

IONA MCGREGOR FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING AGENDA

DATE: February 21, 2024

6:00 P.M.

6061 SOUTH POINTE BOULEVARD

FORT MYERS, FL 33919

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Meeting Called to Order

Roll Call of Commissioners

Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Recognitions: None

Adoption of Meeting Agenda, Including Amendments: A motion to approve with no amendments was made by Commissioner Andersen, second Barbosa...Motion carried. Call and question, all in favor aye.

[Approval of Previous January Board Meeting Minutes:](#) A motion to approve meeting minutes as listed was made by Commissioner Barbosa, second by Commissioner Andersen...Motion carried. Call and question, all in favor aye.

[Approval of Financial Report:](#) Financial reports were submitted prior to the meeting, CFO Winzenread called for questions. Commissioner Barbosa has a couple questions regarding the health insurance, CFO advises United Health Care for \$7,000.00 and advises it could vary by year. DC Hernden advised HR to request details on criteria for additional funding, that the requirement for reimbursement would need to be discussed with HR Manager Rothenberg. This particular fund will be used for sleep recovery functions. It must be used for approved wellness, such as fitness equipment. DC Hernden provided history on sleep recovery and its relation to the Fire District. The training will be done in May and was completed two years prior.

Commissioner Walker discusses discounts. CFO Winzenread advises discounts are property taxes that are paid earlier than they are due, we anticipate gross values subtracted from this. Advertorials on past years is collected taxes related to prior years collections. Questions regarding state fire firefighter supplements, the state provides costs to those with associate (33) or bachelor's (18) degrees in addition to their salaries, this is ongoing. (Total 51 staff with degrees) There are participants in our education programs in both certifications and regionally accredited college degrees specific to tuition.

Other professional expenses, CFO advises any other contractual services outside of legal and audit. The amount in the Finance Report is \$33,000.00. Payments for employee assistance program, medical director, performance review costs for last year. The merger study would be costed to this account as a part of this year's budget.

On page six, large payments for the month of December. Individuals taking advantage of write offs. Revenue was short of ten percent or greater the past couple of years. The 24 million is what the District anticipates collecting. Thus far, 82 percent or 20 million, has been collected this fiscal year. Expenditures contain high-cost expenses. Auto and casualty policy, insurance collections such as VFIS policies. NAVCO as a supplier of turn out gear and uniforms. Policies for high expense items are compared for lower cost.

A motion to approve the financial report as presented was made by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Barbosa...Motion carried. Call and question, all in favor aye

Chief's Report: Fire Chief Comer discusses statutory required ethics training for four hours. FASD is working on an option and an email was provided with the details, the cost is less than fifty dollars as an online option. There is also an annual FASD conference, if anyone would like to attend this will be in June. The deadline is the end of the calendar year. This is regarding the form one report pending a modification with a new line-item number to affirm that the four hours of ethics training have been completed.

Commissioner Walker inquires on numbers of retirements in CY23. The District advises two. Discussion ensues on authorized staff total verse filled positions. The Districts current staffing number are currently equal authorized and filled numbers. The interview process for new hires is ...

Questions concerning Logistics 71 engineer who provides structure of base. The vendor is Generac. CRS Contreras is our Community Relations Specialist. Member of the IMTN, Iona McGregor Training Network, is composed of DC Wisdom and DC Hernden. It is composed of volunteers who conduct operating the hose lines as an organized group. Questions arrive regarding the integrity of peers evaluation members. There is a criteria and structure that is followed to ensure professional measures are taken and held. The participants are competitive. This is the second or third time this has been conducted. Members are assigned to teach different portions. Curriculums are agreed upon and consistently held throughout different shifts.

Questions concerning calls and turnouts. The Fire Chief covers the graphs and their depictions of the times between when the alarm goes off. There is also a three month look back, left EMS and right Fire turnouts. These are ninetyish percentile. Shell Pointe presence was discussed.

Chair Andersen requests the height of the Shell Pointe building, DC Hernden advises six stories. And methodology for training and its use was highlighted.

Questions and concerns regarding construction details and permits were discussed and updates shared between the Board and the District. The generator pad changes the height of generator, as it relates to the flood elevation.

Attorney's Report: The only item in addition to the ethics training is the Merger Study. The target is to have this released with responses in March. April or May we may come forward with the results of the feasibility study. This is consistent with the approved, prior resolution. Commissioner Walker asks who drew up the scope of work. There is no additional third party hired to write the scope. The Fort Myers Beach Fire District and Iona McGregor Fire District have blended their policies and requirements to create a report where all standards are met, resulting in a correct scope of work. Phase one includes evaluating revenue streams and services in both districts. The hired consultant will evaluate the pros and cons of a merger with recommendations and cost analysis in the long term. Questions concerning current staff and blending of staff, and this is included in the merger study. In terms of the report, there will be a draft will comment and then a final report will be presented to both Board with an opportunity of questions. The qualification for choosing a consultant is built out as a request of their qualifications for review to determine their skillset.

DVP Report: Nothing to Report

Business Agenda Items

1. None at this time
 - a. Discussion of agenda item
 - b. Public input
 - c. Board action

Business Agenda Items: None

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.]

None

Public Comments on Non-Business Agenda Items [Note: Any member of the public will have up to three (3) minutes to make public comments on any non-business agenda item topics.]

Public comments from Mr. Allen communicating a desire for public input on a merger study. Mr. Pringle advises proposed reports will be brought to the Board for approval. The public requests it is proposed to the public before the Board. The District advises this is still in draft. Mr. Allen requests the public to have an opportunity to review reports. Discussion ensues regarding a public forum where input may be received.

Another item is, if the feasibility study is approved is it possible the County would consider other Fire District mergers.

The last question is for the Fire Chief concerning PFAS and keeping current with the new information and data. DC Hernden advises PFAS free gear currently does not currently exist and elaborates on the available gear advances and limitations. Training and Safety measures have been taken with a vision of the future.

Commissioner Comments on Non-Business Agenda Items:

Commissioner Barbosa shared information from the conference he recently attended.

Commissioner Walker requested a PR release on a proposed merger with a request to have this completed now. Including resolution brought on by the board and status of it with a PR statement. This District and Fort Myers Beach both did a press release prior to the bill being pulled. Commissioner Barbosa has had discussions with members of the community and the consensus of these individuals was curiosity, not opposition.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Louwers with a second from Commissioner Andersen...Motion carried.

Signed:



Print Name:

Steven Barbosa

