

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Board of Fire Commissioners
Cedar Hammock Fire Control District
April 15, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Getman at 6:00 p.m. The following commissioners were present in person: Ronald D. Getman, Marnie E. Matarese, Samuel A. Reasoner and John H. Stevens. Richard G. Findlay attended the meeting virtually.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Pavkovich gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

QUORUM

Chairman Getman confirmed a quorum was present for the meeting. The meeting was properly advertised.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

Chief Hoyle added Insurance Bidding to the Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Getman asked if there was any discussion of the minutes. There was no discussion.

Commissioner Reasoner requested that when a vote was not unanimous, the nays be listed.

ACTION: Vice Chairman Stevens moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Reasoner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Chief Hoyle announced the promotion of Firefighter Drew Dirmeyer to First Class Firefighter.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Updates

District Counsel Mooney informed that the District had received a complaint from Fire Chief Hoyle with allegations against one or more commissioners. The Board authorized an independent investigation to evaluate claims. The District retained the firm of Bryant Miller Olive, P.A. Attorneys from the firm Mr. David Miller and Mr. Alan Zimmet were present in person. Also present in person was District Labor Counsel Nikhil Joshi.

Mr. Zimmet provided a report to the Board of Commissioners and a copy to Administration Support Manager McCaughan for Commissioner Findlay to pick up at the District offices on Friday, April 16, 2021. The report will be included in the permanent record of these minutes.

Mr. Zimmet summarized the report and presented recommendations. Ten individuals were interviewed by either Mr. Miller or Mr. Zimmet via Zoom media technology. Commissioner Stevens was interviewed in writing and he provided his answers in writing. All interviews were recorded and transcribed and provided to District Counsel Mooney on thumb drive. Vice Chairman Stevens requested a copy of all recordings.

Mr. Zimmet allowed for questions. Vice Chairman Stevens said that he did not answer some questions because of ongoing litigation. He said he agreed with much of everything reported by Mr. Zimmet. He said that the Herlihy arbitration was in the past and he hoped for a better working relationship with Chief Hoyle.

Commissioners Reasoner said that before he decided to run for this office, he read the responsibilities of commissioner. He looked at the position as rather an administration/financial position, not an operational position. He said he appreciated knowing his duties before he ran for office.

Commissioner Findlay requested clarification where his name was mentioned in the report. He said he appreciated many of Mr. Zimmet's comments. He commented that the procedure was thorough, and he hopes this situation does not recur.

District Counsel Mooney suggested that the Board talk about Bryant Miller Olive, P.A.'s recommendations to adopt policy at the next meeting of the Board. Chairman Getman suggested a workshop before the next meeting where all agreed. The Special Meeting would have to be advertised 10 days prior if outside a regularly scheduled meeting. Chief Hoyle said that he would contact the Board individually for a date and time that would be convenient for them.

Chairman Getman called for a three-minute break at 6:58 pm.

Training Tower Update

Deputy Chief Bradshaw informed that Willis A. Smith Construction provided a contract that Wilder Architecture, Inc. had marked up. This is included as an exhibit. All copies have been

sent to the district's legal team. We are on target to present a completed contract to the Board in May.

Motorola Radio Update

Deputy Chief Falcone said we are continuing to receive equipment. Over the last month there have been delays but no concerns.

SCBA Process Update

Deputy Chief Falcone said the committee met this morning looking to finalize their decision on a product. He will present their recommendations to the Board in May and request Board action.

NEW BUSINESS

Collective Bargaining Agreement Local 2546

Chief Hoyle requested Board action to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented to be retroactive as of October 1, 2020 for a three-year period.

ACTION: Commissioner Findlay moved to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Cedar Hammock Fire Control District and Suncoast Professional Firefighters and Paramedics, IAFF Local 2546 to be effective October 1, 2020, for a three-year period. Commissioner Matarese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Proposed Budget

Chief Hoyle reviewed Draft 1 of the next fiscal year's operating budget as provided in the exhibit. He wanted to provide a draft overview before the Board voted on the proposed non-ad valorem assessment in May. He provided a draft memo outlining the Florida Personal Income Growth Index, with a graph of projections and the District's five-year goals.

Impact Fees

Chief Hoyle reviewed Resolution 2021-01 as contained in the exhibit. The Resolution provides a copy of the Impact Fee Study conducted in 2015. The study contains methodology and data that is in line with the current growth of the District and continues to be a valid basis for impact fee allocation.

ACTION: Vice Chairman Stevens moved to adopt Resolution 2021-01, "Confirming and Continuing The Fire/Rescue Service Impact Fees Adopted by Resolution 2016-01." Commissioner Reasoner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Insurance Bidding

Chief Hoyle confirmed the District's purchasing policy requires the Board to bid for insurance services every three years. He confirmed the District's insurance broker receives quotes from potential companies each year and have provided the District with a continuity of services at a fair price. Chairman Getman suggested to review policy during a workshop.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Hoyle reviewed the departmental reports.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Findlay reiterated that Bryant Miller Olive, P.A. did a great job in presenting the investigation and he was hopeful all could move forward in a positive manner.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for May 20, 2021 and will be a public hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Vice Chairman Stevens moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Commissioner Findlay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Respectfully submitted

Approved 5/20/2021

Chairman Ronald D. Getman