

November 16 2023
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

Date: Thursday, November 16, 2023

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

Present: Melanie Marken, Chairperson
Jim Grote, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary
Daniel Center, Commissioner
Jim Cena, Commissioner
Robert Bounds, Chief
Rick Blanco, Assistant Chief
Dan Anderson, Training Chief
There were other staff also in attendance.

Call to Order

Chairperson Marken called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Invocation/Pledge

A moment of silence was observed. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

LT. Derek Foss presented a donation from the local union to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was included in the Board packet without the treasurer's report. *Commissioner Grote motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Marken called for Public Comment and there was none.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Station 4 Remodel**
Magnum builders presented to the Board a breakdown of the estimate for station 4 renovation.
- **UPC Interlocal Agreement**
Chief Bounds, AC Blanco, and Training Chief Anderson met with Sarasota Fire Chief and went over the concerns brought forth from the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance 2024-01 Fire Prevention Code – Second hearing**
Presented by Chief Bounds. Every 3 years the Florida Fire Prevention Code is updated. *Commissioner Grote motioned to approve the second hearing of the Ordinance 2024-01 with recommended changes. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

* **Pension Committee**

Trustee Chairperson Chevalier updated the board on the pension plan status.

* **Union Report**

LT. Foss: Union dues will increase in January. The next charity event will be in February for down syndrome.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Bounds: Open house had a great turn out.

Captain Chevalier: Line personnel is satisfied with new bunker gear.

Training Chief Anderson: Personnel registered to attend FDIC and the Orlando Fire Conference. TC Anderson met with Wilder Architecture at station 3 to start the process of the feasibility study.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Marken called for Public Comment and there was none.

COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Commissioners had an open discussion about the possible adding a rescue vehicle to Station 3. Commissioners thanked everyone for their work.

Commissioner Grote motioned to approve to cancel the December 21, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.



Melanie A. Marken, Chairperson

Attest:

Absent
James Grote, Vice Chairperson/Secretary/Treasurer