

Iona McGregor Fire District Budget Workshop

August 28, 2019

4:30 PM

Meeting called to order at 4:35 p.m.

Roll Call of Commissioners –

Present: Commissioners Walker, Barbosa, Andersen present; Commissioner Langford arrived at 4:47p.m.; Commissioner Louwers absent excused.

Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance not performed

Agenda Items (No Action Taken)

1) Budget Workshop

Chief began by informing the Board on possibility of millage reduction to rollback rate. At the last budget workshop, proposed budget had revenue based upon a 2.5 millage rate and was inclusive of 2% increase for District 7. This presentation reflects rollback rate of 2.4358 mills and if at rollback do not need to advertise the budget as an increase. Chief Howard informed board that the revenue generated with a roll back rate and a 3% across the board increase in personnel services is included in the proposed budget being presented at this workshop. He then began reviewing the items adding that he is looking for Board direction. Commissioner Walker inquired as to the collective bargaining agreements; Chief informed that district 25 (Battalion Chiefs) was a one-year agreement and district 7 (Floor) was a three-year agreement with the upcoming period being the final year. He added that although three-year agreement, there are annual openers contained within the agreement which can be brought by either party.

Following a brief discussion on several budget items including reserves and asset replacement schedule, Chief Howard again stated that he is looking for direction. He added that we could return to 2.50 millage or possibly further reduce the millage by removing a few items although he is not recommending reducing items from the budget. Additionally, the proposed 3% adjustment is also at the discretion of the board; and the across the board percentage adjustment can be defended by the level of responsibility.

Commissioner Walker asked fellow board members what their thoughts regarding the proposed budget presentation including a roll back rate. Commissioner Andersen believes that reducing to roll back is a win; and he does not see a problem with any of the proposed budget. Commissioner Barbosa asked Commissioner Walker what he thought of the proposed reduced millage to which he responded that if it is not going to hurt anyone, he is comfortable with the reduced rate. As consensus of board was that they are comfortable with proposed roll back rate, Chief Howard is directed to go ahead and prepare presentation for Tentative Millage and Budget Hearing scheduled for September 4<sup>th</sup> using the roll back rate.

Public Input on Non-Agenda Items – none

Commissioner Comments – none

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Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Andersen, second Commissioner Langford... carried

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_