

MINUTES
WORK SESSION & MEETING OF THE
FORT MYERS BEACH FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TIME: 9:30 AM
DATE: April 10, 2019
PLACE: 2755 Estero Boulevard – Public Library
Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931

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

1. Meeting Called to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adoption of the Agenda [Discussion/Approval]

Chief Love stated that DVP Lamb contacted him and requested to speak on behalf of IAFF 1826, District 15. Chairman Wood called for a motion to adopt the amended agenda with the addition of Local 1826, District 15 Report. Secretary/Treasurer Raymond made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Bennett seconded. The motion was approved unanimously 5 – 0.

4. Restate Agenda Items [Information]

5. Public Input on 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. March 27, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

The motion was approved unanimously 5 – 0.

7. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business

8. New Business

A. Fire Chief Annual Appraisal Process [Information/Discussion]

Chief Love discussed the parameters listed in the action item sheet provided to the Board as well as the Fire Chief Appraisal Form in their packet. Chief Love will send a fillable Fire Chief Appraisal Form to the Board and will meet with each Board member one-on-one for feedback prior to the Fire Chief Annual Appraisal. The Board and Chief Love discussed the process in more detail and the parameters agreed on by the previous Board. The Board agreed to provide the Fire Chief Appraisal Form to the Fire Chief for the record.

B. Life Safety & Short-Term Rental Update [Information]

Chief Love provided a snapshot of where the District is with the Short-Term Rental Ordinance. Chief Love discussed the workload of the Life Safety Division and the effects it has on the inspection process. The Board and staff discussed data on inspections, Town of Fort Myers Beach property list, and penalties for not registering.

C. Short-Term Rental Ordinance Review [Information/Discussion]

Executive Assistant Fire Chief Ron Martin provided a review and history of the District's Short-Term Rental Ordinance to the Board. The Board and staff discussed several items regarding the ordinance such as the inspection process, pre-inspection checklists, re-registering, straps versus units, review of inspection reports for renters, exclusions, and the option of offering a "residential program" for property owners. The Board agreed to add this back to an agenda around October to review the progress of the Short-Term Rental Ordinance.

Add In: Chairman Wood requested that the report from Union District Vice President (DVP) Lamb, representative of IAFF Local 1826, District 15, be moved up on the agenda. The Board agreed to have DVP Lamb provide his report before moving on to the next agenda item.

Local 1826, District 15 DVP Lamb stated he is looking forward to getting to know the Commissioners on an individual basis and gave a brief description of his work history with the department. DVP Lamb stated that he is taking over the DVP role from his counterpart Tom Grow and that he works closely with District 3's DVP Todd Williamson. DVP Lamb encouraged the Board get to know the fire stations, stop in and see the members, ask questions, and possibly do a ride-along to get to know the District. DVP Lamb invited the Commissioners to participate in the Annual Easter Egg hunt at Bay Oaks. DVP Lamb discussed Board members talking to the DVP and encouraged them to speak to the local DVP's. DVP Lamb stated that he is looking forward to serving as the DVP and that he is looking forward to securing a mutually beneficial contract for District 15.

D. Board of Fire Commissioner Policy Review Session-Policy B2000 Sections 1-3 [Discussion]

Chief Love gave an overview of the Board Policy B2000, Sections 1-3. The Board and Chief Love discussed each section in detail. The Board agreed to make verbiage changes throughout the sections primarily in the following areas:

- Section 3, IV – Special Meetings
- Section 3, VI – Meeting Attendance (unexcused vs. excused)
- Section 3, VI, D, 1
- Section 3, VI, D, 2
- Section 3, VI, D, 3
- The Board requested that staff research other Board policy verbiage regarding unexcused vs. excused absences.
- The Board requested re-clarification regarding Section 3, VII, B (Abstention).

This agenda item will be added to the next Board meeting for review and approval.

E. Monthly Incident Statistics Report [Discussion]

Chief Love provided the Board with the District’s Statistical Abstract data as well as an example “Response by Unit” chart that is presented at the monthly meetings in the Chief’s report. The Board and Chief Love discussed the Board’s desire for monthly statistics and it was agreed to provide a year versus year summary in the month and year response data.

9. Fire Chief Remarks[Information/Discussion]

Chief Love reported on the research found regarding “term limits” as requested at a previous meeting. Chief Love reminded the Board that we will be taking individual and group photos at the Board meeting on May 22. Chief Love reminded the Board that the Emergency Operation Center and Dispatch Center tours are scheduled for May 29.

10. Public Input

No public input was provided

11. Commissioners Remarks

Commissioner Lyszak thanked everyone at Fire Station 33 for hosting her nephews’ tour and thanked everyone for the great work they do. Commissioner Lyszak stated that wrapping up the season we made it with little scathing and it was a good season.

Commissioner Bennett thanked the staff for their preparation and for making it through the policy review discussion.

Vice-Chairman Fleming congratulated the District and Chief Love on the Open House. Vice-Chairman Fleming congratulated the staff and welcomed Deputy Fire Marshal Jennifer Campbell.

The Commissioners all agreed that the Open House event was well attended and put together.

Secretary/Treasurer Raymond congratulated Chief Love on receiving the Fire Chief of the Year Award.

12. Adjournment

11:37 am