



# *Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue*

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**FIRE CHIEF  
T. MICHAEL BURTON**

**MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2018  
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING**

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

**SPECIAL 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, and Commissioner Laura Martin. A quorum was present with Chair Joe Bruni presiding. Fire Chief Mike Burton and Finance Director David Martin were also present. Commissioner David Gardella and Attorney Jeff Albinson were excused.

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**ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:**

Chief Burton discussed that concerns were raised in the Stakeholder Group regarding distinctions between hotels, motels, and residential properties, and how they relate to non-ad valorem assessments. The Chief stated that he researched past practices, as well as the business process used by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulations and the Florida Statute that deals with the classification of public lodging establishments, which did not yield any results. He stated that he then looked at the Pinellas County Property Appraiser's Office (PCPAO) land use classification, property use classification, the 2017 tax bill, and the DVPR license status for each of the properties and was able to come to a clearer understanding. A resolution will be brought forward at the September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, but Chief Burton explained that he wanted to clarify the budgetary impact built in the tentative budget presently being brought forward.

Chief Burton recommended the District begin using the PCPAO property use classification, which delineates four categories that the prior resolution did not attempt to define, including unoccupied mobile homes, hotels (50 rooms or greater), motels (49 rooms or fewer), and mobile homes on rental lots. He also recommended the District reduce the annual assessment for eight properties under the new definitions currently being assessed \$260 per room annually, down to \$165 per room as motel rooms. This creates a revenue reduction of \$3,800 in the total budget. He stated that he has also identified properties that are being undercharged, such as one with an incorrect number of rooms, and another which had been a motel and was turned into single family residence. The increase cannot be assessed this year, but will be \$590. Chief Burton stated that he feels these changes will settle the concerns raised by the Stakeholder Group.

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**ACTION ITEMS:**

**18-11 Adoption of Tentative Budget for FY2018/2019  
Resolution 2018-03**

*Discussion:* Finance Director David Martin read Resolution 2018-03 in its entirety.

**A motion to adopt Resolution 2018-03, and to adopt the FY2018/2019 Tentative Budget.**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER SCHEAR SECOND: COMMISSIONER MARTIN**

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

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**DISCUSSION:**

Commissioner Schear read a letter written to the Chief from the Indian Shores Town Administrator regarding the move of Station 26. Commissioner Schear also mentioned that he had the opportunity to tour the new facility and was very impressed.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned in due form at 7:15 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Joseph V. Bruni, Chair

9/26/18  
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Date Approved

**ATTEST:**

  
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Kimberly G. Fugate, Executive Assistant