

Iona McGregor Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting  
May 15, 2019  
6:00 PM

Meeting call to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call of Commissioners, Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance waived as previously done.

Amendments to the Meeting Agenda –

Chief Howard noted that item 3, Surplus, should be removed as we have no surplus to discuss this evening.

Public Input on Business Agenda Items – no public present

Business Agenda Items (Agenda Items Requiring Action)

1) Meeting Minutes – April 17, 2019

**Motion** (5632) to approve minutes as presented made by Commissioner Andersen with second by Commissioner Barbosa... carried.

2) Financial Report – April 2019

Discussion of presented reports began with Commissioner Walker questioning \$1,000 from Walmart. It was noted that each year Walmart awards grant requesters providing service to the community. Commissioner Walker would like us to explore other grant availabilities. Next the cost of Lieutenant assessment was questioned, Chief and Division Chief Operations Aquil responded as to the un-biased testing with outside organization. Attorney Pringle added that it makes the process defensible. Commissioner Walker inquired as to the 457 Plan to which CFO replied that it is a deferred compensation plan. Commissioner Walker then asked what percent of employees participate? About 50% was reply. The discount is budgeted for those who pay early and receive tax discount. Several items of the check history report were addressed including the Gator Construction \$1600 expense (parking lot striping at station 73; Ground Effects (lawn maintenance crew), and legal fees to which Commissioner Walker stated he was pleased with amount. He then informed Board members that they can contact attorney on anything but need to be prepared to defend the communication at a meeting. Commissioner Louwers requested clarification of the budget to actual 88% for overtime staffing. CFO Winzenread informed that some of the overtime has been submitted and may be reimbursed. Chief added that the USAR deployment costs will be reimbursed through FEMA program. Following discussion, **motion** (5633) to approve financials as presented made by Commissioner Barbosa, second Commissioner Andersen... carried.

3) Surplus – Item removed

4) Executive Report

Chief Howard mentioned that he is available for questions of submitted report. He informed of the awards ceremony this Friday and invited Board to attend. Chief added that we have completed the Logistics Division Chief promotion; and introduced Diana Hernden as the new Division Chief. Commissioner Walker also welcomed Diana aboard, and questioned if the same testing company was used for this position. No, replied Chief, it is not a union position; but same/similar process was conducted. Commissioner Walker posed if the House Bill cancer provisions would incur a cost? Potentially, responded Chief. It goes into effect July of this year. Looking into possible insurance policy with the insurance agent of record. Will

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be some cost but not sure if on health insurance or workers compensation. We have a meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss this and will keep Board apprised. Following conversation, Commissioner Louwers made **motion** (5634) to receive Executive Report, second offered by Commissioner Barbosa... carried.

5) Attorney Report

Attorney Pringle noted that agenda of budget hearings is different than the regular meetings and you will hear suggestions, for example, regarding public input, there is an opportunity for public to ask questions and have answers for each action – adoption of millage rate and adoption of budget. Under each of those actions will have resolutions that have specific language and will ask for public input. Process is same in tentative and final. The budget is adopted as a whole – it is guide and roadmap; and the actual can be different than what was budgeted. During fiscal year, there will be budget amendment based upon audit and another anytime board approves moving of reserves to operating budget. He asked that the board please give opportunity to make all disclosure necessary. Commissioner Walker asked if he could provide what is needed. Attorney Pringle can provide information at meeting. Commissioner Langford **motioned** (5635) to accept attorney report. Second by Commissioner Andersen.... Carried.

6) DVP Reports – Districts 7 & 25

District 7 DVP Tansey reported that he has nothing to report and received nothing from DVP Mascarelli.

District 25 DVP Mascarelli – not present

Public Input on Non-Business Agenda Items – none

Commissioner Comments –

Commissioner Langford questioned the handout received inquiring as to change in insurance agent and asked if there were any reason? Chief stated that would discuss it in detail outside of meeting, adding that there is a higher level of service – increased analytics with new group. No contract and we do not pay them. Chief briefly addressed some challenges with previous broker adding that after many years of service became complacent. Want to take opportunity to explore other avenues and Gehring group is creative in looking at alternatives. Agent of record is only change, no policy change.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Louwers to adjourn, second Commissioner Andersen...

Meeting adjourned at 6:44pm

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

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