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RESOLUTION NO. 89-R-9

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE MARION OAKS MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT ADVISORY COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS; PROVIDING FOR MEETINGS OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR VACANCIES; PROVIDING FOR OFFICES; PROVIDING FOR DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL; REPEALING PRIOR RESOLUTIONS, AND PROVIDING FOR EXISTING MEMBERS AND TERMS TO CONTINUE IN OFFICE.

WHEREAS, this Board has, by duly adopted Ordinance, created the Marion Oaks Municipal Service Taxing Unit; and

WHEREAS, this Board now desires to create an advisory council for said entity and to specify the membership and by-laws thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, as follows:

SECTION 1. Creation of Advisory Council.

A. There is hereby created an advisory council for the Marion Oaks Municipal Service Taxing Unit. Said council shall consist of five (5) members and such alternates as the Board of County Commissioners may, from time to time, appoint. All members and alternates shall reside within the boundaries of the district. All members and alternates shall serve without compensation; however, they may be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary out-of-pocket expenses authorized and approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

B. The members and alternates shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners and shall serve for four (4) years after their initial terms. The Board may, in its discretion, hold an election to select appointees.

C. The members of the current advisory council and the expiration of their terms are as shown on the attached Exhibit "A".

SECTION 2. Duties of Advisory Council.

The advisory council may, as requested or directed by the Board of County Commissioners:

A. Participate in the preparation of the annual budget request, making recommendations regarding capital expenditures, operations, programs, staffing, and proposed budget increases or decreases.

B. Review and comment upon the current and past programs, activities, operations, goals, and objectives of the district and propose changes or modifications to same.

C. Review and make recommendations regarding any matter referred to the advisory council by the Board of County Commissioners.

D. Initiate requests and recommendations for new programs, goals and objectives for the district.

E. As requested by the Board of County Commissioners, review all expenditures of district funds and provide comments thereon.

F. As requested by the Board of County Commissioners, review and comment upon the qualifications of prospective members of the advisory council or employees of the district.

G. Provide information and assistance to residents of the district and the county regarding district business.

H. Provide a forum for residents of the district and other interested parties to discuss district matters.

SECTION 3. By-Laws of the Advisory Council.

The following by-laws of the advisory council are hereby adopted, which shall be a rule and guide to the conduct of advisory council meetings and business:

A. Offices. The advisory council shall select from its members a chairman, vice-chairman and a secretary. The officers shall serve one year terms. There is no prohibition against an officer serving one or more successive terms. The chairman or, in his absence, the vice-chairman shall preside at all council meetings. The secretary or, in his absence, a person designated by the chair, shall keep minutes of the meetings, which shall be prepared and, once approved by the council, filed with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners.

B. Meetings. The advisory council shall hold regular meetings, at times and places and on such intervals as a majority of the advisory council may choose or the Board of County Commissioners may direct, provided that the advisory council shall meet at least once every three (3) months. Notice of all regular meetings shall be posted in a conspicuous public place at least five (5) days before the date of the meeting. No business shall be conducted without a quorum, which shall consist of a majority of the members of the council. Special meetings may be called, upon reasonable notice, by the chairman or at the direction of the Board of County Commissioners. All meetings shall be open to the public and members of the public shall be entitled to participate in the meetings, subject however, to reasonable restrictions on the amount of time for each speaker and adherence to the printed agenda. Proposed agenda items shall be submitted in advance of scheduled meetings. Any item not submitted in time to be placed on the agenda for a meeting shall automatically be placed on the agenda for the following meeting or, by majority vote of the members present may be discussed without being placed on the agenda. Meetings shall be conducted, to the extent practicable under the circumstances, by Roberts Rules of Order.

C. Vacancies. All members and alternates serve at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners and may be removed at any time, with or without cause. The name of any member or alternate member who fails to attend three consecutive regular meetings or a total of six (6) regular meetings during any calendar year without just cause, shall be reported to the Board of County Commissioners, which may forthwith remove the member or alternate and appoint a new member or alternate to fill the unexpired term. The Board of County Commissioners shall also fill any vacancy arising due to other causes, specifying whether the replacement is for the balance of the remaining term or for a full term.

SECTION 4. Miscellaneous.


A. Wherever the masculine gender is used herein it is to include the feminine gender as well.

B. The invalidity of any part of the resolution shall not render invalid the remaining portions.

C. All prior Resolutions inconsistent with the terms of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

PASSED AND RESOLVED this 10th day of JANUARY, 1989.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA


T. W. "TOMMY" NEEDHAM, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


FRANCES E. THIGPIN, CLERK