

IONA MCGREGOR FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT

BUDGET WORKSHOP AGENDA

DATE: August 23, 2023

5:00 P.M.

6061 SOUTH POINTE BOULEVARD

FORT MYERS, FL 33919

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Meeting Called to Order at 5:06 pm

Roll Call of Commissioners: Commissioners Andersen, Barbosa, Walker and Langford were all present. Commissioner Louwers was absent excused.

Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Amendments to the Meeting Agenda: There were no amendments to the agenda.

Public Input on Business Agenda Items [Note: Prior to Board action being taken on each of the Business Agenda Items below, members of the public will have up to three (3) minutes per person to make public comment on each of the Business Agenda Items after the Commissioners have had their discussion.]

Agenda Items

1. Budget Workshop
 - a. Discussion of agenda item

Attorney Pringle said that for the record this is a special budget workshop, it was noticed as a budget workshop as required by Florida law and in particular it was referred to as a workshop. There was language in the notice that was published and posted on the door which indicates that the workshop is for discussion purposes among the board members and for board members to ask questions and seek input from Staff but there will not be any board decisions being made because it is a workshop. Technically board does not have to request or receive public input.

Chief Comer said he would present how the budget is shaping up to this point. He talked about the guiding principles in the budget development; strategic plan, service delivery etc. he gave an

overview year over year for revenues, salaries, insurance and then discussed divisional budgets. Administration budget, increase due to rebuilding of stations. \$169,983 to over \$4M.

Operations increase is down to capital outlay in vehicles.

Logistics big increase of which the majority is related to maintenance; buildings, vehicles

Prevention dropped slightly.

Commissioner Walker asked why presentation wasn't give before the meeting. Then asked if station 72 was going to have increased fencing primarily so that the gate could be locked remotely to which he clarified that this was just a suggestion.

Training/Spec Ops increase due to boat lift for the marine unit, Commissioner Andersen asked if we were getting a new one to which Div. Chief Wisdom said yes.

EMS H&S slight increase due to rising costs.

Chief Comer then talked about how the budget related to the strategic plan such as technology, BHAS to enhance personnel physical and mental well-being.

Commissioner Walker had a question regarding the narcotics vaults and Div. Chief Hernden gave an explanation as to how these would be used.

Millage cap of 2.5 will mean the district will still utilize \$4,322,324 of reserve funds during FY2024 to fund stations 71 and 72 remodels.

Estimated ending fund balance \$9,512,069

Commissioner Barbosa asked how many days of reserve to which CFO Winzenread said there was 137 days.

Chief Comer opened the floor to questions: Commissioner Walker asked what the operating cost of the prevention department was and asked if fees were policy or statute. Attorney Pringle said that the statute authorizes the district to collect a fee if the district has created a fee schedule by board action. collect fees. Chief Comer said we could revisit the districts fee schedule.

Commissioner Andersen said we should reevaluate given general cost increases. Chief Guzman said that Fire Marshal Mozes was already working on a proposed new schedule of fees.

b. Public input

Steve Allen asked if FF's had 2 sets of running gear to which the response was yes they do. He also mentioned Cancer and actions that can be taken for preventive measures. Asked where OT was listed in the budget. CFO Winzenread said more detail would be in the final budget and it comes under salaries. Do we charge for ALS – response was no, as we don't transport. Pension – is it state, CFO confirmed yes.

c. Board action

no action can occur.

With no other discussion Commissioner Barbosa made a motion to adjourn, with a second from
Commissioner Langford ...Motion carried

Meeting adjourned: 5:57 pm

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

APPROVED