

**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING REPRESENTS A SUMMARY OF THE STATEMENTS MADE DURING THE MEETING AND INCLUDES ALL OFFICIAL ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD. THEY DO NOT CONSTITUTE A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE ACTUAL COMPLETE STATEMENTS MADE DURING THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING. ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN A VERBATIM AUDIO RECORDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING CAN REQUEST AN AUDIO RECORDING FROM THE RECORDS CUSTODIAN OF THE DISTRICT.**

Meeting called to order 4:39 p.m.

**Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance** observed

**Roll Call** – Chief Howard, HR/Administrative Compliance Zinger, Finance Director Winzenread, Battalion Chief Guzman, Battalion Chief McMillion, Battalion Chief Steffens, Deputy Chief Comer, Commissioner Walker, Commissioner Barbosa, Commissioner Taylor, Chair Dorsett. Chair added that attorney Pringle is not present and Commissioner Kuhn has excused absence.

**Agenda Items**

- 1) Budget Workshop
- 2)

**Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion** (5145) to adopt agenda made by Commissioner Barbosa, second Commissioner Taylor... approved as distributed

**Public Comment on Agenda Items** – none

**Attorney Report** – not present

**Unfinished Business**

- 1)

**New Business**

- 1) Budget Workshop

Meeting turned over to Chief for budget presentation. He began by discussing the steps taken to get to this point, stating that we have 80/85% of information for board. Some preliminary and tentative snap shot of proposed budget. PowerPoint presentation overview was given beginning with the total funds, inclusive of reserves and continuing through the divisional summary budgets as well noting usage of a millage of 2.5000.

Chief mentioned 80-85% of budget represents personnel services. Commissioner Walker questioned that if 20% of the budget has not been completed yet, what are we doing here? What am I doing here? Chief responded that traditionally we look at ability of funds and elaborate on items which go in line with the strategic plan. There is no action taken tonight. Where is the

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bottom line of what you want in the budget this year, continued Commissioner Walker. Chief offered to go over line items with him if he is interested, and continued by explaining to Commissioner Walker that this is an informative session only. Following Commissioner Walker's queries, Chief continued with presentation.

Key projects for next year are the technology updates and upgrades, remodeling of station 74, replacement of apparatus, specifically engine 72 (was originally scheduled for this year in the previous vehicle replacement schedule), new air system at station 74 and replacement of staff vehicles.

Chair questioned which station is in the most need of remodel? Chief mentioned that training room at 74 needs to be completely renovated. No structural problems at any station, aesthetics only, stated BC Guzman.

Commissioner Walker questioned the air system whereby he was informed of the low air alarm and training on air management. Chief added that it is typical for firefighters once through first air bottle will go to rehab and then transfer bottles. Two rounds is extent of our structure fires, and would be hesitant to send through after two bottles. We have auto and mutual aid for additional resources. DC Comer also addressed the air bottle system.

The divisional budgets were given as summary items. Slight increase in operations is to maintain compliance with NFPA of two sets per firefighter; and looking to utilize backup gear to as second set for some of them. Chief added that there is no first line or backup gear is older than ten years old. We are replacing helmets, etc... as needed also.

PIO component has been included in the Prevention division. Logistics looks like dramatic increase; however it is inclusive of station 73's generator at \$35,000, replacement of concrete slabs of \$25,000, remodeling of stations, and other items. Training division is looking at vending machine style dispensary which includes usage controls, and is more efficient. Narcotics will also be able to utilize the dispensary as well. Researching drone utilization for training and on-scene as well.

Following the presentation, Chief was prepared to receive questions. Hearing none, he added that he believes maintaining the ability to attract and maintain employees is paramount, and it is important to reduce millage, but can't give exacting figure at this time. We looked at 2.36 millage rollback rate which reduces \$200,000 value home owner's tax by \$50.00 and cumulatively is a loss to district of \$1,000,000. Overall may present rather balance proposal which includes assigned reserves for holding funds for specific expenditures. We will have better clarity next Wednesday.

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Public Comment – non agenda items – no public present

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Commissioner Comments –

Chair reminded all of budget workshop next Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. as well as executive session.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Walker with second offered by Commissioner Barbosa... carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_