

**WEST MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

*Minutes of August 25, 2020
Administration Building and via Zoom*

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. with the following members present: Randy Cooper, David Bishop and Al Robinson at administration building. Larry Jennis and George Harris via Zoom. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence and the oath.

PUBLIC HEARING for 2019-2020 Budget Amendment Resolution 2020-03: Administrative Manager Kichar verified it was published in the Bradenton Herald on August 16, 2020. She stated that each year a budget amendment is done after the completed audit. This adjusts what the audit reflects for the restricted Impact Fund Balance and the Unassigned Fund Balance. She stated that since we also did not use the budgeted Impact expense, we are adjusting for that along with capital and the use of reserves since the administration building was not done in this fiscal year. Chairman Cooper opened the hearing for public comment; there was none. Chairman Cooper closed the hearing for public comment. Commissioner Bishop motioned to approve Resolution 2020-03 Budget Amendment; seconded by Commissioner Jennis; motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING for 1st Reading of the 2020-2021 Proposed Budget: Administrative Manager Kichar verified it was published in the Bradenton Herald on August 16, 2020. Chief Rigney stated that like every year in the past this was a group effort. He explained the process and stated that the Fire Marshal worked diligently at ensuring the assessment rates were applied correctly. We are estimating that \$7,519,795 will be collected in tax receipts. He stated that the guaranteed maximum price is not in yet and is proposing using Unassigned Fund Balance and Impact Fees for the new Administration building. Chairman Cooper opened the hearing for public comment; there was none. Chairman Cooper closed the hearing for public comment. Commissioner Robinson asked what was proposed with workers compensation. Chief Rigney stated that there was an increase and we have been in discussions with them to get it lowered. Commissioner Robinson asked what percentage workers compensation is of our payroll. Chief Rigney stated it is about 2%. Administrative Manager Kichar stated what the firefighters class code rate is for workers compensation and also our rates are based on the past 3 years claims history. Chairman Cooper stated it is important to point out that we have an ISO rating of 2 and we raised our rates about half of what the Personal Income Growth is. Commissioner Jennis stated that this is very similar to last years budget and feels it is a tight budget.

CHANGES TO AGENDA: Remove New Business A) Guaranteed Maximum Price Creative Contractors

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Commissioner Harris motioned to approve consent agenda as presented; seconded by Commissioner Bishop; motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

CARRIED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. *Administration Building:* Chief Rigney stated that the Guaranteed Maximum Price is not ready right now but should be for the next meeting. Commissioner Bishop stated he has seen some loosening in the market as far as sub-contractor prices. He stated he will be curious to see how the GMP turns out. Commissioner Robinson stated that the building that he has been pushing for everyone to consider is under contract for \$475,000, we are throwing a million dollars down the drain.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Rigney stated that the Governor recently signed Senate Bill 1466 which went into law on July 1st. This bill is intended to reduce special districts exposure to ADA lawsuit abuse. It eliminates

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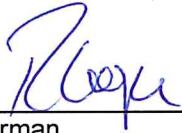
the requirement to post all backup documentation for board meetings to the website. We have adjusted our website for the meetings. The public can request the documents anytime for us to make available to them.

OTHER REPORTS: None

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: None

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, **September 8, 2020** at 6:00 p.m. at Administration building.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Cooper adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.



Chairman



Secretary

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