

MINUTES
GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS BUDGET WORKSHOP
AUGUST 25, 2015

I. Meeting Opened @ 5:30 PM by Chairman Jeff Page; in attendance: Commissioners Gerrity and Cross. Staff in attendance: Assistant Chief Sapp, Deputy Directors Bishop and Martin, Division Chief Hanson, Fleet Manager Popiol and Administrative Assistant Packard.

A. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

B. Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve by Commissioner Cross, second by Commissioner Gerrity, 3-0.

C. FY 15-16 Proposed Draft General Fund Discussion and Presentation

Director Bishop reviewed changes from the first workshop. Reserve usage was reduced slightly.

No changes to income; pages 2-10.

Page 15-Expense for healthcare is slightly higher than expected (12.7% increase), we remain in negotiations with the broker and expect a better number for final presentation at the first hearing.

Through negotiations with the labor union this morning, the 90/10 split for district premium/employee contributions was worked out with contribution rates remaining \$0/\$45/\$90 per paycheck.

Page 16-Outside Services, 2 additions: minor changes, \$2,500 (performance appraisal system) and Horseshoe Drive association fees.

No changes for materials and Supplies.

Capital Outlay changes made by the Fire Chief are noted on page as strikethrough and the associated cost removed; to include the removal of HQ remodel, communications, and air compressors.

With minor changes, the difference from workshop 1 to workshop 2 is \$31,229.

Projected reserves funds at the end of FY 15-16: \$5.3 million.

A few revenue items that have not been accounted for in the budget presentation due to not knowing when the fund collection would be realized are: Tower 72 (\$250-\$300K) and FCO settlement (~\$800K) and a better healthcare quote.

Commissioner Cross asked about the \$175,000 large apparatus purchase. Director Bishop explained the purchase as per the long term replacement plan presented at workshop 1- this is the scheduled additional engine. Chief Sapp explained the need to continue updating the fleet.

Commissioner Gerrity stated the reserve at \$5.4 million is a bit deceiving because \$2.5 million is for start-up. Discussion followed on capital items and reserve strategy.

Radios: P25 compatible, federal mandate for communications change. Commissioner Page suggested the District address this sooner than later and wished to speak with the Chief after the meeting to work on a strategy.

Commissioner Gerrity suggested sending this budget back to staff to cut \$200-\$300K out of the budget.

Projected use of reserve \$1.338 minus \$1.182 in unbudgeted revenue could result in the deficit being as low as \$156K.

Commissioner Page suggested not purchasing the new engine till T72 sells. Discussion to keep the vehicle in the budget, no expenditure till T72 sold, neutral budget, or emergency need.

Discussion about additional properties for sale included the Village Falls units and the Thomasson Drive property. Direction to follow up with realtor as to assess value.

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Commissioner Cross continued the discussion on reserve spending specific to the \$600K reserved for radios. All reserve spending needs Board direction for release.

Commissioner Gerrity entertained a discussion about buyouts. Commissioner Page stated he was against the previous buyout in ENFD. Staff was directed to research possible buyout options.

D. FY 15-16 Proposed Draft Impact Fee Budget

Total budget: \$3,320,046; with a projected carry forward of \$3,095,150.44.

E. FY 15-16 Proposed Draft Hydrant Budget

Total budget: \$404,174, Expenses: \$35,000, with a projected carry forward of \$369,174.

F. FY 15-16 Proposed Draft Public Programs Budget

Total budget: \$23,940.00, Expenses: \$8,600, with a projected carry forward of \$15,340.

G. Public Comment

None

H. Commissioner Comments

None

II. ADJOURNMENT

Motion offered to adjourn workshop offered by Commissioner Cross, seconded by Commissioner Gerrity, approved 3-0.

Duly passed with a vote of 6 to 0 and adopted in session on the 9th of September 2015.

absent

Chairman Jeff Page

Charles Cottiers

Commissioner Charles Cottiers

Kevin Gerrity

Commissioner Kevin Gerrity

Chuck McMahon

Commissioner Chuck McMahon

absent

Commissioner Rob Boyer

Brian Cross

Commissioner Brian Cross

Steve Hemping

Commissioner Steve Hemping

David Stedman

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