

MAY 15, 2014
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR FY 2014-2015 INITIAL NON-AD VALOREM RATES
AND
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

Date: Thursday, May 15, 2014

Location: Administrative Offices, Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue District, 2451 Trailmate Drive, Sarasota, Florida, 34243

Present: Charles A. Durant, Chairman; Daniel Center, Vice Chairman; Melanie Marken, Secretary; Anthony Evans, Treasurer; and Commissioner James Cena. Also in attendance were Chief Brian Gorski, Deputy Chief Tim Berry, Fire Marshal Leslie Adent, Deputy Fire Marshal Robert Bounds, and Executive Management Assistant Debbie Tuckerman. Also in attendance was Maggie Mooney-Portale, Esq. and David Jackson, Esq. the Districts General Counsel. The attached guest list contains signatures of members of the public.

Call to Order

Chairman Durant called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Moment of Silence/Pledge

A moment of silence was observed. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Hearing – Proposed 2014-2015 Fire Non-Ad Valorem Rates

- **Verification of Public Notices**
Chairman Durant called for verification of the Public Notice. Executive Management Assistant Tuckerman stated that the public hearing was advertised as required.
- **Presentation**
Chief Gorski gave an overview of Resolution 2014-02 FY2014-2015 Initial Rate Resolution. He is recommending approval of the resolution containing a 1.51% increase.
- **Open Public Hearing for Comments**
Chairman Durant opened the Public Hearing at 6:13 p.m. There was no public comment.
- **Close the Public Hearing for Comments**
Commissioner Marken moved to close the public hearing for FY2014-2015 Initial Rate Resolution at 6:14 p.m. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

- **Consideration of Resolution 2014-02**

Chairman Durant stated the Board has Resolution 2014-02 FY 2014-2015 Initial Rate Resolution for consideration. *Commissioner Center made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-02 with a 1.51% increase. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

- **Adjournment of Public Hearing**

Chairman Durant adjourned the Public Hearing for the Budget Revision at 6:15 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Marken motioned to accept the consent agenda items as presented. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Durant called for Public Comment and there was none.

OLD BUSINESS

- * **Consultant & Introduction**

Chairman Durant recognized Attorney Maggie Mooney-Portale. Ms. Mooney-Portale introduced David Jackson, who is working closely with Maggie and will be prepared to take over should she be unavailable. Ms. Mooney-Portale also spoke on the merits of a hiring an Impact Fee Consultant.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **2013 Annual Report**

Chief Gorski distributed the 2013 Annual Report to all Commissioners.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- * **Pension Committee**

No Report.

- * **Union Report**

Adam Chevalier thanked the Board and Staff.

VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION

- * **Next Meeting July 7, 2014.**

CHIEF'S REPORT

2. Chief Gorski gave an overview of his report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Durant called for Public Comment and there was none.

COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Chairman Durant asked for commissioner comments.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 19, 2014, 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.



Charles A. Durant, Chairman

Attest:



Melanie A. Marken, Secretary