

MINUTES  
TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING OF THE  
FORT MYERS BEACH FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TIME: 5:15 PM  
DATE: September 9, 2020  
Fort Myers Beach Public Library

IN ATTENDANCE: Chairman Wood, Vice-Chairman Fleming, Secretary/Treasurer Bennett, Commissioner Knickle, Executive Assistant Fire Chief Martin, District members and members of the public.

Absent: Fire Chief Love

Late Arrival: Commissioner Liszak (5:30 PM)

**1 Hearing Called to Order**

**2 Pledge of Allegiance**

**3 Adoption of the Agenda [Discussion/Approval]**

Chairman Wood called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Secretary/Treasurer Bennett made a motion to adopt the agenda. Vice-Chairman Fleming seconded. Motion approved unanimously 4 – 0

**4 Restate Agenda Items [Information]**

**5 Highlights of Proposed Budget & Millage Rate [Information]**

Executive Assistant Fire Chief Martin presented the highlights of the proposed budget to the Board and the public in the absence of Chief Love.

**6 Adoption of Tentative Millage Rate – Resolution 2020-02 [Introduction/Public Input/Discussion/Adoption]**

Chairman Wood called for public input. No public input was provided. The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner Bennett who moved the resolution’s adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fleming and, upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Larry Wood	Aye
Commissioner Ronald P. Fleming	Aye
Commissioner John Bennett	Aye
Commissioner Jacki Liszak	Aye
Commissioner James Knickle	Aye

**7. Adoption of Tentative Budget – Resolution 2020-03 [Introduction/Public Input/Discussion/Adoption]**

Chairman Wood called for public input. No public input was provided. The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner Fleming who moved the resolution’s adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Knickle and, upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Larry Wood	Aye
Commissioner Ronald P. Fleming	Aye
Commissioner John Bennett	Aye
Commissioner Jacki Lyszak	Aye
Commissioner James Knickle	Aye

**8. Establish Final Budget Hearing Date [Introduction/Public Input/Discussion/Approval]**

Chairman Wood stated that in a previous meeting September 23, 2020 had been discussed as the Final Budget Hearing Date. Chairman Wood called for public input. No public input was provided. Chairman Wood made a motion to set the Final Budget Hearing for the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year Budget on September 23, 2020 at 5:15 pm, to be held at the Fort Myers Beach Town Hall. Commissioner Lyszak seconded. Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0.

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

Executive Assistant Fire Chief Martin stated that Chief Love sends his sincerest appreciation to the Board and staff for their well wishes. Executive Assistant Fire Chief Martin also stated that Chief Love sends his condolences to retired Commissioner Bob Raymond’s family.

**10. Commissioner Remarks [Information]**

All of the Commissioners sent their condolences for the passing of retired Commissioner Bob Raymond. The Commissioners also mentioned some of the many contributions Bob brought to the Town of Fort Myers Beach over his years of service. The staff and the Board stated that retired Commissioner Raymond will be very missed by our community.

Vice-Chairman Fleming thanked the staff for their hard work.

Commissioner Lyszak commended the department for the work they performed on the recent boat fire. Commissioner Lyszak stated that Salty Sam’s Marina reported that the department handled the fire with complete professionalism.

Commissioner Knickle stated that he never had the opportunity to meet retired Commissioner Bob Raymond, but feels like he knows who he was due to the other Board members. Commissioner Knickle stated that he is honored to be filling his seat. Commissioner Knickle stated that he listened to the boat fire response on the radio and he was impressed and felt educated due to his sessions with Chief Love.

Chairman Wood thanked the staff for their assistance while Chief Love is out.

**11. Adjournment**

5:50 PM