

**TRI-CITY REGIONAL SANITARY DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 7, 2021**

PUBLIC HEARING TRI-CITY REGIONAL SANITARY DISTRICT 5:18 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE De-ANNEXATION OF MIAMI GARDENS FROM THE DISTRICT BOUNDARY

Roll Call - M.Buzan, C.Farr, R. Jacques, M.A.Moreno and District Counsel M. Harper

Also Present: T.Stratton, Bond Counsel,

Public Present: H.Farester and Tom Werner

Miami Gardens Residents: Conrad Salcido, David Salcido, Thomas Demers, William Bennett, Dan & Rosemary Goar, George & Michelle Anderson, Warren Rickabaugh

Absent: D.Buzan

R.Jacques reviewed the elements of the proposed De-annexation

Call for Comments from the Public:

Robert Jacques explained the purpose of the Public Meeting -

District Counsel Harper -TRSD Board will consider the effect on the Public Health and the welfare of the residents of Miami Gardens as well as the District overall.

District Counsel Harper read a clarification of the tax rate schedule of the removal of the District and explained the history and rationale for the Public Hearing

A resident asked about the amounts in the letter that the residents received.

Attorney Harper noted that the District has to show tax rate advantage to TRSD if Miami Gardens remains in the District; and the impact its removal would have on the TRSD

A resident asked if TRSD was involved in Miami Gardens being served by Miami

M.A.Moreno responded this had taken place before the merger of the Pinal and Cobre Valley SDs.

R.Jacques responded to questions regarding the TRSD Phase 1, and subsequent issues regarding the process

Resident Bennett said that this issue was brought up several years ago, at the same time as Vertical Heights.

Attorney Harper noted it was being done now.

Attorney Harper also noted that an individual(s) resident of Miami Gardens would have to take the responsibility of passing these petitions to their neighbors as neither he nor the District Board members.

M.A.Moreno moved to determine that the public health, convenience and necessity and welfare will be promoted by the circulation of a petition to de-annex Miami Gardens and approve the impact statement., as required by Arizona Revised Statutes, Section 48-262., seconded by R.Jacques, and carried 4-0 via roll call with 1 absent.

President Jacques closed the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m.

Item # 1. Call to order: By President Jacques at 6:17 p.m.

Item # 2 Pledge of Allegiance was led by R.Jacques

Item # 3 **Roll Call** - M.Buzan(via Zoom), C.Farr, R.Jacques, M.A.Moreno, M.Harper, Counsel for the District, T.Stratton, Bond Counsel
Absent: D.Buzan

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Others - L.Valdez, Financial Advisor(via Zoom)

Public - H. Farester, T.Werner

- Item # 4 **Call to the Public**
HF - re-de-annexation and the indebtedness of the District.
TW How do you get funding when the plant location is still up in the air
? Amendment for \$4 million, 2018 and another \$1 million in 2020???
- Item # 5 **Approval of Meeting Minutes of:**
August 9, 2021 Regular Meeting - Approved by motion of M.A.Moreno, seconded by C.Farr and carried, 4-0 via roll call.
August 26, 2021 Special Meeting - Approved by motion of R.Jacques, seconded by C.Farr, 4-0 via roll call.
- Item # 6 **Financial Reports** - August Report from Gila County had not been received. The Balance on July 31 was reported as \$308,000
- Item # 7 **Payment of Bills**
IBEW submitted a bill in the amount of \$225 for Hall Rental for 3 meetings through 09/07/2021. Approved for payment by motion of M.A.Moreno, seconded by C. Farr, 4-0 via roll call.
T.Thayer submitted a bill in the amount of \$187.50 for website services through August 31, 2021. Approved for payment by motion of C.Farr, seconded by M.A.Moreno, 4-0 via roll call.
President Jacques submitted a bill in the amount of \$209.03 for travel and expenses through September 7,2021. Approved for payment by motion of M.A.Moreno, seconded by C.Farr, 4-0 via roll call
Corona Signs submitted a bill in the amount of \$52.70 for signage related to the Miami Gardens posting requirements. Approved for payment by motion of C.Farr, seconded by M.A.Moreno, 4-0 via roll call.
Samuel Accounting submitted a bill in the amount of \$577.42 for services through July 26, 2021. M.A.Moreno moved to remit \$225.42 inasmuch as the payment of \$352 paid in August had not been credited, seconded by C.Farr, seconded by M.A.Moreno and carried 4-0 via roll call.
M.Harper submitted a bill for General Representation in the amount of \$3,762.0 Approved for payment by motion of M.A.Moreno, seconded by M.Buzan, 4-0 vial roll call.
M.Harper submitted a bill for Project related expenses in the amount of \$4,972.33. Approved for payment by motion of C.Farr, seconded by M.A.Moreno, 4-0 via roll call.
- Item # 8 **Update on the Gila County Board of Supervisors Special Meeting -**
R.Jacques reported that the meeting went well; he met with Supervisor Chairman Humphrey and J.Menlove a day or two later and they expressed their pleasure at being informed of the District's progress
T.Stratton, Bond Counsel noted that M.Krebs filled in a lot of detail. The Supervisors asked the District to provide a report on a quarterly basis.

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- Item # 9** **Report regarding upcoming meeting with Globe Officials -**
Mayor Gameros has some concerns and R.Jacques and Mary A.Moreno had related their willingness to meet to discuss any concerns the Mayor has.
- Item # 10** **TRSD Resolution No. 21-002:** Approved by motion of M.A.Moreno, seconded by R.Jacques, authorizing the President and Secretary to execute the necessary documents.
- Item # 11** Discussion/ Possible Action Regarding Potential Relocation of the TRSD Meeting Venue - a different venue had been suggested. R.Jacques spoke to CVRC Staff and was given a quote for use of their facility, which would not even be available until January, 2022. M.A.Moreno noted that IBEW had been extremely accommodating, the room is large and lends itself to in-person attendance while providing social distancing, and moved to remain at I.B.E.W. Hall, seconded by M.Buzan and carried 4-0 via roll call.
- Item # 12** Discussion/Possible Action Regarding securing a TRSD Office Site - C.Farr has offered space at 1100 Monroe Street, free of charge. District Counsel noted the District could have office space outside the District Boundaries while District Meetings should be held within the District. M.A.Moreno moved to accept Mr. Farr's generous offer, seconded by .R.Jacques and carried 3-0, via roll call.
C.Farr recused himself from voting on the motion due to his involvement in the issue.
- Item # 13** Discussion/Possible Action Regarding Recruitment of Clerical Assistance - JaLin had provided a couple of applicants which, for a variety of reasons, the District had not pursued. R.Jacques moved the District resurrect the recruitment process, seconded by C.Farr and carried 4-0 via roll call.
M.A.Moreno volunteered to follow-up with JaLin, M.Buzan offered to assist.
- Item # 14** **Discussion/Possible Action Regarding the Possible Retention of an Accountant**
Discussed the issues inherent in the complexity of the process going forward with the TRSD design engineering and the bridge loan. M.Harper and T.Stratton agreed to do some checking on possible contractors who could provide such services. In addition, T.Stratton suggested pursuing the possibility of an RFP for audit services since that will be required once the District begins drawing on the W.I.F.A. funds.
C.Farr moved to direct Attorneys Harper and Stratton to look into an RFP for an auditing firm for the District, seconded by M.A.Moreno and carried by a vote of 4-0 via roll call.
- Item # 15** **Discussion/Possible Action Regarding Possible Modification to the TRSD Website**
Following discussion C.Farr moved to table this issue, seconded by R.Jacques and carried 4-0 via roll call.
- Item # 16** **Executive Session -None**
- Item # 17** **Items discussed in Executive Session**
- item # 18** **Announcements - M.A.Moreno** reminded everyone of **Old Dominion Days** and shared information on the schedule of events.

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item # 19

Schedule any topic or issue

The next Regular Meeting of the TRSD Board of Directors will be Monday, October 11, 2021. Anyone wishing to add an item to the Agenda , please notify the District no later than 10 a.m., Thursday, October 7, 2021

Item # 20

M.A.Moreno moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:38 p.m., seconded by C.Farr and carried 4-0..