

MINUTES  
WORK SESSION & MEETING OF THE  
FORT MYERS BEACH FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TIME: 9:30 AM  
DATE: October 14, 2020  
Fort Myers Beach Public Library

IN ATTENDANCE: Chairman Wood, Secretary/Treasurer Bennett, Commissioner Liszak, Commissioner Knickle, Fire Chief Love, and District members.

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE: Vice-Chairman Fleming

**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 Liszak made a motion to approve the agenda. Secretary/Treasurer Bennett seconded.  
Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0

**4 Restate Agenda Items [Information]**

**5 Public Input on Non-Agenda Items [Information]**

District Attorney Andrew Salzman provided an update on the Darren White case and stated that the case is now closed.

**6 Consent Agenda Items [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. September 23, 2020 Final Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes

B. September 23, 2020 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Chairman Wood called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.  
Secretary/Treasurer Bennett made a motion to approve the consent agenda.  
Commissioner Knickle seconded.  
Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0

**7 Unfinished Business**

A. Schedule of Fees [Introduction/Discussion]

Chief Love discussed the main topics of the Schedule of Fees that had recently been reviewed and updated. Chief Love stated that the intent is to have all of our fees converted over to the Schedule of Fees document. Chief Love and staff will finalize this document for presentation and approval at the October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- B. Ordinance 2016-01 [Introduction/Discussion]  
Chief Love discussed the updates and recapped the data assessments. The Board discussed the updates presented and requested that Chief Love finalize the ordinance document for their next meeting.
- C. Fire Chief Annual Adjustment [Introduction/Discussion/Public Input/Approval]  
The Board discussed Chief Love’s performance-based annual adjustment and agreed that he was more than deserving to receive an adjustment, despite his request for no action this year. Chairman Wood made a motion to approve the presented Fire Chief monetary salary increase of 3% from today’s date and retroactively applied back to March 21, 2020. Secretary/Treasurer Bennett seconded. Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0.

## **8 New Business**

- A. 2021 Board of Fire Commissioner Meeting Dates, Times, & Locations [Introduction/Discussion]  
The Board and Chief Love discussed the options for the 2021 Board of Fire Commissioner meetings. The Board agreed that all Board meetings for 2021 should be held at the Fort Myers Beach Public Library and that Work Session Meetings should be held at 9:30 am and Regular Monthly Meetings should be moved to 5:00 pm. The Board also agreed that District ceremonies should be separate from the meetings and alternate venues should be considered. This topic will be brought to the next meeting for approval.

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

*No input was provided*

## **10 Fire Chief Remarks [Information/Discussion]**

Chief Love discussed the following items:

- Thanked the Board for their performance remarks
- Reported that our new Administrative Assistant will be attending our next Board meeting
- “Think Tank” topics covered in recent virtual event
- Construction timeline
- Recent media article regarding sprinklers
- Community canvas
- Structure Fire – Community Service

## **11 Commissioner Remarks [Information]**

Vice-Chairman Fleming thanked everyone for a good meeting. Vice-Chairman Fleming congratulated Chief Love on his adjustment. Vice-Chairman Fleming thanked the staff for their hard work and congratulated the new members.

Commissioner Liszak congratulated Chief Love on his adjustment and stated that it is nice to see him up and moving. Commissioner Liszak gave a suggestion regarding the Zoom meeting set-up. Commissioner Liszak discussed the elevator issue at Lovers Key due to a recent incident. Commissioner Liszak discussed a recent stay at a new hotel in the area

and an incident of being evacuated. Commissioner Lyszak asked if we work with our condominiums and hotels regarding safety and evacuations. Commissioner Lyszak stated that this could be a great education opportunity for our community.

Commissioner Knickle congratulated Chief Love on his adjustment. Commissioner Knickle thanked the staff for their hard work. Commissioner Knickle stated that he is looking forward to the building timeline presentation.

Secretary/Treasurer Bennett congratulated Chief Love on his adjustment. Secretary/Treasurer Bennett thanked the department for their hard work. Secretary/Treasurer Bennett discussed his neighbor's recent emergency and how impressed his neighbor was with the service of our department. Secretary/Treasurer Bennett thanked the department and stated that his neighbor thanks our department and appreciates the service provided.

Chairman Wood thanked Attorney Salzman for attending the meeting and providing the update.

## **12 Adjournment**

11:00 AM