

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

*Minutes of October 15, 2019
Administration Building*

COMMUNICATIONS: Card of thanks from the Stump Family thanking everyone for all the support.

CARRIED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. *New Administration Building:* Battalion Chief Rigney reported that we closed on the lot at the end of September. City of Bradenton Planning Committee will be meeting tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. The next would be to be on agenda in November for City Counsel.
- B. *Chaplain Honorarium:* Chairman Bishop stated that he brought this to last month's meeting to see if there was any interest to provide an honorarium. Commissioner Jennis motioned to do honorarium same as the board members are receiving; seconded by Commissioner Harris; discussion followed. Commissioner Harris stated that his feeling is that the boards is low and this one is low. Commissioner Robinson stated he thinks that \$100 a year is ample. Commissioner Cooper stated that he doesn't think \$250 is called for. We were elected.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. *Cancer Policy:* Chief Rigney stated that last month we had a workshop concerning this. The policy was sent back to Attorney Donaldson and then also sent to the union for review. Union was fine with it. Chief Rigney stated staff recommends adopting policy 22.27 to allow for Scribner's errors. Commissioner Cooper motioned to adopt policy 22.27; seconded by Commissioner Harris; discussion followed. Commissioner Cooper asked if the employee must remain on District's health plan. Chief Rigney stated yes. Commissioner Robinson asked what our options were. Chairman Bishop stated we are following what legislation passed. Commissioner Harris stated the state has work to do on this. Discussion ended. Motion passed unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Administrative Battalion Chief Johnson stated that the ALS program is going well. E111 went live on October 1st. We currently have 8 charge medics and should have 10 in December. Our COPCN has been approved. Fire Marshal Kwiatkowski reported that the open house is November 2nd from 11:00 to 2:00. Chief Rigney reported that the Change of Command is this Thursday at 6:00 p.m. He also stated that he would like to have Attorney Maggie Mooney come in next month to discuss general legal counsel as Jim Dye will be retiring. Chief Sousa stated it was five years ago in October the as selected as Chief and a lot has been done in those five years. He stated he feels we have an excellent team in place and just wanted to thank the board.

OTHER REPORTS: Administrative Manager Kichar reported that she just completed her Certified District Manager program and gave each board member an updated handbook.

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SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: Chairman Bishop stated that each firm will present in order of short list ranking. He stated that he would not be voting tonight, but the other 3 members are here to vote and the 4th member will be arriving shortly. There are 3 voting members and there is a quorum. The 4th member did arrive prior to the start of presentations. RFQ's for Architectural Services Short List Presentations were completed as follows: Sweet Sparkman Architects, Hall Architects and Fawley Bryant Architecture. After presentations were completed the score sheets were tallied. Chief Rigney stated that Chairman Bishop and Commissioner Robinson did not score. The scorings do not show a clear ranking order. Chairman Bishop stated that he was not sure why Commissioner Robinson didn't vote. Commissioner Robinson stated he wanted to abstain. Commissioner Harris stated he liked the open concept that Hall Architect's presented and ranked them as #1. He is dismayed that our budget isn't what it needs to be and sees that will be a challenge with any of them. Fawley Bryant has been in the community for many years and that is why ranked them as #2. Commissioner Cooper stated it was a difficult process. Hall Architect's were very open about budget and Fawley Bryant similar questions that they can work with us on budget. Commissioner Jennis stated he was impressed with Sweet Sparkman and that they do a lot of government work and have done projects similar to ours. Hall Architect's are out front with talking about the budget right away and the direct approach to solving our problem. Chairman Bishop stated that we have 3 different #1 rankings. After further discussion, Commissioner Cooper switched Hall to #1 and Commissioner Jennis switched Hall to #1. Commissioner Harris stated that it is clear that Fawley Bryant would be #2. Chairman Bishop took a roll call for the rankings. Commissioner Harris: #1 Hall; #2 Fawley Bryant #3 Sweet Sparkman. Commissioner Cooper #1 Hall, #2 Fawley Bryant, #3 Sweet Sparkman. Commissioner Jennis: #1 Hall; #2 Fawley Bryant #3 Sweet Sparkman. The board ranked as follows: #1 Hall Architect's, #2 Fawley Bryant; #3 Sweet Sparkman. Adjournment.

The meeting was called to order at 6:43 p.m. with the following members present: David Bishop, Larry Jennis, Al Robinson; George Harris and Randy Cooper. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence and the oath. Chairman Bishop announced that anyone wishing to provide public comment on any of the agenda items should fill out a Comment Card located at the table by the door and hand them in to the Chief.

Commissioner Harris motioned to rank Hall Architect's as #1; Fawley Bryant #2; Sweet Sparkman #3; seconded by Commissioner Cooper. Discussion followed. Motion passed 3-0 with Chairman Bishop and Commissioner Robinson abstaining.

OATH OF OFFICE CHIEF RIGNEY: Chairman Bishop administered the Fire Chief Oath to Chief Rigney.

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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

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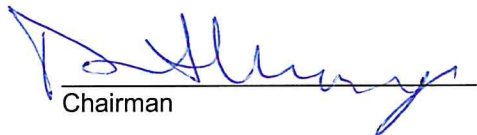
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COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: Commissioner Harris stated that there are a number of things he agrees with on Commissioner Robinson's comments concerning the building. The timing will probably never be right. We are rolling the dice every year when hurricane season gets here. He stated that he can't say he thinks it is a good time to be building and is unconvinced that we should put a shovel in the ground at this time. Commissioner Robinson said "ditto". Chairman Bishop stated that he wanted to let Commissioner Robinson know that he hears him loud and clear and appreciated his passion. The groups that presented tonight are problem solvers. He stated he thinks it would be a good idea for Commissioner Robinson to serve on the committee for the planning. The process will be to enter into negotiations with the firm and the board would have to ratify before money is spent. The group that we hire is going to help us get the best building for the buck. Commissioner Robinson stated he wanted to emphasize one thing and that is we have a bomb shelter at the end of the island. Commissioner Harris stated he would not be able to attend the Change of Command.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Administration building.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Bishop adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.




Chairman


Secretary