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MINUTES FEBRUARY 20, 2018 WORKSHOP AND REGULAR MEETING

Held at the Indian Shores Municipal Center
19305 Gulf Blvd., Indian Shores, FL 33785

WORKSHOP MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 p.m. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Commissioners answering roll call were Chair Joe Bruni, Vice Chair Lou Snelling, Secretary/Treasurer Larry Schear, Commissioner Laura Martin, and Commissioner David Gardella. A quorum was present with Chair Joe Bruni presiding. Attorney Jeff Albinson, Fire Chief Mike Burton, and Finance Director David Martin were also present.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS: None.

GENERAL REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

18-02 Constitution Review Commission (CRC) Proposal 69

Discussion: Chief Burton discussed that on January 22, 2018, the District was notified by FASD that a proposal would be heard by the CRC three days later in committee. The purpose of the proposal was to require every special district that has ad valorem taxing authority to be reauthorized every ten years, beginning in 2029. Due to the short window, Chief Burton explained that he spoke with Chair Bruni and then sent a letter opposing the proposal, along with many others around the state, to the members of the CRC who were going to meet. Chief Burton discussed several different reasons for the letter. He stated that the committee chair did withdraw the proposal; however, it was stated that it will be better served in the legislative process rather than the CRC, so the issue will likely come up again in the future.

18-03 PSFRD Employee Manual

Discussion: Attorney Albinson said that he and Chief Burton had been working on an employee manual and it is almost complete. He stated that it was learned today that PERC has approved the new entity that the employees have established, so the manual will likely be converted to a collective bargaining agreement between the entity and the district.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:07 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Minutes: January 16, 2018 Workshop and Regular Meetings

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2018 Workshop and Regular Meetings.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER MARTIN SECOND: COMMISSIONER SNELLING
All in favor, motion passed unanimously.**

2. Treasurer's Report: January, 2018

Discussion: Secretary/Treasurer Larry Schear stated all balance sheet accounts have been reconciled as of January 31, 2018. He reported the following: Consolidated government fund assets and liabilities are \$3.9 million; the investment program in accordance with District policy is \$3.8 million; current liabilities are within normal end-of-month limits at \$71,000; the capital projects fund is slightly ahead of budget deficit due to additional impact fees; the general fund is producing positive effects due to staff changes and cost reductions, resulting with an additional \$82.3 thousand surplus for the year; and, the reserve ratio remains slightly ahead of GASB recommendations at 26.6%. See detailed Financial Report for further details.

A motion to approve the January, 2018 Treasurer's Report.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER GARDELLA SECOND: COMMISSIONER MARTIN
All in favor, motion passed unanimously.**

3. Correspondence: None.

GENERAL REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Kelly Cisarik – 448 Harbor Drive South, Indian Rocks Beach – Mrs. Cisarik asked for an update regarding Pinellas County's willingness to work with independent special districts to allow them to use Penny for Pinellas funds outside of unincorporated areas; such as, the replacement of Station 27 in addition to Station 28. Chief Burton stated that he will be meeting again in the next with with Jim Fogarty. He continued to explain that what has been shared with him is that funds are available in unincorporated Pinellas County, and although nothing in the most recent Penny vote directed any funds toward Station 27, that is not a reason to not pursue it.

REPORTS:

1. **COMMISSION:** Commissioner Schear mentioned that the contract between PSFRD and Indian Shores for Station 26 expires at the end of December. He also briefly mentioned St. Patrick's Day in Indian Shores.

**18-04 Public Employer Relations Commission (PERC) – Recognition Acknowledgement
Petition and Part II Notice to Employees & District Sign-off**

Discussion: Chief Burton explained that, some time ago, the bargaining unit employees made the decision to go through a dissolution process with the IAFF and no longer have the IAFF as their bargaining agent. This dissolution was completed and PERC has approved their petition for a new association to be the registered bargaining agent for the employees. He continued to explain that the District must sign the Recognition/Acknowledgement Form indicating that it is comfortable with this group being the registered bargaining agent. Once finalized, the District may begin working with the new bargaining unit. Chief Burton stated that he is fully supportive of this effort.

**A motion authorizing the Chief to sign the document and return
to PERC to proceed with the new bargaining unit.**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER SCHEAR SECOND: COMMISSIONER MARTIN
All in favor, motion passed unanimously.**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned in due form at 7:28 p.m.

APPROVED:



Joseph V. Bruni, Chair

ATTEST:



Kimberly G. Fugate, Executive Assistant

3/20/18

Date Approved