



FINAL MINUTES
GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
September 12, 2024

I. MEETING OPENED

Chairman Biondo called to order the regular meeting of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District's Board of Fire Commissioners at 5:30 p.m., on September 12, 2024, at the Administrative Headquarters. Present were Commissioners Biondo, Cherney, Cross and Duffy. (Dearborn absent)

A. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

B. Approval, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Fire Chief Wolfe requested to add the Yacono Grant to II. A. and Clarification to Resolution 2024-06 to III. H.

Commissioner Cross moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Commissioner Cherney seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

C. Awards & Recognition- Fire Chief Wolfe

Fire Chief Wolfe presented the Awards and Recognition as submitted.

D. Consent Agenda

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Commissioner Cross moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Commissioner Cherney seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

E. Treasurer's Report

Finance Director Newman presented the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

Commissioner Cherney moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Commissioner Duffy seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

F. Fire Chief's District Report

1. Fire Chief Wolfe presented the Fire Chief's Report as submitted.

2. There was discussion on Ladder 21's repairs and to have a third party inspect it. There was a discussion regarding relocating Ladder Trucks.

G. Chapter 175 Firefighters' Pension Plan – Chairman Tim Sims

Chairman Sims reported no financial update and informed the Board of the upcoming meeting, November 14, 2024.

H. Local 2396 Report – President Justin Humphrey

Fire Chief Wolfe stated the District and Union are working through contract re-openers.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Yacono Grant- Shanti Smith

Shanti Smith gave an update regarding the firehouse grant stating FEMA is out of money for this fiscal year. Smith also gave an update regarding the Yacono elevation project and Attorney Donaldson will review the documents when they are received.



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III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Fire Chief Contract- Chairman Biondo

Chairman Biondo stated that he will meet with the Chief and will have something to vote on by the next meeting.

B. T-Mobile Lease Agreement Extension- Laura Donaldson

Attorney Donaldson presented the T-Mobile Lease Agreement as submitted. *Commissioner Cross moved to approve the proposed amendment subject to Counsel revising it at the new monetary amounts. Commissioner Cherney seconded.* Wayne Martin had discussion regarding radiation with cell towers. *Motion passed unanimously 4-0.*

C. MM 63 Amended Agreement- Laura Donaldson

Attorney Donaldson announced she has more changes for the amendment and will bring them to the Board at the next meeting.

D. ITM and FLS Collections- Assistant Chief Hanson

Assistant Chief Hanson reported a holdback regarding the ITM reporting system. Assistant Chief Hanson stated that the majority of collection agencies reported the District does not fit their model. *Commissioner Cross moved to ban the idea and not spend time chasing \$30,000 and how to prevent this from happening in the future like paying up front or credit cards and false alarm fees. Commissioner Duffy seconded.* Wayne Martin discussed having a third-party bill for false alarms. *Motion passed unanimously 4-0.*

E. Grant Update- Deputy Chief Bauer

Deputy Chief Bauer reported the District has open grants and that should be the District's main focus rather than applying for new grants. There was a discussion regarding hiring for another position. *Commissioner Cross moved to approve the Chief to come back in the next meeting or two with some potential salary guidelines for a like-minded person to fill the position I just described [grant securement, administration fund recoupment] and the Board can decide to amend the budget to create a new position. Commissioner Duffy seconded.* Discussion ensued. *Commissioner Cross withdrew his motion.* Deputy Chief Bauer will give a report back to the Board next month regarding the 5 million dollars in grants.

F. Clarification to Resolution 2024-06

Commissioner Cross moved to amend Section 7 of Resolution 2024-06 to provide that notice of the referendum shall meet the requirements of Section 100.342, Florida Statutes. Commissioner Cherney seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

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

No public comment

H. Comments by Commissioners

No Commissioner comments

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cross made a motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Commissioner Cherney seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0. Meeting adjourned.