4.     **PERSONAL POINT OF PRIVILEGE**

Supervisor Elías acknowledged former Supervisor Dan Eckstrom, who was in attendance at the meeting.

### 5.     **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

A.     Review and adoption of the Tentative County Budget for Fiscal Year 2012/2013.

The Chairman inquired whether anyone wished to be heard.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

- Susan King
- Mary C. Khan
- Stephen M. Rubin, Interim Court Administrator, Pima County Juvenile Court

- Maya Castillo, President of Pima County Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
- Charles Chavez

They provided the following comments:

- Living expenses have risen drastically and there has not been any increase in compensation to County employees.
- Employees continued to struggle financially and had been given no consideration in this budget.
- The Board was asked to consider adjustments to the proposed budget for the Juvenile Court that had seen a 52% increase in child abuse and neglect cases. The unit supporting those cases was in desperate need of additional staff. A request had been made to the Board to restore 7 of the 14 positions to their budget.
- The population of Pima County continued to increase and the number of County employees who provide crucial services continued to decline.
- The proposed budget did not provide for immunizations which were crucial for Pima County residents.

Chuck Huckelberry, County Administrator, provided an overview of the recommended tentative budget which proposed that the tax rates remain the same for next fiscal year. He discussed budget matters which included \$10 million to supplement road repairs and maintenance efforts; continuing subsidies for Development Services, the Stadium District and Solid Waste; the request of Juvenile Court; and the balance of the Health Fund. He recommended conducting a detailed analysis of Juvenile Court and the Health Department and either review them at final adoption or at mid-year and then make any necessary budget adjustments. He stated that no supplemental requests from the departments had been recommended for approval due to the continuing shrinkage of the tax base. He reported several comments had been received regarding child immunizations and the related State and/or Federal reduction to reimbursements for vaccines for children who were not covered by health insurance. He advised that since the modification schedule for the funding of the vaccines did not go into effect until January 2013, there would be time to research and make mid-year adjustments if needed. He recommended a Reserve Fund balance that was 6.6% of the General Fund, so that the Board would have flexibility to make mid-year budget adjustments, if needed, without violating their 5% fund balance rule.

Supervisor Day stated the proposed tentative budget showed that the County was headed in the right direction. She was pleased that the proposed budget contained the first substantial contribution to fix roads, but felt the tax rate was still high and too much taxpayer money was being placed into the Reserve Fund.

Supervisor Carroll inquired about the national standard for a Reserve Fund and questioned the Board policy regarding a 5% fund balance.

Supervisor Bronson asked if the proposed tentative budget accommodated state cost shifts and inquired when the property tax base would stabilize and property values would begin to rise in the community.

Mr. Huckelberry responded that since the tax base would not begin to self-correct until the economy showed sustained value growth or new construction, we would continue to see a decline in the tax base for the next two to three years. He explained that the County no longer had to give the State a contribution for being classed as a "large county." That contribution had come out of the General Fund. Also, the state reversed a Highway User Revenue Fund transfer which funded the Motor Vehicle Division. He stated that in order to counteract State cost shifts, as well as the loss in the tax base, every county agency, excluding law enforcement, had undertaken a reduction in their budget and that these conservative budget practices had allowed the County to weather the storm without drastic actions such as furlough or layoff of employees.

Supervisor Elías asked for an explanation of the County's budget as it related to employees and raises.

Mr. Huckelberry explained that this year the money was being spent on employee retirement benefits and health insurance. The County would still have to see what happened in the Legislature when the one cent sales tax expired. He was hopeful that employee compensation could be addressed starting next fiscal year with modest amounts.

Supervisor Carroll inquired about the employee base since the county has dropped almost 15% over the last five years. He also questioned the number of unclassified employees.

Mr. Huckelberry explained that much of that shift had come from attrition due to a reduction in the budget for all county departments and agencies. In addition, the County had transferred their direct medical care service organizations to private operators. He reported that most of the unclassified positions in the County were in the professional classes and that 90% of County employees were in classified service.

Chairman Valadez stated that since 2009, the County has had an unprecedented drop of over 11% in assessed valuation, unprecedented shifts in costs from the State and unprecedented requests for handouts to the State. He voiced concern regarding the Health Department particularly with child immunizations and asked that staff look into these issues. He stated that the Board had made a commitment there would be no furloughs or layoffs for County employees. He explained that last year the Legislature

had required employees to make 53% of their retirement contribution and to offset that, the Board had approved a 1% increase to the base pay of all employees. This year, the State reversed the contribution back to a 50/50 plan but the 1% increase to the employee base pay would remain with the end result that employees see an increase in their take home pay. He further explained employees would also be receiving a refund in July from the overpayment of their retirement contribution. This refund would be paid by the County. Additionally, employees could see a discount to their healthcare premium by up to \$20.00 a pay period for their healthy lifestyle choices. He wanted employees to understand where the Board's commitments have been, what they've tried to do and stressed that they would continue to try.

Mr. Huckelberry noted that the County was again not required to conduct a Truth in Taxation Hearing for fiscal year 2012-2013.

On consideration, it was moved by Supervisor Bronson and seconded by Supervisor Elías, to close the public hearing and adopt the Tentative County Budget in the amount \$1,233,496,441.00 with a tentative tax rate of \$3.4178. No vote was taken as this time.

Supervisors Day and Carroll concurred that they could not support the recommended budget and requested the Reserve Fund be reduced to 5% with the balance being applied to reduce the primary tax rate.

A substitute motion was made by Supervisor Carroll and seconded by Supervisor Day, to close the public hearing and reduce the tentative tax rate from \$3.4178 to \$3.3221. The motion failed by a 2-3 vote, Supervisors Bronson and Elías, and Chairman Valadez voting "Nay."

Upon the vote being taken, the original motion carried by a 3-2 vote, Supervisors Carroll and Day voting "Nay," to close the public hearing and adopt the Tentative County Budget in the amount of \$1,233,496,441.00 with a tentative tax rate of \$3.4178.

B. Review and adoption of the Debt Service Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2012/2013.

On consideration it was moved by Supervisor Bronson, seconded by Supervisor Elías and carried by a 4-1 vote, Supervisor Carroll voting "Nay," to close the public hearing and adopt the Debt Service Tentative Budget in the amount of \$112,966,351.00 with an estimated tax rate of \$0.7800.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.



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CHAIRMAN

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