

MINUTES
WORK SESSION & MEETING OF THE
FORT MYERS BEACH FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TIME: 9:30 AM
DATE: November 18, 2020
Fort Myers Beach Public Library

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

LATE ARRIVAL: Commissioner Liszak (9:44 am)

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 Knickle made a motion to approve the agenda. Vice-Chairman Fleming seconded. Motion approved unanimously 4 – 0

4 Restate Agenda Items [Information]

5 Public Input on Non-Agenda Items [Information]

No public input provided

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. October 14, 2020 Work Session & Meeting Minutes

B. October 28, 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. Vice-Chairman Fleming seconded.

Motion approved unanimously 4 – 0

7 Public Hearing – Ordinance 2016-1 Amendments [Introduction/Public Input/Discussion/Approval]

Chief Love introduced the Ordinance. Chairman Wood called for public comment. No public comment was provided. Chief Love stated that the Board needs to approve this item to move to the second hearing. Chairman Wood called for a motion to move Ordinance 2016-1 to the second hearing. Commissioner Knickle made a motion to move Ordinance 2016-1 to the second hearing. Vice-Chairman Fleming seconded. Motion approved unanimously 4 – 0

8 Unfinished Business

No unfinished business

9 New Business

A. Swearing-In of Commissioners [Presentation]

Chairman Wood swore-in Commissioners Ronald P. Fleming and James G. Knickle. Vice-Chairman Fleming swore in Commissioner Larry Wood.

B. Election of Board Officers [Introduction/Public Input/Discussion/Approval]

Chief Love explained that the Board Policy states that following an election cycle, Officers of the Board will be selected. Chairman Wood called for public comment. No public comment was provided. Chairman Wood called for nominations for Chair. Commissioner Knickle nominated Commissioner Wood for the office of Chair. Secretary/Treasurer Bennett seconded. No other nominations provided. Commissioner Wood was selected as Chairman. Chairman Wood called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Chairman Wood nominated Commissioner Fleming for the office of Vice-Chair. Commissioner Knickle seconded. No other nominations provided. Commissioner Fleming was selected as Vice-Chairman. Chairman Wood called for nominations for the office of Secretary/Treasurer. Commissioner Knickle nominated Commissioner Bennett. Chairman Wood seconded. No other nominations were provided. Commissioner Bennett was selected as Secretary/Treasurer.

C. Strategic Plan Update [Information]

Chief Love reviewed the current Strategic Plan with the Board and discussed the main topics of the document. Chief Love explained that we are beginning the process of updating our Strategic Plan. Chief Love also discussed the Work Plan with the Board and the many tasks involved in the steps of the creating the Work Plan.

D. District Educational Plan [Introduction/Discussion]

Chief Love discussed the background of the District's educational plan and the reason it became a part of the Board's policy. Chief Love and the Board discussed who should approve future versions of this policy. The Board all agreed that the Fire Chief should be in charge of overseeing the educational policy, not the Board. Chairman Wood called for a motion to remove the educational policy from Board policy and give the educational policy approval to the Fire Chief. Commissioner Lyszak made a motion to remove the educational policy from the Board policy. Secretary/Treasurer Bennett seconded. Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0.

10 Report from IAFF Union Representative District 3 and/or 15 [Information]

No input was provided

11. Fire Chief Remarks [Information/Discussion]

Chief Love discussed the following items:

- Report from Attorney regarding the review of VEBA
- Discussed FMBFD's storm responses
- Discussed the Community response regarding pumping water off of streets
- Reported Dr. Banyan will be contacting the Board in regards to the Strategic Plan

12 Commissioner Remarks [Information]

Vice-Chairman Fleming thanked the community for their support in the election. Vice-Chairman Fleming stated he is proud to be a part of the organization.

Commissioner Lyszak apologized for being late due to a previous meeting. Commissioner Lyszak congratulated newly elected Board members. Commissioner Lyszak thanked the Board and the staff for their work. Commissioner Lyszak thanked staff who assisted her neighbor. Commissioner Lyszak congratulated the District on the strategic plan and she looks forward to the next one.

Commissioner Knickle thanked the community for their support in the election. Commissioner Knickle stated that he looks forward to continuing to serve the community and thanked the Board for their support. Commissioner Knickle stated that he had never gone through an election process and he thanked his wife for getting him through the process.

Secretary/Treasurer Bennett echoed other Commissioner comments. Secretary/Treasurer Bennett stated that the Board operates smoothly together. Secretary/Treasurer Bennett thanked the department for their storm response.

Chairman Wood thanked the community for their support in the election. Chairman Wood thanked the staff and the attendees at the meeting. Chairman Wood thanked Ellen and Terry who assisted in the Swearing-In ceremony.

13 Adjournment

10:15 AM