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MINUTES
APRIL 17, 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 Shear, 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:

17-28 Stakeholder Group

Discussion: Chief Burton stated that the second meeting of the Stakeholder Task Force took place earlier that morning and it went very well. He explained that both of the meetings thus far have focused primarily on background information to help the group understand how the District got to where it is today. The Chief stated that the minutes of the April 3rd meeting were approved at this meeting. He explained that most of the meeting was spent discussing budget, revenues, expenditures, and financial struggles, as well as a history of the Pinellas County EMS system and how that funding stream works. He added that the meeting dates have been changed to the first and third Thursdays of each month. Chief Burton stated that an important takeaway from the meeting is that the elected officials of the towns and cities within the District would appreciate more frequent contact with PSFRD members, including the commissioners, at their meetings. He added that he was invited to, and will attend, the Belleair Beach city meeting on May 7th.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Minutes: March 20, 2018 Workshop and Regular Meetings

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2018 Workshop and Regular Meetings.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SCHEAR SECOND: COMMISSIONER SNELLING

All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report: March, 2018

Discussion: Secretary/Treasurer Larry Schear stated all balance sheet accounts have been reconciled as of March 31, 2018. He reported the following: Consolidated government fund assets and liabilities are \$3.6 million; the investment program in accordance with District policy is \$3.4 million; current liabilities are within normal end-of-month limits at \$130,800; 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 continual cost reductions, resulting with an additional \$83.7 thousand surplus for the year; and, the reserve ratio remains slightly ahead of GASB recommendations at 26.6%. Due to various operational modifications to maintain government budget regulation compliance, major budget adjustments have been made to the following line items: salary, FICA, overtime, healthcare, uniforms, protective gear, and fire equipment. See detailed Financial Report for further details.

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

MOTION: COMMISSIONER GARDELLA SECOND: COMMISSIONER MARTIN

All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

3. Correspondence: None.

GENERAL REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None.

REPORTS:

1. **COMMISSION:** Commissioner Schear stated that he attended and observed the Stakeholder meeting and found it to be a positive and productive environment. Chair Bruni stated that he agreed with that sentiment, and also felt that it was very clearly demonstrated that the District is facing a serious problem.

2. **ATTORNEY:** [Attorney's report was presented as the first item in the Regular Meeting.] Attorney Jeff Albinson stated that he had participated in the initial Stakeholder Group meeting, and he will be in the office and available by phone for future meetings.

3. **CHIEF'S REPORT:** Chief Mike Burton stated that Finance Director Dave Martin did an excellent job preparing and presenting the budget PowerPoint presentation during the Stakeholder Group meeting and that he feels it succinctly demonstrated the basis of PSFRD's funding issues.

Chief Burton stated that he and Chair Bruni again met with Pinellas County Emergency Services Bureau Director, Jim Fogarty, earlier that day. He stated that they discussed a variety of topics, a few important ones dealing with the upcoming EMS budget, which had to be submitted about a week ago. He continued to explain that, based on the EMS lawsuit settlement agreement, funding will decrease in the upcoming fiscal year, as the paramedic position on Truck 28 will go from a fully-funded position to a half-funded position. He explained that this will put the District at a deficit from the County of approximately \$290,000, and a sizable portion of that will have to come from reserves. He added that this is not a one-year problem, as the settlement agreement has no shelf life. Chief Burton stated that the agreement included three components involving Penny for Pinellas funds: a fire rescue boat, reimbursement for the replacement of Truck 28, and to potentially rebuild Station 28; the discussions earlier that day dealt with the fire boat and ladder truck, with the understanding that it is too early into the Stakeholder Group process to have meaningful discussion pertaining to Station 28's location. He added that the replacement for Truck 28 has been ordered and should be delivered November 2019. He explained that there were also discussions regarding the future of Station 26. He continued that the process is underway for the station in the Redingtons; operationally, the District needs to ensure that Squad 26 becomes the operator that provides service from that station. He added that the three Redington contracts begin expiring in 2019.

ACTION ITEMS:

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None.

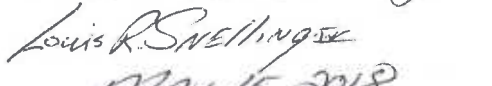
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned in due form at 7:19 p.m.

APPROVED:


Joseph V. Bruni, Chair

ATTEST:


Kimberly G. Fugate, Executive Assistant


Date Approved MAY 15 2018