

MAY 21, 2020
VIRTUAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR 2020 NON-AD VALOREM RATES
AND
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020

Location: Administrative Offices, Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue District, 2451 Trailmate Drive, Sarasota, Florida, 34243 and via teleconference.

Call to Order

Chairman Center called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Meeting Instructions

Chairman Center read the meeting instructions as this was a telephonic meeting.

Roll Call

Via teleconference

Daniel Center, Chairman; Melanie Marken, Vice-Chair, Secretary & Treasurer; James Cena; Anthony Evans and James Grote, Commissioners were in attendance via GoToMeeting. DVP Derek Foss was also attending via phone. Randy Dillingham from Christopher Smith CPA's was in attendance for his presentation.

At the Administration Office

Deputy Chief Robert Bounds, Battalion Chief Chris Gould, Captain Bobby Thayer, Executive Management Assistant Debbie Tuckerman, Inspector Larry Betts, and Information Technology Specialist Shawn Myles.

Special Business

- **Presentation of the 2018/2019 FYE Audit**
Randy Dillingham from Christopher Smith & Leonard CPA presented the 2019 FYE Audit. *Commissioner Grote moved to approve the 2018/2019 FYE Audit as presented. Commissioner Marken seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*
- **Video Presentation by Lt. Adam Chevalier**
Lt Chevalier presented a video created by the firefighters thanking the Board and Administration for taking care of them through this pandemic.

Public Hearing – Proposed 2020 Fire Non-Ad Valorem Rates

- **Verification of Public Notices**
Chairman Center called for verification of the Public Notice. EMA Tuckerman stated that the public hearing was advertised as required. The affidavit has been received.

- **Presentation**
Deputy Chief Bounds gave an overview of Resolution 2020-03 FY2020-2021 Initial Rate Resolution. He is recommending approval of the resolution containing a 5.46% increase.
- **Open Public Hearing for Comments**
Chairman Center opened the Public Hearing at 5:45 p.m. There was no public comment.
- **Commissioner Evans lost contact via telephone and did not re-join the meeting.**
- **Close the Public Hearing for Comments**
Commissioner Marken moved to close the public hearing for FY2020-2021 Initial Rate Resolution at 5:45 p.m. Commissioner Grote seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.
- **Consideration of Resolution 2020-03**
Commissioner Center stated the Board has Resolution 2020-03 FY 2020-2021 Initial Rate Resolution for consideration. *Commissioner Grote made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-03 with a 5.46% increase. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*
- **Adjournment of Public Hearing**
Commissioner Center adjourned the Public Hearing for the Initial Rate Hearing at 6:08 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Grote motioned to accept the consent agenda items. Commissioner Marken seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Center called for Public Comment and there was none.

OLD BUSINESS

* None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Surplus Fixed Assets

Deputy Chief Bounds presented the fixed asset that needs to be surplus. *Commissioner Marken motioned to surplus the fixed assets as attached. Commissioner Grote seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

* Pension Committee

Deputy Chief Bounds reported on a letter we received from FMPTF regarding Current Market Environment.

* **Union Report**

DVP Derek Foss mentioned that he will be reaching out to the board members up for re-election in private.

CHIEF'S REPORT

* Chief's Report gave an update on the status of COVID-19. He also updated the board on the Unified Commands plans to re-open.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Center called for Public Comment and there was none.

COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Commissioner Center asked for commissioner/administration comments. There were no additional comments.

The next meeting will be a Special Meeting on Thursday, May 28, 2019, 3:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.





Daniel J. Center, Chairman

Attest:



Melanie Marken, Vice Chairman/Secretary/Treasurer

