

**IONA MCGREGOR FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING AGENDA**

**TENTATIVE MILLAGE & BUDGET HEARING**

**DATE: September 18, 2024**

**5:30 P.M.**

**6061 SOUTH POINTE BOULEVARD**

**FORT MYERS, FL 33919**

NOTE: THE BOARD MEETING IS BEING RECORDED AND ALL STATEMENTS MADE DURING THE BOARD MEETING ARE SUBJECT TO BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO OTHERS AS A PART OF THE BOARD MEETING PUBLIC RECORD.

NOTE: ALL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES MUST BE PUT ON THE SILENT MODE PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE BOARD MEETING AND REMAIN ON SILENT MODE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE BOARD MEETING UNTIL ADJOURNMENT.

Meeting Called to Order

Roll Call of Commissioners: Chair Ethan Langford (Present), Treasurer James Walker (Present), Secretary Steve Barbosa (Present) and Paul Louwers (Present). Excused absence for Vice President James Andersen.

Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Amendments to the Meeting Agenda: 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.]

Agenda Items

**1. Presentation of Budget**

- a. Discussion of agenda item
- b. Public input

- a. *Discussion of agenda item:* Discussion of agenda item: Attorney Pringle advised that this is a tentative millage and budget hearing meeting, a statutory prescribed process that the

board completes annually. Chief and Staff will present the basic elements of the budget, this meeting is primarily for the public.

Fire Chief Comer is the speaker for the presentation of the budget.

Commissioner Walker discusses the Annual Budget Sheet with Chief Financial Officer Winzenread. Commissioner Walker shares ideas on cash carry forward and rates. Chief Financial Officer converses on the processes for the financials.

Commissioner Louwers opens the floor to discuss utilizing smart boards, their performance and quantity and location. Deputy Chief Hernden elaborates on their intent, including drawing on the boards and functional training on the smart boards. Deputy Chief Wisdom also discusses the importance of potentially not having to pull staff from their locations and incorporate simultaneous trainings. Commissioner Louwers and Deputy Chief Hernden converse on exhaust equipment investment options.

- b. *Public Input:* Public discusses concerns over tax increases. Attorney Pringle shares details on school district, fire district and county components. The Public requests details on hiring an additional inspector, Deputy Chief Guzman elaborates on staffing. Public raises questions regarding the process for purchase orders, Fire Chief Comer discusses vendors, pricing and other related deciding factors. Public requests more information on the boat lift, and Fire Chief Comer advises the boat lift has aged fifteen years and been subject to a hurricane. Public discusses station statuses related to hurricane damage. Commissioner Louwers advises his appreciation of the public`s attendance and contributions to the meeting.

## 2. Resolution adopting a tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal year 2024/2025

- a. Discussion of agenda item
  - b. Public input
  - c. Board action
- a. *Discussion of agenda item:* Attorney Pringle read out resolution number 2024-05 **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE IONA-MCGREGOR FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT ADOPTING A TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025, COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2024, AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2025.**

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Florida Statute §200.065, the Board of Commissioners of the Iona- McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District hereby adopts and sets the tentative operating millage rate of 2.5000 mills (\$ 2.5000 per \$1,000.00 of net taxable assessed value) for the fiscal year 2024/2025, which begins October 1, 2024, and ends September 30, 2025. The above stated tentative millage rate of 2.5000 mills exceeds/is less than (select one) the rolled back rate of 2.2738 mills by 9.95%.

- b. *Public input:* None.
- c. *Board action:* A motion to ‘Adopt Resolution establishing a tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal year 2024/25’ was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Barbosa...Motion carried. Call and question, all in favor aye.

**3. Resolution establishing a tentative Budget for Fiscal year 2024/2025**

- a. Discussion of agenda item
- b. Public input
- c. Board action

- a. *Discussion of agenda item:* Attorney Pringle read out resolution number 2024-06 **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE IONA-MCGREGOR FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025, COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2024, AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2025.**

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Florida Statute §200.065, the Board of Commissioners of the Iona- McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District hereby adopts and sets the tentative budget setting forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the fiscal year 2024/2025, which begins October 1, 2024, and ends on September 30, 2025, in the amount of\$ **41,112,191.**

- b. *Public Input:* None.
- c. *Board action:* A motion to ‘Adopt Resolution establishing a tentative Budget for Fiscal year 2024/2025’ was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Langford...Motion carried. Call and question, all in favor aye.

**4. Determination of Final Budget hearing date**

- a. Discussion of agenda item
- b. Public input
- c. Board action

- a. *Discussion of agenda item:* Discussion depicting Final Budget hearing date of Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 5:05pm located at Station 74.
- b. *Public input:* None.
- c. *Board action:* A motion to ‘Adopt Determination of Final Budget hearing date’ was made by Walker, second Louwers for next meeting...Motion carried. Call and question, all in favor aye.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Walker, with a second from Commissioner Langford...Motion carried. Call and question, all in favor aye. Meeting concludes at 6:19pm.

Signed: 

Print Name: Paul Louwers