

NORTH FORT MYERS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE
SERVICE DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 7, 2017
2017-2018 Tentative Budget Hearing

Vice Chairman Danny Ballard called the North Fort Myers Fire Control and Rescue Service District Board of Commissioners to order at 5:05 p.m.

Present were:

Commissioners: Danny Ballard
Mike Gatewood (arrived 5:07 pm)
Leroy Nottingham Suzanne Daggett

Chief David Rice Assistant Chief John Meredith
Office Manager Monique Brooks
Union Representative Jarrett Slaybaugh

Absent: Commissioner Mere

Invocation: Chief Rice

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Nottingham

*Had a momentary delay, while Chairman Mike Gatewood got settled in. Resumed meeting

Presentation of 2017-2018 Tentative Budget:

Chief Rice proceeded to go over the line items of the revenues and then the expenditures of the tentative 2017-2018 budget. (1)

Ballard –

- If health insurance comes in at lower than a 10% increase, why wouldn't we reduce this line item? Because, the 3 new employees will use up these funds
- Is \$2,000 enough for bunker gear maintenance? Yes
- Do we change colors of gear as someone changes rank? No, only the helmets
- Is \$30,000 enough for bunker gear replacement? Yes
- Is the spray foam for Station 2 and 3 to help with the humidity issue and electric bill? Yes
- Feels that \$1.5 million going in to the reserve accounts is too much. That's what we had wanted to build the reserves back up.
- What does it take to get money out of the reserve accounts? A motion by the Board.

Nottingham –

- The Budget is a guideline, and if need be, we can do line item transfers during the year.
- What kind of warranty does the new Engine have? 5 years

Daggett –

- What does employment testing mean? It is the testing process that we are using for promotions and new hires. Who grades the tests? Fort Myers Fire Academy
- Where is the down payment for the new Engine shown that we bought? It is in last years budget
- The \$1.5 million that we are putting in to the operating reserve appears that we do not need to levy a higher millage rate

Letter was read from citizens (Michael and Kathleen Marchese) of North Fort Myers opposing the levy of the higher millage rate for this years budget.

Commissioner Nottingham made a motion to accept Resolution 2017-001, which sets the proposed millage rate at 3.5 Mills, for fiscal year 2017-2018. Seconded by Commissioner Ballard.

There were no questions. The motion was put to vote, and the vote was 4-0. (2)

Commissioner Nottingham made a motion to accept Resolution 2017-002, which adopts the 2017-2018 Tentative budget, as presented, in the amount of \$12,105,728. Commissioner Gatewood seconded. There were no questions. The motion was put to vote, and the vote was 3-1. (3)

Chief Rice presented the Tentative 2017/2018 Impact Fee Budget.

Commissioner Nottingham made a motion to accept the Tentative 2017/2018 Impact Fee budget, as presented. Commissioner Gatewood seconded. There were no questions, the motion was put to vote, all were in favor, and the decision was unanimous. (4)

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Nottingham seconded. The motion was put to vote, and the decision was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Supportive Documents:

1. 2017-2018 Tentative Budget
2. Resolution 2017-001
3. Resolution 2017-002
4. 2017-2018 Impact Fee Budget