

May 20, 2021
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR FY 2021-2022 INITIAL NON-AD VALOREM RATES
AND
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

Date: Thursday, May 20, 2021

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

Call to Order

Chairman 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.

Roll Call

Via Teleconference - None

At the Administration Office

Melanie Marken, Chairman; Daniel Center, Commissioner; James Cena, Commissioner; and Anthony Evans, Commissioner. James Grote, Vice Chairman was absent. Chief Robert Bounds, Deputy Fire Marshal Meola, Captain Thayer and Executive Management Assistant Debbie Tuckerman were in attendance. Derek Foss and Adam Chevalier were also in attendance. There were other staff also in attendance.

Meeting Instructions

Chairman Marken read the meeting instructions.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

- **Life Saving Award**

Chief Bounds presented Felix Tacoronte with a Life Saving Award for rescuing a 4-year-old unconscious child from a pool and administering CPR which saved her life.

Public Hearing – Proposed 2021 Fire Non-Ad Valorem Rates

- **Verification of Public Notices**

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

- **Presentation**

Chief Bounds gave an overview of Resolution 2021-02 FY2021-2022 Initial Rate Resolution. He is recommending approval of the resolution containing a 5.64% increase.

- **Open Public Hearing for Comments**

Chairman Marken opened the Public Hearing at 5:13 p.m. There was no public comment.

- **Close the Public Hearing for Comments**

Commissioner Evans moved to close the public hearing for FY2021-2022 Initial Rate Resolution at 5:14 p.m. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

- **Consideration of Resolution 2021-02**

Chairman Marken stated the Board has Resolution 2021-02 FY 2021-2022 Initial Rate Resolution for consideration. *Commissioner Center made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-02 with a 5.64% increase. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

- **Adjournment of Public Hearing**

Chairman Marken adjourned the Public Hearing for the Initial Rate Hearing at 5:16 p.m.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was included in the Board packet. *Commissioner Evans motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Marken called for Public Comment and there was none.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Station 2 Renovation - Update**
Chief Bounds gave an update on the project.
- **Station 5 Repair**
Chief Bounds gave an update on the project.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Fixed Asset Surplus - Staff Vehicles**
Chief Bounds presented the memo for Fixed Asset Surplus – Staff Vehicles. *Commissioner Evans motioned to approve the Fixed Asset Surplus – Staff Vehicles as presented. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*
2. **Fixed Asset Surplus – Drone**
Chief Bounds presented the memo for Fixed Asset Surplus – Drone. *Commissioner Center motioned to approve the Fixed Asset Surplus – Drone as presented. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*
- **Legislative Updates**
Chief Bounds and Chairman Marken gave legislative updates.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

* **Pension Committee**

Trustee Chairman Chevalier and Chief Bounds updated the Board on the pension status.

3. **Retirement Subsidy Increase – Letter from Board of Trustees**

Trustee Chairman Chevalier and Chief Bounds presented the letter from the Board of Trustees. *Commissioner Cena motioned to approve the increase to \$30 per month with a maximum of \$750 for the Retirement Subsidy. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

4. General Pension Plan Disability Forms

Chief Bounds presented disability forms for the General Pension Plan. *Commissioner Center motioned to approve the Disability Forms for the General Plan with one typo that will be corrected. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

*** Union Report**

Derek Foss thanked the board on the approval on the increase to the Retirement Subsidy. He also went over some additional legislation.

CHIEF'S REPORT

- 5.** Chief Bounds gave a brief report. Captain Thayer updated the board on the status of COVID-19. Chief Bounds presented the Board of Commissioners each a COVID-19 Campaign Ribbon. Deputy Fire Marshal Meola gave a brief report. Chief Bounds also gave a report on Operations.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Marken called for Public Comment and there was none.

COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Chairman Marken asked for commissioner comments. Commissioner Center spoke about some changes needed to the Meeting Instructions.


Chairman Marken reported that the next meeting will be on June 17, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



Melanie A. Marken, Chairman

Attest:



James Grote, Vice Chairman/Secretary/Treasurer