

**MINUTES
GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS BUDGET WORKSHOP
AUGUST 8, 2017**

Meeting Opened

Chairman Page called to order the Budget Workshop of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District's Board of Fire Commissioners at 3:34 pm., on August 8, 2017 at Administrative Headquarters. Present were Chairman Page, Commissioners Cross, Hemping, Boyer, Gerrity, Cottiers and Henning. Executive staff in attendance: Fire Chief Schuldt, Deputy Director Bishop, Assistant Chief Sapp, Deputy Chiefs Hanson and McLaughlin and Deputy Director Martin. Staff in attendance Suanne Woeste. Public in attendance George Danz.

A. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Chairman Page opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the invocation by Commissioner Gerrity.

B. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve by Commissioner Henning second by Commissioner Hemping, 7-0.

C. FY 17-18 Proposed Draft General Fund Discussion and Presentation

Deputy Director Bishop presented the GNFD Draft Proposed Budget for FY 17-18.

A handout was distributed to the Commissioners that showed the dollar amount difference between FY 16-17 & FY 17-18.

Budget summary, all revenue sources: \$28,529,724

Carry forward from FY 16-17: \$7,625,382

Total General Fund Revenue: \$36,155,106

Expense Summary: \$29,349,947

Reserved for Contingency: \$6,805,159

Total General Fund Budget: \$36,155,106

Income-Expense (Projected use of reserves): -820,223

Commissioner Henning questioned if the County has provided any projected percentage increase of Ad Valorem dollars for the Ochopee area? And what is the Districts projected percentage increase? Director Bishop responded 3.6% for Ochopee and 5.4% for the District, which takes into account the reduced millage rate for District 1, Naples Reserve and Isles of Capri. Discussion continued about different millage rates.

Director Bishop stated that 2 new positions (Emergency Vehicle Technician & Warehouse Technician) are included in Expenses / Employee Cost.

Discussion on how to reduce the amount of overtime pay included hiring more Firefighters, the need to promote more DE's and LT's, and the possibility of opening up the Union Contract to change certain qualifications for promotional testing.

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Director Bishop discussed the Fire Apparatus Replacement Strategy. Currently \$175,000 is in budget for large apparatus. We have accelerated the schedule by bringing in more than one apparatus a year but we are still behind. For FY 17-18 GNFD would double the budget having \$350,000 to spend on large apparatus in preparation of purchasing 3-4 truck with 3-5 year financing. Director Bishop stated the Impact Fee Budget would be used to purchase a truck for Station 25 because it would be a new service.

GNFD will no longer has a Public Programs Budget. Greater Naples Fire Foundation has been officially accepted by the IRS as a non-profit 501 (c) (3). The transfer of funds will be requested at the September BOFC Meeting.

D. FY 17-18 Proposed Draft Impact Fee Budget

Total budget: \$3,320,046, with a projected carry forward of \$1,949,086.

E. FY 17-18 Proposed Draft Hydrant Budget

Total budget: \$370,424, Expenses: \$35,000 with a projected carry forward of \$332.924.

G. Commissioner Comment

None

H. Public Comments

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion offered to adjourn workshop offered by Commissioner Hemping, seconded by Commissioner Cottiers @ 5:10 pm. *Motion approved 7-0.*

Duly passed with a vote of 5 to 0 and adopted in session on the 13th of September.

Chairman Jeff Page *Jeff Page*

Commissioner Charles Cottiers *Charles Cottiers*

Commissioner Kevin Gerrity *Kevin Gerrity*

Commissioner Tom Henning *Tom Henning*

Commissioner Rob Boyer *absent*

Commissioner Brian Cross *absent*

Commissioner Steve Hemping *absent*

Commissioner David Stedman *David Stedman*