

MINUTES  
WORK SESSION AND MEETING OF THE  
FORT MYERS BEACH BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
TIME: 10:00 AM  
DATE: October 3, 2017  
PLACE: 2755 Estero Boulevard – Public Library  
Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931

IN ATTENDANCE: Chairwoman Morris, Vice-Chairman Schindler, Secretary/Treasurer Raymond, Commissioner Fleming, Commissioner Wood, Fire Chief 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 approve the agenda. Vice-Chairman Schindler made a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0.

**4. August 15, 2017 Work Session and Meeting Minutes [Discussion/Approval]**

Chairwoman Morris called for a motion to approve the August 15, 2017 meeting minutes. Sec./Treasurer Raymond made a motion to approve the August 15, 2017 meeting minutes. Vice-Chairman Schindler seconded.

Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0.

**5. August 15, 2017 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes [Discussion/Approval]**

Chairwoman Morris called for a motion to approve the August 15, 2017 regular monthly meeting minutes. Sec./Treasurer Raymond made a motion to approve the August 15, 2017 meeting minutes. Commissioner Fleming seconded.

Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0.

**6. Restate Agenda Items**

**7. Public Input on Agenda Items**

**8. Old Business**

*None*

**9. New Business**

**A. 2018 Meeting Dates and Location [Information/Discussion]**

The Board and Chief Love discussed several options in detail for meeting dates, times, and locations for the Board of Commissioners' 2018 meetings. Chairwoman Morris made a motion to move Work Session Meetings to 9:00 am. Vice-Chairman Schindler seconded.

Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0.

Vice-Chairman Schindler made a motion to keep Regular Monthly Meetings at 6:00 pm. Sec./Treasurer Raymond seconded.

Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to have Regular Monthly Meetings at Fort Myers Beach Town Hall. Commissioner Fleming seconded.

Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to have Work Session Meetings at the Fort Myers Beach Public Library. Commissioner Fleming seconded.

Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0.

Chief Love will check the venues chosen for availability for the dates proposed and will report to the Board.

**B. Declaration for Release of Emergency Funds [Discussion/Approval]**

The Board and Chief Love discussed some of the expenses incurred due to Hurricane Irma. Commissioner Wood made a motion to grant the Fire Chief authority to draw upon the Emergency Reserve Fund as needed to cover costs associated with additional operational expenses due to Hurricane Irma. Vice-Chairman Schindler seconded.

Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0.

**C. Vehicle Replacement Procurement [Discussion]**

Chief Love discussed the vehicle replacement procurement provided in the Board packet in detail. This item will be on the next meeting agenda for approval.

**D. Fire Station Diesel Exhaust System Procurement [Discussion]**

The Board and Chief Love discussed the installation of the next diesel exhaust systems. The Board agreed that they had discussed this item enough and would like to move forward with the diesel exhaust systems. Commissioner Fleming made a motion for approval of the Fire Chief to complete the purchase of fire station diesel exhaust systems as identified in the proposal at a purchase price of \$69,391.70 and approval to grant the Fire Chief authority to complete the transaction and if needed, negotiate unforeseen items, up to 5% of the original quote. Commissioner Wood seconded.

Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0.

**E. Marine Response Capability and Rescue Boats [Discussion]**

The Board agreed to have Chief Love contact marinas in the area to see if the District could utilize one of their boats in an emergency. Chief Love will contact Moss Marina and Fishtale Marina for options and report back to the Board.

**F. Reorganization of Board Officers [Discussion]**

The Board discussed the upcoming election and ideas for reorganizing the Board Officers.

**G. Term Limits [Discussion]**

The Board requested that Commissioner Fleming bring back information regarding this topic from his upcoming Florida Association of Special Districts (FASD) conference.

**H. Firefighters Trained as State Certified Inspectors [Discussion]**

Per the Board's request, Chief Love will look into this topic for future ideas and will add it to the agenda in the future for further discussion.

**I. Drone Operations [Discussion]**

Per the Board, Chief Love will contact other neighboring districts to see if they use drones for operational purposes. The Board discussed setting up a contingency plan with an outside contractor.

**10. Reports from Union Representatives Districts 3 and 15**

*No Reports*

**11. Fire Chief Remarks**

- Welcomed Chief Wirth
- Draining issues at the Administration Office and Assistance by Fowler Construction
- Board of Commissioner Identification Cards Update
- Lee Grows-Dispatch Tour
- Community Emergency Response Team

**12. Remarks of Commissioners**

Commissioner Fleming stated that he thought today's meeting was productive. Commissioner Fleming gave kudos to Chief Love in handling several funerals in such a short amount of time.

Vice-Chairman Schindler sent his sentiments to Mike Coenen's family. Vice-Chairman Schindler discussed the layoffs at Fort Myers Fire Department.

**Other Remarks of Commissioners**

Chairwoman Morris requested a simpler packet that she can take home. Commissioner Wood stated that he does not need his printed out. Vice-Chairman Schindler mentioned the idea of purchasing tablets for Commissioners to use at meetings. Chief Love will look into tablets for the Board. Once the feedback regarding the tablets is provided, the Board will decide how they would like to receive their packets in the future.

**13. Public Input**

*None*

**14. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.