

MINUTES
WORK SESSION AND MEETING OF THE
FORT MYERS BEACH BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TIME: 10:00 AM
DATE: February 7, 2017
PLACE: 3043 Estero Boulevard, Station 31 – Training Room
Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931

IN ATTENDANCE: Chairwoman Morris, Vice-Chairman Schindler (arrived shortly after Called to Order), Sec./Treasurer Raymond, Commissioner Fleming, Commissioner Wood, Fire Chief Matthew Love, District members and members of the public.

1. Meeting Called to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adoption of Agenda

Chairwoman Morris called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Sec./Treasurer Raymond made a motion to adopt the amended agenda. Commissioner Fleming seconded. Motion approved unanimously 4 – 0 (Schindler absent).

4. January 24, 2017 Work Session Meeting and Regular Meeting Minutes [Discussion/Approval]

Chairwoman Morris called for a motion to approve the January 24, 2017 meeting minutes. Commissioner Fleming made a motion to approve the January 24, 2017 meeting minutes. Sec./Treasurer Raymond seconded. Motion approved unanimously 4 – 0 (Schindler absent).

Chairwoman Morris gave an Attorney update on the White case.

5. Restate Agenda Items [Information]

6. Public Input on Agenda Items

7. Old Business

A. Long Term Facility Planning [Information]

Chief Love gave an update on the Long-Term Facility Planning and stated that we have received some documents that need to be looked through and suggested having Attorney Salzman look through them to see what our options really are. The Board agreed to pass the information on to Attorney Salzman.

B. Compensation Assessment Planning [Information/Discussion]

Chief Love and the Board discussed the plan for a compensation assessment and Chief Love asked the Board for input as to how they would like the information presented.

C. Board Retreat Update [Information/Discussion]

After receiving input from the Board, Chief Love stated that March 9, 2017 looks like the best date for the Board retreat. The Board agreed on the date. Chief Love will confirm the time and let the Board know.

D. Organization Core Elements & Branding Update [Information]

Chief Love gave an update on the Advisory Groups progress for the organizations core elements and branding.

8. New Business

A. Firefighter Cancer Support Network Presentation [Information]

Chief Love delivered a presentation on Firefighter cancer risks, and the Board and Chief Love discussed preventative measures that our organization can take to help prevent cancer.

B. Fire Chief Annual Evaluation Process [Information/Discussion]

The Board discussed each section of the appraisal form in detail. The Board agreed to leave all of the sections in for this year's evaluation and to discuss it in more detail at another meeting.

C. Residential Knox Box Memorandum of Understanding [Information/Discussion]

The District and the Board discussed the details and liabilities of the Residential Knox Box Program.

D. Fire Ordinance Update [Information/Discussion]

Chairwoman Morris discussed the citizen feedback we received in regards to the new property registration ordinance. The Board requested that Division Chief Martin bring a recommendation to the Board on how we can reach residents in order to get them to comply with the ordinance. Chairwoman Morris is going to respond to the complainant.

E. Turnover, Recruitment, Retention, and Staffing Levels [Information]

Commissioner Fleming discussed his concerns with the retention of our department. Chief Love and the Board discussed the future of our organization and retention issues.

9. Reports from Union Representatives Districts 3 and 15

District 3 representative Billy Galewski spoke on behalf of DVP Williamson and stated that they are ready to open up the contract and work through the issues.

10. Remarks of Commissioners

Commissioner Fleming asked if there was a way to get a list of owner/addresses of rentals from VRBO.

Vice-Chairman Schindler commented on the cancer presentation and the preventative measures we are taking.

11. Public Input

Fort Myers Beach resident John Pohland discussed the cancer presentation. Mr. Pohland discussed the staffing issues with the department.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:42 pm.