# MINUTES WORK SESSION & MEETING OF THE FORT MYERS BEACH FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT **BOARD OF COMISSIONERS**

TIME: 9:30 AM DATE: February 16, 2022 Fort Myers Beach Public Library

IN ATTENDANCE: Chairman Larry Wood, Vice-Chairman Ron Fleming, Secretary/Treasurer John Bennett, Commissioner Jacki Liszak, Commissioner Jim Knickle, Fire Chief Ronald Martin, and District Members

## 1. Meeting Called to Order

#### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

## 3. Adoption of Agenda [Discussion/Approval]

Chairman Wood called for a motion to approve the agenda. Vice-Chairman Fleming made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Knickle seconded. Motion approved unanimously 5-0.

#### 4. Restate Agenda Items [Information]

#### 5. Public Input on Non-Agenda Items

No public input provided.

#### 6. Consent Agenda [Approval]

A. January 26, 2022 Regular Board of Fire Commissioner Meeting Minutes Chairman Wood called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Secretary Bennett made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Liszak seconded. Motion approved unanimously 5-0.

#### 7. Unfinished Business

A. No unfinished business.

### 8. New Business

A. Update on New Facility [Information/Discussion] Chief Martin briefly discussed the current status of the project.

Chief Wirth shared that they recently had a meeting with the architects and the contractor and presented rough concepts and models for the new building.

The board shared discussion about opinions and ideas for the design of the new station.

B. Update on District Financial Modeling and Forecast [Information/Discussion]

Chief Martin- Regional Economic Researching Group preparing a proposal and will have update at next session.

- C. Update District Labor Management Committee [Information/Discussion]
- D. Part Time Finance Support Position Approval [Information/Discussion/Approval] Chief Martin shared that there is a need for financial support within the district for accounting and payroll specialist to assist the Finance and Administrative Services Director.

Vice Chairman Fleming shared he agrees this is necessary and could be part time.

Commissioner Liszack agreed, expressing support for Jane.

Commissioner Knickle agreed this is necessary and a good idea.

Secretary Bennett expressed that he would like to look for an individual looking to grow with the district.

Chairman Wood called for a motion to approve. Secretary Bennett made a motion to approve. Commissioner Liszak seconded.

Motion approved unanimously 5-0.

#### 9. Fire Chief Remarks [Information/Discussion]

Chief Martin thanked everyone for another great session. The Chief handed out a draft of the District's comments related to redesigning of the bridge and advised staff had attended the recent public presentation and collected public concerns. The District's biggest concern is the removal of the trolley lane and addition of traffic signals preventing emergency vehicles from responding.

Chief Martin recognized Battalion Chief Lamb's service and wished him well in future endeavors as his last day was February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Martin noted that the District is in the middle of recruitment drive with currently twelve open positions in operations. Additionally, the District has extended a conditional offer of employment to an IT candidate.

Chief Martin shared that the District has completed its operational evaluation of emergency response capabilities and he hopes to have a report available for the March meeting.

Chief Martin has officially started rewrite of manual of SOPs.

## 10. Attorney Report [Information/Discussion] - none

# 11. Commissioners Remarks [Information]

Secretary Bennett thanked everyone for a great meeting.

Commissioner Liszack thanked everyone for the meeting and reminder everyone about senate bill 2508.

Vice Chairman Fleming stated that he liked the building concept models and is happy to get Jane help with the part time position.

Chairman Wood thanked everyone for a great meeting.

# **12. Adjournment** 10:48am