

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE
FT MYERS BEACH BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

**TIME: 7:00 P.M
DATE: July 10, 2007
PLACE: Station One Meeting Room
3043 Estero Blvd., Fort Myers Beach**

IN ATTENDANCE: Chair Scanlon, Vice Chair Reckwerdt, Sec./Treasurer Goodacre, Commissioner Schmid, Commissioner Morris, Chief Becker, Assistant Chief Evans, Attorney Pringle, Administrative Assistant Sharon Medeiros, Financial Director Jane Thompson, Union Representative Troy Mesick, Design and Construction representatives from Gora and McGahey and Fowler Company, Fire Fighters, Members of the Press and Interested Citizens

Meeting Called to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Sec/Treas Goodacre for the approval of the June 12, 2007 Regular Meeting minutes
Seconded by **Vice Chair Reckwerdt**

Motion carried unanimously

Sec/Treas Goodacre read the treasurer's report into the record and asked to the approval of the department checks

Motion made by Commissioner Schmid to approve the treasurer's report

Seconded by **Vice Chair Reckwerdt**

Motion carried unanimously

Commissioner Morris, a few minutes late to the meeting, felt the minutes were incorrect, as they did not capture a statement Atty Hament made concerning a matter he was to look into
Chair Scanlon stated it would be put on next month's agenda

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Becker read the Chief's Report into the record discussing the temporary housing at The Carousel Motel and the Coast Guard Station and asked for direction for Atty Pringle concerning the debt services RFP.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Richard Pringle read his report into the record, expressing that he has already started drafting the Request for Proposals and is looking for approval to finish the document, the PAC contract needs some revisions and stating a special meeting in August would most likely be best to consider all the final proposed plans for the construction/costs of the new stations.

Discussion ensued as to when the special meeting should be held and the particulars of the PAC contract.

Chair Scanlon restated the Agenda Items:

Old Business:

- Item #1. Fire Chief's performance evaluation
- Item #2. The PAC contract

New Business:

- Item #1. Procurement for intake valve for Engine 32
- Item #2. Approval for Atty Pringle to draft the RFP for debt services for Station 33
- Item #3. Approval of temporary operations out of the Carousel
- Item #4. Set a date for the next Executive Board Session
- Item #5. Approval to set up a special meeting in August for the construction projects

PUBLIC INPUT

None

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1.

Chair Scanlon made a motion to accept the performance evaluation for the Chief

Seconded by **Vice Chair Reckwerdt**

Commissioner Morris had some suggestions for revisions of the evaluation

Vice Chair Reckwerdt feels the evaluation is far too detailed

Commissioner Schmid suggested giving the evaluation to the Chief and let him fill it out himself and then give it to the Commissioners for review

Chair Scanlon withdrew his original motion and made a motion to table the Fire Chief's review until September's Board Meeting

Seconded by **Commissioner Morris**

Item #2.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to finalize the contract with the condition that only exceptions would come to us for review and that everything else would automatically be referred.

Seconded by **Vice Chair Reckwerdt**

Atty Pringle clarified that the board would have the ability to change the referral process in the future.

Chair Scanlon doesn't like the idea of the PAC contract. He doesn't like to see the board as headhunters going after a \$500 bill for a \$350 collection. If someone gets into a car wreck and can't afford to pay he doesn't like the idea of sending vultures after them, he'd prefer to write it off.

Vice Chair Reckwerdt stated the board can exercise discretion with the way the contract is now.

Role Call:

Commissioner Morris Aye

Commissioner Schmid Aye

Sec/Treas Goodacre Nay

Vice Chair Reckwerdt Aye

Chair Scanlon Nay

Motion passes 3 to 2

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1.

Chair Scanlon makes a motion to approve the procurement for the intake valve

Seconded by **Sec/Treas Goodacre**

Motion passes unanimously

Item #2.

Chair Scanlon made a motion for Attorney Pringle to move forward with the draft for the RFPs

Seconded by **Commissioner Schmid**

Motion passes unanimously

Item #3

Chair Scanlon made a motion to approve the temporary operations from the Carousel Motel on a monthly basis

Seconded by **Sec/Treas Goodacre**

Commissioner Schmid asked how the Carousel Motel was selected

Chief Becker responded

Commissioner Morris asked if the vehicle was going to be kept outside or under cover

Chief Becker explained the vehicle will be kept outside, next to a designated electric source

Commissioner Morris asked if we didn't move to the Carousel, where would the vehicle be kept

Chief Becker explained part of the initial plan of housing was that the Carousel was a viable option and when researched, it was found to be the best solution to both the needs of the district and the response time to the community

Commissioner Morris asked where the vehicle was right now

Chief Becker stated it was kept at the Station under cover

Commissioner Morris doesn't know how long it will take to get to the final decision that says let's go for it and let's start doing 33 and 32 together but in the mean time... unintelligible...if, for some reason, we were to change our minds are we harming our vehicle by keeping it outside

for this period of time as oppose to keeping it undercover where it is now. We're going to eventually have to keep it outside once we make a decision but then that construction period's suppose to be what? Seven months?

Chief Becker stated seven to twelve months actually. There is some obvious caveats to having the vehicle under cover...unintelligible...but in this case our strategic plan calls for the replacement of those vehicles in the near future and I don't believe the wear and tear of having them outside is going to reduce the asset to the district by any means so I hope I've answered your question. The security is my paramount concern and the needs analysis to answer those calls immediately within that short time when we can make a difference on those medical and EMS calls is clearly the goal of station 33 in that same line we identify an opportunity to start answering that goal immediately...unintelligible...

Vice Chair Reckwerdt clarified that if 32 and 33 don't proceed simultaneously there's still construction on 32 and need for housing would still exist

Commissioner Morris stated the housing wouldn't be at the Carousel Motel; it would be at the Coast Guard or the opposite end.

Vice Chair Reckwerdt said we would need both the Carousel and the Coast Guard to account for each person and piece of equipment... two talking at once...

Commissioner Morris: if we were doing 32 like we first started where were you going to put your equipment? Wasn't it at the Coast Guard?

Chief Becker: the initial plan was to remodel Cap Plaza and put some resources down there...

Commissioner Morris: so you were still going to put them down there?

Chief Becker that's correct

Commissioner Morris: O.K., O.K.

Chair Scanlon asked if there was any further discussion

Chair Scanlon: All in favor of running operations out of the Carousel Motel say Aye

All stated Aye

Chair Scanlon: Any opposed? None

Chair Scanlon: Motion is approved unanimously

Item #4

All agreed to an Executive Meeting scheduled for Monday, July 16th at 2:00 P.M.

Item #5

Chair Scanlon made a motion to have a special meeting sometime after the regular August meeting to review all the construction projects

Motion passes unanimously

OTHER BUSINESS

Union Representative:

No remarks

Remarks of the Commissioners:

Commissioner Morris commends the chief on all the work done for the Executive Meeting and

would like Admin to keep a particular area for Board Meeting information.

Commissioner Schmid No comment

Sec/Treas Goodacre congratulated employees on their anniversaries and is pleased there will be an ambulance on the south side of the island.

Vice Chair Reckwerdt congratulated Assistant Chief Evans on 27 years of service. Congratulations were offered to the other employees for their anniversaries. He feels, due to our special district status that the LPA shouldn't have cancelled us for the June meeting. Tax reform is capped at 3% and he continues to educate himself in this area. He learned a lot from the Macon County volunteer fire Department; they are a very dedicated group.

Chair Scanlon congratulated everyone on their anniversaries, appreciated the presentation at Admin and agrees with keeping all the Board Meeting information in one place at Admin.

PUBLIC INPUT

Citizen Pat Smith acknowledged Assistant Chief Evan's 27 years of service. She is unhappy with the reluctance to approve the evaluation tool and hopes everyone will take it seriously.

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:28 PM.