

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
FT. MYERS BEACH BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TIME: 7:00 PM
DATE: November 15, 2011
PLACE: 2523 Estero Blvd., Town Hall – Council’s Chamber
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

IN ATTENDANCE: Chairwoman Carol Morris, Sec./Treasurer Dave Brower, Commissioner John Scanlon, Commissioner Betty Goodacre, Attorney Richard Pringle, Chief Mike Becker, Asst. Chief Darren White, District members and members of the public.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairwoman Morris called for a motion to approve the September 20, 2011 regular meeting minutes.

Commissioner Scanlon motioned to approve the September 20, 2011 regular meeting minutes.
Commissioner Goodacre seconded.
Minutes approved unanimously 4 – 0.

(October meeting cancelled – no minutes to approve)

Chairwoman Morris requested Sec./Treasurer Brower read the Treasurer’s report for September and October 2011.

Sec./Treasurer Brower read the September and October 2011 Treasurer’s Reports for the record.

Sec./Treasurer Brower reviewed the summary of bank and investment account activities for month ending September 30, 2011 and October 31, 2011.

- A. Sec./Treasurer Brower asked for approval of department checks #037243 through #037332 for a total of \$186,155.81 for September 2011.
- B. Sec./Treasurer Brower asked for approval of department checks #037333 through #037406 for a total of \$343,578.08 for October 2011.

Commissioner Goodacre motioned to approve the department checks for September 2011 and October 2011. Commissioner Scanlon seconded.

Checks approved unanimously 4 – 0.

Chief Becker requested that Public Input be allowed at this time to allow CERT members, which are also Beach residence, give public input on the WTC artifact monument.

Chairwoman Morris stated Public Input would be moved to the next topic to allow members of the community to speak on the subject.

Public Input

Beach resident Catherine Wallace gave public input on the WTC artifact and the desire of some beach residence to see the monument erected at the Crescent Beach Family Park.

Beach resident Linda Andrews gave public input on the WTC artifact and the placement of the monument at the Crescent Beach Family Park.

Discussion continued between the Board and residents regarding the location where the WTC monument should be erected.

Commissioner Scanlon motioned to amend the agenda and add the item to the agenda under New Business under 1.A so the Board could vote on it.

Commissioner Goodacre seconded.
Motion approved unanimously 4 – 0.

Chief's Report

Chief Becker reviewed the items on the Chief Report and recommendations to the Board.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Pringle stated he had several items to bring before the Board. Attorney Pringle noted that the Edison agreement, modifications, and clarifications would need to be addressed with the Edison State College legal counsel and the Board could approve entering into the agreement with Edison and allow Attorney Pringle to finish the discussion with legal. If there would be any issues, Attorney Pringle will bring back before the Board for review. Attorney Pringle noted that the agreement with the Town of Fort Myers Beach would allow the District to be the Official Fire Safety Code Enforcement Agency, which he can work through with the Town legal counsel and the Board could authorize the Chair to execute the agreement subject to Attorney Pringle's review and upon Attorney Pringle's completion of the agreement

Attorney Pringle noted there are two resolutions before the Board for approval tonight that will be read into the record when the item comes up on the agenda. Attorney Pringle stated on the Special Event Permit Fee resolution 2011-10; it needs to state Special Event Permit Review Fee.

Reports from Local Union Representatives

None

Public Input

Beach resident Dan Andre – Vice Chairman of the Mantanza's Pass Preserve gave public input on his request for a waiver of the fee for the special event.

Beach resident Miffy Greer gave public input on the WTC artifact noting that it is not a CERT project. There are CERT members speaking on the monument but they are beach residents sharing their desire to have the monument erected at the Crescent Family Beach Park.

Old Business

- A. **Approval of Edison State College Ride Time Agreement** - Commissioner Goodacre motioned to move forward with the contract subject to any changes. Commissioner Scanlon seconded.

Attorney Pringle noted the motion should be to approve to enter into the agreement, subject to Attorney Pringle's review of the final agreement and authorize the Chair to execute the contract once it is finalized.

Motion approved unanimously 4 – 0.

New Business

- 1.A. Going before the Lee County Commissioners to Request WTC Artifact Be Placed at Crescent Beach Family Park** – Commissioner Goodacre motioned to go before Lee County BoCC to erect the monument at Crescent Beach Park, with Betty Goodacre as the authorized representative of the Board. Commissioner Scanlon seconded.

Motion approved unanimously 4 – 0.

- A. Bank Account Closures** – Chairwoman Morris asked where the funds were being directed after the closing of the accounts.

Chief Becker stated with the GASB54- everything would go into the General Fund.

Commissioner Scanlon motioned to close the Wachovia Money Market account.

Commissioner Goodacre seconded.

Motion approved unanimously 4 – 0.

Commissioner Scanlon motioned to close the BB&T Special Revenue Impact Fee account.

Sec./Treasurer Brower seconded.

Motion approved unanimously 4 – 0.

- B. Approval of Final Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year September 30, 2011** – Attorney Pringle stated the Board would be approving the amendment of last year's budget.

Sec./Treasurer Brower motioned to adopt budget amendments, three, four and five amending the Budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011. Commissioner Scanlon seconded.

Motion approved unanimously 4 – 0.

- C. Approval of Resolution 2011-09 to Amend Fund Balance Carried Forward on the 2011/2012 Budget** – Resolution 2011-09 was read into the record by Attorney Pringle.

Commissioner Goodacre motioned to approve the Fund Balance Carried Forward on the 2011/2012 Budget Resolution 2011-09. Commissioner Scanlon seconded.

Motion approve unanimously 4 – 0.

Motion to approve the Fund Balance Carried Forward on the 2011/2012 Budget by Resolution 2011-09

Role Call:

Commissioner Scanlon - Aye

Commissioner Goodacre - Aye

Sec./Treasurer Brower – Aye

Vice-Chairman Schindler – Absent

Chairwoman Morris – Aye

- D. Waiver of Special Event Fee for Matanzas Pass Preserve and Boy Scouts Troop 999** –

Commissioner Goodacre motioned to waive the special event fee for the Matanzas Pass Preserve and the Boy Scouts Troop 999. Sec./Treasurer Brower seconded.

Commissioner Scanlon asked what the special events fee was for.

Chief Becker stated that the permits are reviewed from the Town, the Sheriff's Dept. and the Fire District. Some events only require a review of the event. Several of the events are charity

events or not for profit. If the District is only doing a review, the fee should be a lesser amount.

Chairwoman Morris noted that it seems that every year these events come up for a waiver. Should the District allow certain events to go on a list stating no fees to be paid.

Attorney Pringle stated that the District should allow the Board to have the flexibility to waive. The request coming up on the agenda may result in fewer requests coming before the Board for a waiver of the fee.

Motion approved unanimously 4 – 0.

- E. Approval to Move Forward with Interlocal Agreement with Town of Fort Myers Beach for Official Fire District Authority** – Commissioner Scanlon motioned to allow Attorney Pringle to move forward with the interlocal agreement with the Town. Commissioner Goodacre seconded.

Motion approved unanimously 4 – 0.

- F. Approval to Move Forward Mobile Eyes Contract with Grant Funding Assistance** – Chief Becker asked Lt. Ron Martin to speak to the Board on the Mobile Eyes System. Lt. Martin presented the Board with an overview of the Mobile Eyes inspection technology, which provides real time results to the clients. It will allow the District to invoice from the field and provides customer interaction and improved customer service in the field.

Chairwoman Morris asked Lt. Martin if this would be funded through a grant.

Lt. Martin stated that six south districts are working on a cooperative working agreement. Once the decision is made to go forward as a group, the group will then qualify for a Dept. of Homeland Security 90/10 grant. The shared cost would be approximately \$15,000 per District.

Attorney Pringle stated the Board is not entering into a contract, only into an agreement to pursue the grant approval with the other districts.

Commissioner Scanlon motioned to go forward on the grant approval with the other six districts. Sec./Treasurer Brower seconded.

Motion approved unanimously 4 – 0.

- G. Approval to Amend Fee Schedule to Reduce Special Event Fee from \$100 to \$35** – Commissioner Scanlon motioned to amend the fee schedule per resolution 2011-10. Commissioner Goodacre seconded.

Attorney Pringle stated there was one change to the title of Resolution 2011-10. It should read: Special Event Permit Review Fee.

Resolution 2011-10 was read into the record by Chairwoman Morris.

Attorney Pringle noted that section three of the resolution is the important change in the fee schedule that reduces the fee from \$100.00 to \$35.00 for a special event permit review.

Role Call:

*Commissioner Scanlon - Aye
Commissioner Goodacre - Aye
Sec./Treasurer Brower – Aye
Vice-Chairman Schindler – Absent
Chairwoman Morris – Aye*

H. Approval to Appoint New Chair for Comprehensive Committee – Commissioner Goodacre motioned to appoint Sec./Treasurer Brower as the Chair for the Comprehensive Plan Committee. Commissioner Scanlon seconded.
Motion approved unanimously 4 – 0.

I. Beach Resident Request to Write-off Ambulance Billing – Sec./Treasurer Brower suggested the Board write-off the amount that would be written off the medicare portion and bill for the remainder.

Commissioner Scanlon motioned to write off \$198.72 and inform the patient of the remainder due. If the patient would like the Board to reconsider the reduction, they will need to appear before the Board at the next meeting for any further consideration. Sec./Treasurer Brower seconded.
Motion approved unanimously 4 – 0.

J. Election of Fire Commission Board Officers – Chairwoman Morris asked Attorney Pringle if there was any legal reason officers needed to be elected at the meeting tonight.

Attorney Pringle stated the only time limit was on election years which required new officers be elected within 60 days of election.

Chairwoman Morris asked if the Board has an issue with tabling the item until the next meeting.

Commissioner Scanlon motioned to table until the next Commissioners meeting.
Commissioner Goodacre seconded.
Motioned approved 3 – 1.

Commissioner Scanlon – Aye
Commissioner Goodacre – Aye
Chairwoman Morris – Aye
Sec./Treasurer Brower – Nay

K. Commissioner Items - None

Reports from Local Union Representatives

None

Commissioner Remarks

None

Public Input

None

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM