

Iona McGregor Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners Agenda
January 15, 2020
6:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call of Commissioners –

Present – Commissioner Louwers, Treasurer Langford, Secretary Andersen, Chair Walker,
Vice Chair Barbosa absent excused

Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance observed

Amendments to the Meeting Agenda – none

Public Input on Business Agenda Items – no public present

Business Agenda Items (Agenda Items Requiring Action)

1) Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2019

Motion (5686) to approve minutes as submitted made by Commissioner Andersen, second Commissioner Langford... carried.

2) Financial Report – December 2019

CFO Winzenread noted that our audit firm has been in reviewing items and things are looking good. Should be done following State's release of FRS information. **Motion** (5687) to approve December 2019 financial reports made by Commissioner Langford, second by Commissioner Andersen... carried.

3) Codification Resolution (For Discussion Only)

Attorney Pringle stated he will have documents in advance of February meeting.

4) Contractor Selection – Station 74 Stairs

Following a brief discussion on the selection process for the stair repair, Chair Walker noted that Commissioner Barbosa recommended another vendor; however, this vendor was unable to perform the scope of work at price obtained by Argentum Welding, LLC of \$26,016.75 who was recommended by DC Hernden for stair repair. **Motion** (5688) to award Argentum Welding LLC with stair repair, and authorize authorize chief to execute agreement or contract was made by Commissioner Langford with second by Commissioner Louwers. Chair asked for roll vote. With all in favor, motion carried.

5) Surplus Item – Walk-on Item

Chief submitted this walk-on item as it was mistakenly omitted from the surplus of vehicle. Assistant Chief Comer mentioned that item is mounted to vehicle being donated to USAR. **Motion** (5689) to deem air compressor as surplus and authorize Chief to dispose of in accordance with Florida Statute made by Commissioner Louwers and seconded by Commissioner Andersen... carried. This will be donated to USAR with the truck that was donated, stated Mr. Pringle.

6) Executive Report

Executive Report was previously submitted, and AC Comer added that the administrative staff recently participated in an Accreditation Process training adding that we may bring to board in

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future as something we may wish to do. Commissioner Louwers stated that accreditation is like giving district a master's degree. His company went through and is a lot of work. If agreeing to do, suggests getting some help. DC Comer gave brief overview of the process and information/data used as well as what we will use to establish benchmarks. Following accreditation discussion, Commissioner Walker questioned the Operation's notation of another Lieutenant in the pool. DC Aquil informed that an engineer has successfully completed the move-up program and is now eligible to fill in, briefly describing the move-up program allowing acting. Following discussion, **motion** (5690) to accept Executive Report was made by Commissioner Andersen, second by Commissioner Langford... carried.

7) Attorney Report

Attorney thanked Board for opportunity to represent district adding the Chief and he are working on several items. **Motion** (5691) to accept Attorney Report made by Commissioner Langford, second Commissioner Andersen... carried.

8) DVP Reports – Districts 7 & 25

District 7 – DVP Tansey mentioned the upcoming MDA boot drive is scheduled for March 20th, 21st, and 22nd; and we will ask for support at the next meeting as agenda item. He added donation statistics including that the Local 1826 drive last year ranked 4th in the nation for donation.

District 25 – DVP Mascarelli informed that his report is public relations related, stating that the floor participated in Law Enforcement Day recently and washed cars, cooked food for the Sheriff's office – air and marine divisions as well. Positive stuff for division.

Public Input on Non-Business Agenda Items – no public

Commissioner Comments – Commissioner Andersen noted that the District's Facebook page is progressing great. Amazing job. DC Steffens stated Megan Contreras is handling social media.

Commissioner Walker wished to have something read into record, and offered the following, "On October 4, 2019 a false alarm was called into Station 72 because of a water pressure drop in the stand pipe at Punta Rassa Condominiums. The reason was employees were directed to utilize a stand pipe valve to attach a two-inch water hose for the purpose of drenching a large portion of the property that was freshly sodded. Prior to the use of the water the monitoring system company was called to deactivate the alarm, unfortunately the water was turned on before the alarm was silenced.

As a licensed manager of the property with two national certifications and recognized nationally as one of the top three managers in the United States, I am responsible for the property and quality of life for 400 occupants. I apologize for the incident that caused the trucks to roll, and I take full responsibility.

With that being said, I received an email from the Fire Chief with attachments that were sent between Division chief Aquil and Battalion Chief Mascarelli requesting that the original ESO report regarding the above incident be amended. He asked Division Chief Aquil to include my name not as Manager Walker but as Fire Commissioner Walker. His request was denied, and I

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quote Division Chief Aquil's response, "It is not appropriate to amend any report that was completed over two months ago".

My comment that he refers to in his email that I will do whatever I want to do is taken out of context, and I'm not sure what his intent was with the remark.

I find it also difficult to understand why he is trying to embarrass me to my fellow commissioners by emailing them his email to Division Chief Aquil, saying it is his duty to communicate with the commission AS AN ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE OF OTHERS. Further, he goes on to justify his email by saying THAT IN THE POSSIBLE EVENT THAT PUNTA RASSA RESIDENTS OR OTHER CITIZENS WOULD CONFRONT THEM, that being the commissioners, ON THE MATTER PUBLICLY... What does that mean?

I was not included in the email, and that concerns me and further raises my concern as to his agenda. I have no personal issue with Battalion Chief Mascarelli, and I respect him for the job he does as well as all the men and women of the department for the services they do also.

As an elected official, I find his action to be personally embarrassing to the district, and I thank you, my fellow Commissioners for the opportunity to discuss this with you; and hopefully this all can be brought to a resolve. Thank you for allowing me to say it."

Battalion Chief Mascarelli states he will have response to Commissioner Walker's comments at next meeting.

Adjournment -

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:40p.m

Approved by: _____

Print Name: _____