

**NOVEMBER 17, 2011  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

**Date:** Thursday, November 17, 2011

**Location:** Administrative Offices, Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue District, 2451 Trailmate Drive, Sarasota, Florida, 34243

**Present:** Charles A. Durant, Chairman; Robert A. Kulchar, Jr., Vice-Chairman; Anthony C. Evans, Treasurer; Mark D. Ruben, Secretary and Commissioner John J. Barry, III. Also in attendance were Interim Chief Michael Johnson, Assistant Chief JR Thayer, Deputy Chief Tim Berry, Fire Marshal Leslie Adent, and Administrative Assistant Debbie Tuckerman. The attached guest list contains signatures of members of the public.

**Call to Order**

Chairman Durant called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

**Invocation/Pledge**

Commissioner Kulchar gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Public Hearing/Ordinance 2011-01**

- **Verification of Public Notice**  
Chairman Durant called for verification of the Public Notice. Administrative Assistant Tuckerman stated the hearing was advertised as required.
- **Second Reading of the Ordinance 2011-01**  
F.M. Adent read the top paragraph of the ordinance.
- **Presentation**  
F.M. Adent presented a brief overview of Ordinance 2011-01.
- **Public Comment**  
Chairman Durant opened the Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m. for Ordinance 2011-01 by asking for public comment.
- **Close of Public Hearing**  
Being no public comment, Chairman Durant closed the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2011-01 at 6:03 p.m.
- **Board Deliberation**  
There were no comments from the Board.

- **Consideration of Ordinance 2011-01**  
Chairman Durant stated the Board has Ordinance 2011-01 in front of them for consideration. *Commissioner Ruben motioned to accept Ordinance 2011-01. Commissioner Kulchar seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*
- **Adjournment of Public Hearing**  
Chairman Durant adjourned the Public Hearing for Ordinance at 6:04 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the October 21, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was previously distributed. *Commissioner Ruben motioned to accept the minutes of the October 21, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- **Financials**  
The October Financials are not available until year-end-close.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **None**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- \* **Fire Prevention Month**  
Fire Marshal Adent reported that there were a total of 32 events throughout the district. Over 5,333 students participated in one of these events during Fire Prevention Month.
1. **Legislation**  
Fire Marshal Adent gave an overview on the lighters and matches legislation that was initiated by Southern Manatee, along with other state and local organizations. The bill is being sponsored by Representative Jim Boyd and a Senate sponsor is being located.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

2. **Pension Committee**  
Assistant Chief Thayer reported that there was no meeting of the Board of Trustees in November. The next scheduled meeting will be January 10, 2012. The September reports were provided in the packet.
- \* **Union Report**  
Adam Chevalier reported that they are still working with the District on the Union Negotiations. The next negotiation meeting is November 23.

### **VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION**

- \* **No meeting in October/next meeting is December 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

**3. Chief's and Departmental Reports**

The reports are for information only. Interim Chief Johnson noted that in previous years there was no meeting in December. He asked that the Board leave the option to meet up to Chairman Durant and if there is no business the meeting will be cancelled. *Commissioner Ruben motioned to allow Chairman Durant cancel December's meeting if there is no business. Commissioner Kulchar seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Durant asked for any public comment and there was none.

**COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS**

There was discussion on when to hold the next Workshop. *Commissioner Ruben made a motion to have a workshop on January 12, 2012. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.**

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Charles A. Durant, Chairman

Attest:

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Mark D. Ruben, Secretary