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**FIRE CHIEF
T. MICHAEL BURTON**

**MINUTES
FEBRUARY 19, 2019
WORKSHOP AND REGULAR MEETINGS**

**Held at Indian Shores Municipal Building
19305 Gulf Boulevard, 4th Floor, 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, 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. Commissioner Laura Martin was excused.

STAKEHOLDER TASK FORCE RECOGNITION –

Chief Mike Burton recognized the members of the PSFRD Stakeholder Task Force for the efforts with the group.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS:

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:04 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Minutes: January 15, 2019 Workshop and Regular Meetings

Discussion: No discussion.

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2019 Workshop and Regular Meetings.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER GARDELLA SECOND: COMMISSIONER SCHEAR

All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report: January, 2019

Discussion: Secretary/Treasurer Schear stated all balance sheet accounts have been reconciled as of January 31, 2019. He reported the following: Consolidated government fund assets and liabilities are \$4.1 million; the investment program in accordance with District policy is \$3.9 million; current liabilities are within normal end-of-month limits at \$62,000; the capital projects fund revenues total \$29.4 thousand, with an additional \$23,400 still pending payment; general fund, FEMA grant for Hurricane Irma, unbudgeted EMS revenues, greatly improving investment interest rates, and a positive workers' compensation audit all contributed to the 72.6% reduction in the \$249.2 thousand budget deficit. The reserve ratio remains slightly ahead of GASB recommendations at 24.1%. See detailed Financial Report for further details.

A motion to approve the January, 2019 Treasurer's Reports.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SNELLING SECOND: COMMISSIONER SCHEAR

All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

3. Correspondence: Commissioner Schear stated that he received a report from Bob Hill regarding the scrap metal drive. The drive earned \$848.

GENERAL REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None.

REPORTS:

1. **COMMISSION:** None.

2. **ATTORNEY:** Attorney Albinson stated that he and Chief Burton attending a hearing on the criminal case for the truck crash, but there are no updates at this time. He stated that he spoke with the Assistant State Attorney and she acknowledged that the District is entitled to restitution, but that amount is unknown at this time. The next hearing will take place in early March.

Attorney Albinson stated that he worked with Chief Burton on a fairly extensive public records request and the records have been given to Kim Fugate. This project should be wrapped up in the next couple of days.

March meeting that they hold an executive session so that he can bring the Commission up to speed on the process and to gain some strategic direction from them. Commissioner Gardella asked if things are going to change if the referendum is passed in March, to which Chief Burton responded that as far as economics right now, there is virtually nothing to work with, but there are operational things that can be done. The March meeting will be after the election so he will have more information on that at that time.

A motion to adopt the Chief's recommendation on bargaining.

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

19-05 Authorization to Accept County Funding for Marine 27 Replacement and Necessary Budget Amendment

Discussion: Chief Burton stated that the District's current watercraft, Marine 27, is approaching 20 years old and is in need of being replaced, but the District has not financially had the mechanism to replace it. He explained that part of the meeting with Craig Hare involved the replacement of Marine 27 and he has indicated a willingness from the County to fund the replacement. He added that they replace a number of marine assets throughout the County with EMS funding. The replacement should cost somewhere in the range of \$20,000 to \$25,000. Chief Burton asked the Commission for the authority to enter into that agreement, with a legal review on the contract, so that when it is approved at the County level he is able to move expeditiously to get the boat replaced. He added that the boat replacement is available locally. Commissioner Schear asked if the purchase covers just the boat, to which Chief Burton replied that the purchase would cover the boat, motor, trailer, and whatever loose equipment is needed. He discussed that PSFRD operates the only boat in Pinellas County that can be launched on the beach by people picking it up and putting in the water, which proves very valuable on the beach. Commissioner Gardella asked if this was part of the settlement agreement. Chief Burton stated that it is not part of the settlement agreement, just attempting to work in good cooperation, and the District has demonstrated a need and they have been helpful in trying to fund that unmet need. Commissioner Schear asked what would happen to the old boat, to which Chief Burton stated that he did not know yet.

A motion to authorize the Chief to accept County funding for the replacement of Marine 27.

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

Finance Director David Martin stated that, depending on how the transaction transpires, it may or may not necessitate a budget amendment for capital acquisitions. He explained that it will net out to zero; a budget just must be in place in the expenditure section to keep in compliance with budget audits.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

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

3/19/19
Date Approved

ATTEST:



Kimberly G. Fugate, Executive Assistant