

MINUTES
WORK SESSION & MEETING OF THE
FORT MYERS BEACH FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

TIME: 9:30 AM

DATE: January 8, 2020

PLACE: 2755 Estero Boulevard – Public Library
Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931

IN ATTENDANCE: Chairman Wood, Vice-Chairman Fleming, Commissioner Lyszak, Commissioner Bennett, Fire Chief Love, District members and members of the public.

Absent (*unexcused*): Secretary/Treasurer Raymond

1 Meeting Called to Order

2 Pledge of Allegiance

3 Adoption of the Agenda [Discussion/Approval]

Chairman Wood called for a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Lyszak made a motion to approve the agenda. Vice-Chairman Fleming seconded.

Motion approved unanimously 4 – 0

4 Restate Agenda Items [Information]

5 Public Input on Non-Agenda Items

No public input was provided

6 Consent Agenda [Approval]

Items listed are considered routine and action will be taken by one motion; if a Commissioner desires discussion, the specific item will be removed during the Adoption of the Agenda, and considered separately.

A. December 11, 2019 Work Session & Meeting Minutes

Chairman Wood called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Lyszak made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Bennett seconded.

Motion approved unanimously 4 – 0.

7 Unfinished Business

A. Review of Recent Records Request [Discussion/Input/Approval]

The Board discussed the written notice provided by the District's attorney, on behalf of the Board, regarding recent Board conduct. Chairman Wood read the following Statement of Record:

“The Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District Board of Fire Commissioners Pursuant to Policy IX. Violations, enters the following Statement of Record:

On December 11, 2019, pursuant to Board Policy, allegations were brought before the Board of Fire Commissioners, at a duly noticed public meeting, concerning violations of Board Policy and Procedures committed by Commissioner Ron Fleming. The violations alleged involved Board Policies 4 C III B 2 and 6 III B along with inappropriate statements about the District's Fire Chief. Fire Commissioner Fleming admitted he committed the violations alleged, apologized and agreed to refrain from future violations.

On January 8, 2020, the Board of Fire Commissioners, at a duly noticed public meeting, voted to enact a formal sanction in the form of this Statement of Record for the violations of Board Policies and Procedures by Fire Commissioner Ron Fleming. This Statement of Record shall be submitted into the Public Records of the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District on January 8, 2020."

Chairman Wood called for a motion to adopt the written statement. Commissioner Bennett made a motion to adopt the Statement of Record. Commissioner Lyszak seconded. Chairman Wood called for public comment. No public comment was provided. Chairman Wood called for a roll call vote:

Commissioner Bennett – Aye
Commissioner Lyszak – Aye
Chairman Wood – Aye

Motion adopted by a vote of 3 – 0 (*super majority of Commissioners in attendance and permitted to vote*).

8 New Business

A. Vehicle Procurement [Discussion/Input/Approval]

The Board and District reviewed and discussed the procurement package. Chairman Wood called for a motion to approve the vehicle procurement. Commissioner Bennett made a motion to approve the vehicle procurement. Commissioner Lyszak seconded. Motion approved unanimously 4 – 0. Chairman Wood called for public comment. No public comment was provided.

B. Land Procurement [Discussion/Input/Approval]

Chief Love discussed the land procurement package and contract, as well as the process of finding land that would fit the needs of the District. Chairman Wood called for a motion to approve the land procurement. Commissioner Lyszak made a motion to accept the Commercial Contract with an effective date of January 6, 2020 for the purchase of property located at 2545 and 2555 Estero Boulevard with a purchase price of \$3,992,000; to provide Chief Love the authority to act in accordance with the provisions of the contract, procuring service professionals as needed to comply with all phases of the due diligence requirements, and to pay for such services; to provide approval to deposit funds to an escrow account pursuant to the contract. Commissioner Bennett seconded.

Each Commissioner discussed their excitement of the recent land procurement and the opportunities it will bring to our department and community in the future.

Chairman Wood called for public comment. A local resident asked what the appraisal value was and Chairman Wood clarified that public comment is not for questions, but for the public to be able to voice their comments.

Chairman Wood called for a vote.

Commissioner Bennett	Aye
Commissioner Lyszak	Aye
Vice-Chairman Fleming	Aye
Chairman Wood	Aye

9. Report from IAFF Union Representative District 3 and/or 15 [Information]

Local 1826 Vice President (VP) Henry Garcia spoke on behalf of District 3 and 15 at the request of District Vice President (DVP) Lamb. VP Garcia spoke about their recent records request. VP Garcia discussed communication between Union members and the Board. VP Garcia also spoke regarding Commissioner Lyszak’s comment at the last meeting and stated that there has been no complaints filed with the Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC) or the State. VP Garcia discussed his recent meeting with Commissioner Fleming. VP Garcia discussed the documents he sent to the Board regarding communications. VP Garcia discussed the importance of the Board hearing both sides of negotiations

10. Fire Chief Remarks [Information/Discussion]

Chief Love discussed the recent dodge ball event that our department participated in with Bay Oaks. Chief Love reported that we will be assisting San Carlos Park Fire Department with plan reviews. Chief Love discussed the Senate Bill 1466 and the issues government entities have faced with websites becoming 100% ADA compliant. Chief Love discussed the “Ops Hour” policy workgroup and thanked Captain Morgani, Lieutenant Jensen, Driver Engineer Gordon, Driver Engineer Gonzalez, and Firefighter Rojo for volunteering to be a part of this group. Chief Love reminded everyone that there will be a presentation on “fire and life safety over the years” at our March 25th meeting. Commissioner Lyszak stated that this should be publicized and requested a flyer so she can share it through the Chamber.

11. Commissioner Remarks [Information]

Commissioner Bennett stated great meeting and great accomplishment for the land procurement. Commissioner Bennett stated he hoped everyone had a great Holiday. Commissioner Bennett stated he is happy to hear Commissioner Raymond is improving and he looks forward to his return.

Commissioner Lyszak wished everyone a happy new year and echoed Commissioner Bennett’s comments. Commissioner Lyszak stated that she is excited about the land procurement and discussed the need for it.

Vice-Chairman Fleming agreed with other Commissioner comments and stated that this is going to be a very good thing.

Chairman Wood asked if the new truck will fit and if there will be a drive through

available. Chief Love stated that is the goal. Chairman Wood stated he is excited about the new facility.

12 Adjournment

9:55 AM