



MINUTES
GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
September 13, 2022

I. MEETING OPENED

Chairman Gerrity called to order the regular meeting of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District's Board of Fire Commissioners at 5:47 p.m., on September 13, 2022 at Administrative Headquarters. Present were Commissioners Duffy (Via Zoom until 6:22 p.m.), Biondo, Cottiers, Stedman and Gerrity. Staff in attendance: J. Nolan Sapp, Chris Wolfe, Nicole Chesser, Sal D'Angelo (Zoom), James West, Andy Krajewski, Kristy Ivanisevic, Jamie Popiol, Scott Hogan, and Janice Monteaugudo. Public in attendance: Attorney Laura Donaldson, Patrick Dearborn, Tony Barone, George Danz, Clancy Mullen (via Zoom) and Wayne Martin. Others attended meeting but did not sign in.

A. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Chairman Gerrity opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Commissioner Stedman.

B. Consent Agenda

1. Treasurer Report

Commissioner Stedman moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Biondo seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0. (Duffy not present)

C. Approval, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Commissioner Stedman moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

D. Approval of the GNFD Board Minutes for August 9, 2022

Commissioner Cottiers moved to approve the GNFD Board minutes for August 9, 2022 as presented. Commissioner Biondo seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

E. Approval of the GNFD FY 22-23 Budget Workshop Minutes August 9, 2022

Commissioner Stedman moved to approve the GNFD FY 22-23 Board Minutes August 9, 2022 as presented. Commissioner Biondo seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

F. Fire Chief's District Report

1. Fire Chief Sapp presented his report as submitted.
2. Fire Chief Sapp announced the service award for the month of August and special recognition for Inspector Kristen King.
3. Fire Chief Sapp announced 7 firefighter line of duty deaths for the month of August.

Fire Chief Sapp gave an update on the District's COPCN application. There was discussion regarding the budget including topics such as staffing Stations 25, 74, and the third Battalion, Boat 90, ALS expenses, Ochopee funding, and overtime. (Commissioner Duffy signed off of Zoom at 6:22)



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- G. Chapter 175 Firefighters' Pension Plan – Chairman Tim Sims**
Chairman Tim Sims stated the market is down and the next meeting is in November and he invited the Board to attend.
- H. Local 2396 Report – President Chris Diaz**
Vaughn Palmateer gave a verbal report including topics such as outstanding grievances, Lieutenant testing dates, staffing levels, and addressing PFAS in bunker gear.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- A. AIW – District Policies – Attorney Laura Donaldson**
Attorney Donaldson advised she was pulling Policy #601 Conduct and Behavior for further review.
Commissioner Stedman moved to support Staff and Legal Counsel's recommendations and approve:
Policy #300 Capital Asset Tracking and Depreciation
Policy #606 Anti-Retaliation
And repealing Policy 901.1 Code of Conduct and Ethics and SOG # 101.8 Attendance to Public and Special Meetings Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.
- B. AIW – Impact Fee Study – Deputy Chief D'Angelo**
Deputy Chief Sal D'Angelo and Clancy Mullen from Duncan Associates presented the information in the draft impact fee study. Due to Zoom technical difficulties, Attorney Donaldson explained the need to conduct 'A Demonstrated Need Study'.
1. Commissioner Stedman Moved to approve Duncan Associates August 14, 2022, Fire Rescue Impact Fee Study Draft Report. Commissioner Biondo seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.
2. Commissioner Stedman moved to approve Amendment 1 to Impact Fee Professional Service Agreement with Duncan Associates to conduct 'A Demonstrated Need Study' as referenced in Florida Statute 163.31801(6)(g)(1). Commissioner Biondo seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.
- C. AIW – Station 74 – Deputy Chief D'Angelo**
Fire Chief Sapp presented the information regarding the updated costs to construct station 74 and discussion ensued. Attorney Donaldson stated it was not recommended to make a motion since she is still working on the Interlocal agreement. The Collier County Project Manager Tony Barone addressed the Board with information regarding the project. Jamie Cunningham addressed the Board regarding using impact fees versus the land trust.
Chairman Gerrity moved to tell the county that what we would like them to do is to do what they did at station 25 and build that building to accommodate us running a unit out of there, but we just don't have the money to do it. Biondo seconded. Motion passed 3-1. (Stedman)



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B. Public Input for Issues Not Listed on the Published Agenda

None

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Stedman made a motion to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0, meeting adjourned.

Duly passed with a vote of _____ to _____ and adopted in session on the 13th day December, 2022.

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