

MINUTES
WORK SESSION & MEETING OF THE
FORT MYERS BEACH FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TIME: 9:30 AM
DATE: April 14, 2021
Fort Myers Beach Public Library

IN ATTENDANCE: Chairman Wood, Vice-Chairman Fleming, Secretary/Treasurer Bennett, Commissioner Liszak, 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. March 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. Commissioner Liszak seconded.

Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0

7 Unfinished Business

No unfinished business

8 New Business

No new business

9 Fire Chief Remarks [Information/Discussion]

Chief Love discussed the following items:

- Thanked Information & Security Administrator Bob Vigne for his work on video recording the Board meetings
- Ride-Alongs – decrease in traffic, slight decrease in calls

- “Catch-Up” Leadership Class
- Thanked Information & Security Administrator Vigne for his collaboration with other districts to utilize resources
- Construction meeting following Board meeting to finalize the negotiation process
- Upcoming public evaluation process
- Budget process update-Mid Year Budget Review will be presented in May
- Pay charts delivered as requested by Board
- Plans review snapshot and distribution of work load in Life Safety Division
- Assessment of Life Safety Division services
- The benefits of Support Services Coordinator Trevor Mercure’s qualifications and his ability to maintain facilities, and cost savings
- Thanked Executive Assistant Snyder for her years of service

10. Attorney Report [Information/Discussion]

District Attorney Salzman discussed the 30 year sustainability report he received regarding VEBA and stated that he was pleased by the financial information of the report. Attorney Salzman discussed the a few concerns he found with the plan and stated that he would like to explore separate plan options for Administrative employees. The Board all agreed with Attorney Salzman’s plan. With direction from the Board, Attorney Salzman will work on a plan to present to the Board at a future meeting.

11. Commissioner Remarks [Information]

Commissioner Liszak discussed the strong season and thanked everyone for their service during the high traffic time.

Vice-Chairman Fleming thanked Information & Technology Administrator Vigne, Support Services Coordinator Mercure, and Executive Assistant Snyder for what they do for us.

Vice-Chairman Fleming stated that he appreciated Chief Love’s update on the plans review and Life Safety Division. Vice-Chairman Fleming discussed the car seat installation process provided by the department and thanked Deputy Fire Marshal Campbell for coming to his house to install a car seat. Vice-Chairman Fleming asked if we could look into getting more people trained to provide this service.

Secretary/Treasurer Bennett thanked the staff for their hard work and stated he is very pleased with the new hires. Secretary/Treasurer Bennett stated that after listening to the last District 3 Union negotiation recording, he is disappointed by District 3’s attitudes and self-importance. Secretary/Treasurer Bennett stated that every employee is equally important and he hopes that District 3 will re-evaluate some of their statements. Secretary/Treasurer Bennett recognized Assistant Chief Wirth for his resiliency and hard work at the bargaining table.

Commissioner Knickle thanked the staff that supports the Commissioners. Commissioner Knickle stated that he had similar thoughts as Secretary/Treasurer Bennett in regards to the District 3 Union negotiations recording and the self-importance portrayed.

Secretary/Treasurer Bennett stated that about 9/10 of the military is support staff who provides resources to the troops to make them successful and how he sees our department

as being similar. Commissioner Knickle thanked the troops that are out there protecting our community and also thanked the support staff for providing the resources needed. Commissioner Knickle thanked Chief Love for keeping the Board informed on what is going on.

Chairman Wood agreed with Secretary/Treasurer Bennett and Commissioner Knickle's comments and stated that everyone needs to remember why we are all here and it is for the community. Chairman Wood stated that we miss Executive Assistant Snyder a lot and that we always knew she would be in the office to assist us with anything we needed. Chairman Wood stated that Executive Assistant Snyder deserved the recognition and so much more. Chairman Wood thanked the support staff for all of their hard work.

12 Adjournment

9:55 AM