

GOLDEN GATE FIRE CONTROL & RESCUE DISTRICT

TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING

SEPTEMBER 14, 1989

The tentative budget hearing was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Chairman Steffen; all board members were present.

Chairman Steffen asked his fellow board members if they had any questions concerning the proposed budget.

Commissioner Griffith stated that he had read in the NFPA Manual that combination fire departments normally have a budget for personnel between 40% and 60%. Commissioner Griffith went on to express his feeling that the budget is out of kilter. It seems that we always have problems purchasing things that he feels we need to purchase, like radios, trucks, and equipment.

If you took all of the budget items from page 1 except for legal fees, items 2 and 4 from the second page, and items 4, 5, 11, and 12 from the third page and add all those items up you would have the cost of personnel. In order to bring the personnel costs down to 60% in this proposed budget, you would need to shift \$100,000 from personnel costs to other areas of the budget.

Chairman Steffen stated that he did not feel he or anyone else in the department was qualified to approve the budget and felt that money should be set aside to hire a financial advisor.

Commissioner Young suggested that we look into carrying higher deductibles such as \$500 or \$1,000 on the district's insurances to see if the premiums could be reduced.

Chief Hatcher advised the Board that the district received word yesterday that hospitalization insurance rates will not increase this coming fiscal year. That is a savings of \$11,500 dollars from code #2301 in this proposed budget.

Chief Hatcher then went over a copy of the letter the State Attorney's Office had sent to Collier County. The letter advised the County that administrative fees for collecting impact fees could not be paid for with impact fee monies nor could the County keep any interest earned from impact fee monies.

Chief Hatcher then suggested the Board might consider reallocating the \$11,500 from code #2301 to the following codes:

1. \$1,500 to code #3402 for administrative costs for the collection of impact fees.
2. \$500 to code #4606 for a computer service contract.
3. \$9,500 to code #9902 for "Reserve Leave Credits."

* Chairman Steffen stepped down from the chair to make a motion to set the tentative millage rate at 1 mill for fiscal year 1989/90. Commissioner Griffith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

* A motion was made by Commissioner Young to adopt the budget as written with implementing the following amendments:

Delete \$11,500 from code #2301
Add \$1,500 to code #3402
Add \$500 to code #4606
Add \$9,500 to code #9902

and seconded by Chairman Steffen. The motion passed with Chairman Steffen and Commissioner Young voting yes. Commissioner Griffith voted no.

* Chairman Steffen stepped down from the chair to make a motion to set the final budget hearing date for September 27, 1989 at 7:30 P.M. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Minutes of 9/14/89 Tentative Budget Hearing were approved on 10/10/89.



Commissioner Marvin Steffen

Was absent at 10/10/89 Meeting
Commissioner Wayne B. Young



Commissioner Willard P. Griffith