

OCTOBER 15, 2020
PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE 2020-01
&
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Date: Thursday, October 15, 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 5:01 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Meeting Instructions

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

Roll Call

Via Teleconference

James Cena and Anthony Evans, Commissioners and DVP Derek Foss were in attendance via GotoMeeting.

At the Administration Office

Daniel Center, Chairman; Melanie Marken, Vice-Chair, Secretary & Treasurer; and James Grote, Commissioner along with Chief Brian Gorski, Fire Marshal Leslie Adent, Battalion Chief Gould, Captains Bobby Thayer and Mike Bloski, Inspector Larry Betts, Executive Management Assistant Debbie Tuckerman, and Information Technology Specialist Shawn Myles.

Public Hearing - Ordinance 2020-01 First Reading

- **Verification of Public Notice**
Chairman Center called for verification of the Public Notice. Executive Management Assistant Tuckerman stated that the meeting was advertised as required.
- **Presentation of the Ordinance**
Fire Marshal Adent gave a brief presentation.
- **First Reading of Ordinance 2020-01/Open Public Hearing for comments**
Chairman Center opened the Public Hearing for the millage rate at 5:07 p.m. There was no public comment.
- **Close the Public Hearing**
Commissioner Grote made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 5:08 pm. Commissioner Marken seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.
- **Board Deliberation Ordinance 2020-01**
The Ordinance was unanimously approved for the first reading.
- **Adjournment of Public Hearing**

The Public Hearing on Ordinance 2020-01 was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Continuation of Regular Board Meeting

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was included in the Board packet. *Commissioner Marken motioned to accept the consent agenda items without the Treasurers Report. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried. After discussion, Commissioner Grote motioned to accept the Treasurers Report. Commissioner Marken seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Center called for Public Comment and there was none.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Sweet-Sparkman Contract

Commissioner Grote motioned to accept the Sweet-Sparkman Contract for Architectural and Engineering Services at Station 2. Commissioner Marken seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

*** CARES Grant Funding**

Chief Gorski updated the board on the grant funding received.

NEW BUSINESS

*** Ratification and Confirmation of all Board Actions on September 17, 2020 Meeting**
Commissioner Grote motioned to ratify and confirm all related action items to the approval of the milage rate of 1.2061 and the adoption of the FY21 budget from the September 17, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Marken seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

*** Next Cares Grant**

Chief Gorski updated the board.

*** Chief Gorski's Employment Contract**

After discussion, commissioners are to meet individually with Chief Gorski and Deputy Chief Bounds to decide on the promotion of Deputy Chief Bounds and the extension of Chief Gorski's contract for a period, to be determined.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2. Pension Committee

- **Supplemental Distribution Report - FYI**

*** Union**

Derek Foss noted that they have decided on waiting for one MOU due to it being a negotiated item.

CHIEF'S REPORT

* **Chief's Report**

Chief Gorski reported that TRIM was approved. He also noted that we have interviews scheduled for 12 applicants for Financial Specialist next week. Also, Longboat Key is interested in the drone program and will be meeting with our personnel next week. There was an update on Stuart Ramer's accident. Commissioner Marken read an email to Assistant County Attorney Cahall regarding the accident. All commissioners approved the letter to be sent. Fire Marshal Adent gave an update on Fire Prevention Month activities. Chief Gorski also reported that the new engine was in the back if commissioners wished to take a look.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Center called for Public Comment and there was none.

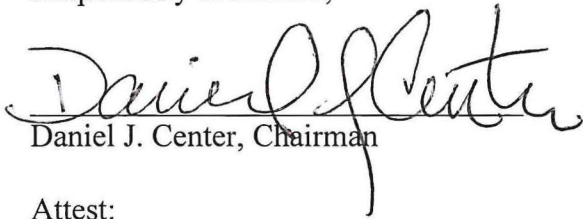
COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Chairman Center asked for comments. There were no additional commissioner or administrative comments.

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6: p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel J. Center, Chairman

Attest:



Melanie A. Marken, Vice Chairman/Secretary/Treasurer