



# *Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue*

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## MINUTES SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 BUDGET, WORKSHOP, AND REGULAR MEETINGS

Belleair Beach City Hall  
444 Causeway Boulevard  
Belleair Beach, FL 33786

### BUDGET MEETING CALLED TO ORDER PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**ROLL CALL:** Commissioners answering roll call were Vice Chair Louis Snelling, Secretary/Treasurer Lawrence Schear, Commissioner David Gardella, and Commissioner Betsey McKenna. A quorum was present with Vice Chair Louis Snelling presiding. Attorney Jeff Albinson, Fire Chief Jeffrey Davidson, and Finance Director Erin Brooks were also present. Chair Joseph Bruni was excused.

### BUDGET MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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**ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS:** None.

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### ACTION ITEMS:

**22-20 Adoption of the Final Budget  
(Resolution 2022-05)**

**Finance Director**

**Discussion:** Finance Director Erin Brooks stated that the Final Budget document is identical to the Tentative Budget. She stated that once the ALSFR Agreement is signed and executed, she will propose amendments to the budget. She added that the County Commission did approve three seats of funding, \$1.3 million for the ladder truck reimbursement, and \$3 million toward the replacement of Station 28. Regarding the proposed change to the ALSFR Agreement at the last regular meeting of the Fire Commission, Attorney Jeff Albinson stated that, County officials explained they could change the language, but the District may ultimately not be happy with the results and could delay the entire process more than six months. Fire Chief Jeff Davidson stated that the agreement is for a two-year contract and PSFRD will be on the same renewal schedule as the rest of the county.

Attorney Jeff Albinson read Resolution 2022-05 in its entirety. It was noted that the date needs to be changed from September 27, 2022 to September 30, 2022 in the final version of the document.

**A motion to adopt Resolution 2022-05 adopting the Final Budget.**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER MCKENNA SECOND: COMMISSIONER SCHEAR**

**All in favor, motion passed unanimously.**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The Budget Meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

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**WORKSHOP MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

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**ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS:** None.

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**GENERAL REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None.

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**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**22-21 Commission Seat 4**

**Chair**

*Discussion:* District Administrator Kimberly Fugate stated that the vacancy was posted on the District's website and advertised in the newspaper September 14<sup>th</sup>, and applications for appointment will be accepted until October 7th at 4:00 p.m.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The Workshop was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

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**REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

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**ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:** None.

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**MONTHLY BUSINESS:**

1. Approval of Minutes: August 16, 2022, Workshop and Regular Meetings  
September 7, 2022 Budget Meeting

*Discussion:* None.

**A motion to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2022 Workshop and Regular Meetings,  
and the September 7, 2022 Budget Meeting.**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER GARDELLA SECOND: COMMISSIONER MCKENNA**

**All in favor, motion passed unanimously.**

2. Treasurer's Report: August, 2022

*Discussion:* No discussion.

**A motion to approve the August, 2022 Treasurer's Report  
as provided by the Finance Director.**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER MCKENNA SECOND: COMMISSIONER GARDELLA**

**All in favor, motion passed unanimously.**

3. Correspondence: None.

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**GENERAL REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None.

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**REPORTS:**

1. **COMMISSION:** No report.
2. **ATTORNEY:** No report.
3. **CHIEF'S REPORT:** Chief Davidson stated that the EOC was open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for Hurricane Ian, and crews ran a total of 69 emergency calls for service. Assistant Chief Higley contacted all special needs residents ahead of the storm. Deputy Chief Mortellite did an outstanding job running the EOC. Additional units were staffed until Thursday evening and crews operated seamlessly. Chief Davidson added that he is appreciative of Indian Rocks Christian School for letting PSFRD operate its EOC at their facility; however, it is not ideal for emergency operations, and he looks forward to having a more permanent location in a couple years. Staff has begun working on the reimbursement paperwork for the State. Chief Davidson added that the District coordinated well with the Indian Shores Police Department and worked to get the high-water rescue vehicle up and running.

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**ACTION ITEMS:**

**22-17 ALS First Responder Agreement**

**Attorney**

*Discussion:* Attorney Albinson stated that this is the agreement discussed during the budget item and recommends signing and moving forward.

Kelly Cisarik – Ms. Cisarik stated that, based on a telephone conversation with Craig Hare in early 2022, she feels that signing the ALSFR Agreement sets a precedent for the number of seats a department will get in the future. Her comments about the agreement at a previous meeting were due to her concerns about the County potentially taking a position allowing the 2017 settlement agreement to take precedence. Vice Chair Snelling stated that, in his experience, the ALS agreements have always had language that cause some concern for the fire departments, but that language has not caused an issue and the signed agreements set a precedent for future years. Chief

Davidson stated that he feels confident in moving forward with the agreement due to the relationships that have been fostered with County officials, as well as the increase in call volume.

**A motion to approve the ALSFR Agreement.**

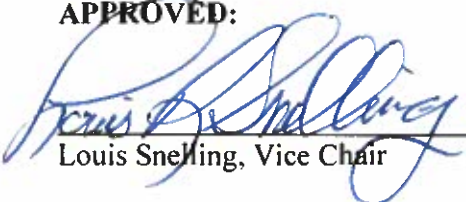
**MOTION: COMMISSIONER MCKENNA SECOND: COMMISSIONER SCHEAR**

**All in favor, motion passed unanimously.**

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned in due form at 6:40 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Louis Snelling, Vice Chair

**ATTEST:**

  
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Kimberly G. Fugate, District Administrator

10-18-2022  
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Date Approved