

MINUTES
WORK SESSION & MEETING OF THE
FORT MYERS BEACH FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TIME: 9:30 AM
DATE: March 10, 2021
Fort Myers Beach Public Library

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

1 Meeting 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 the motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Knickle seconded.
Motion approved unanimously 5 – 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. February 10, 2021 Work Session & Meeting Minutes

Chairman Wood called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Vice-Chairman Fleming made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Secretary/Treasurer Bennett seconded.

Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0

7 Unfinished Business

No unfinished business

8 New Business

A. Ratification & Approval of Architectural Services Firm

[Introduction/Presentation/Discussion/Public Input/Approval]

Chief Love and Director of Finance and Administrative Services Thompson introduced the ratification and Request for Qualification (RFQ) process. The top ranked firm recommended by the RFQ committee gave a presentation on their background, history, and services they provide. Chairman Wood called for a motion. Vice-Chairman Fleming made a motion to ratify the RFQ Committee and Fire Chief's recommendations (Notice of Intended Decision) in

the attached list of Architectural Services Firm, and to approve the Fire Chief to enter negotiations with the top ranked firm, as well as move to the next firm on the list in sequential order should negotiations not succeed with the previous. Once completed, the Fire Chief will provide the proposed contract to the Board of Fire Commissioners for approval. Secretary/Treasurer Bennett seconded. Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0.

B. Ratification & Approval of Design & Engineering Services Firm

[Introduction/Presentation/Discussion/Public Input/Approval]

Chief Love and Director of Finance and Administrative Services Thompson introduced the ratification and RFQ process. The top ranked firm recommended by the RFQ committee gave a presentation on their background, history, and services they provide. The Board and the vendor discussed traffic, responsibility of upgrading the side streets to support heavy apparatus, the right of way, cost saving for having one structure versus two, and the elevation requirements. Chairman Wood called for a motion. Commissioner Knickle made a motion to ratify the RFQ Committee and Fire Chief's recommendations (Notice of Intended Decision) in the attached list of Design and Engineering Services Firms, and to approve the Fire Chief to enter negotiations with the top ranked firm, as well as move to the next firm on the list in sequential order should negotiations not succeed with the previous. Once completed, the Fire Chief will provide the proposed contract to the Board of Fire Commissioners for approval. Commissioner Lyszak seconded. Chairman Wood called for public input. No public input was provided. Motion approved unanimously. Chairman Wood called for public input on item 8A. No public input was provided.

Break at 10:10 am

Back at 10:14 am

9. Fire Chief Remarks [Information/Discussion]

Chief Love discussed the following items:

- Hurricane Preparation Process
- Legislative Sessions – Budget, Elections, Environment, Consolidation, Healthcare
 - Attorney Salzman gave updates on new reporting requirements if some of the bills pass, and also discussed the consolidation topic.
 - The Board, Attorney Salzman, and Chief Love continued to discuss consolidation in more detail.
- Florida Association of Special Districts (FASD) Conference
- Executive Assistant Angie Snyder recognitions

10. Commissioner Remarks [Information]

Secretary/Treasurer Bennett requested a complete overview of all employees' salaries. Secretary/Treasurer Bennett thanked the firms for their attendance, the team for their work in the selection process, and the people who attended the meeting.

Commissioner Lyszak echoed Secretary/Treasurer Bennett's comments.

Vice-Chairman Fleming echoed other Commissioner comments. Vice-Chairman Fleming thanked Angie Snyder. Vice-Chairman Fleming asked Chief Love if he could receive the broken down timeframe of the RFQ process.

Commissioner Knickle thanked the firms for their presentations today and stated he is excited about the project. Commissioner Knickle thanked the Firefighters from Fire Station 33 who came out to assist people at his condominium that were trapped in an elevator. Commissioner Knickle recognized the Firefighters for their skills, professionalism, and outstanding work.

Chairman Wood echoed other Commissioner comments. Chairman Wood discussed the frequent visits by Fire Station 33 to their condominium and how professional they were while keeping them all safe. Chairman Wood wished Angie Snyder the best of luck in her move.

District 15 Vice President Jake Lamb asked the Board for clarification on how they can communicate with the Board. Chairman Wood stated that the position statement that was signed by the Board explains the communication process.

11. Adjournment

10:32 AM