

AGENDA

GOLDEN GATE FIRE CONTROL & RESCUE DISTRICT

COMMISSION MEETING

Meeting Location: Golden Gate Fire Station
4741 Golden Gate Parkway

October 10, 1989' 7:30 P.M. - 10:30 P.M.

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Opening Comments - Chairman
4. Agenda - Additions/Deletions
5. Approval of Minutes:
 - A. 9/12/89
 - B. 9/14/89
 - C. 9/26/89
 - D. 9/27/89
6. Review of Bills
7. Fire Chief's Report:
 - A. Status of Impact Fees
 - B. New ISO Rating
8. Firefighters' Association Report
9. Everglades Boulevard Exit to I-75 (Chief Hatcher)
10. Administrative SOP's (Chief Hatcher)
11. Administrative Benefit Package (Chief Hatcher)
12. Tuition Assistance for Fall Quarter for Chief (Chief Hatcher)
13. Consideration of House Bill 599 (Chairman Steffen)
14. Emergency Business
15. Comments from Commissioners
16. Comments from Audience
17. Closing Comments - Chairman
18. Agenda Items for Next Meeting
19. Adjournment

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OCTOBER 10, 1989

The board meeting of the Golden Gate Fire Commissioners opened with Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance; Commissioner Young was absent.

Opening Comments - Chairman:

Chairman Steffen stated that he, personally, really appreciated and enjoyed the assistance North Naples Fire Department received from the Golden Gate Fire Department on the house fire in Wyndemere yesterday.

Agenda - Additions/Deletions:

None

Approval of Minutes:

There was a discussion regarding the inclusion of the statement made, for the record, by David Graham found on page 4 of the 9/12/89 minutes.

- * A motion was made by Commissioner Griffith and seconded by Chairman Steffen to delete the, for the record, statement made by David Graham found on page 4 of the 9/12/89 minutes. The motion carried unanimously by the two commissioners in attendance.
- * Chairman Steffen stepped down from the chair to make a motion approving the 9/14/89 minutes as written. Commissioner Griffith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by the two commissioners in attendance.
- * Chairman Steffen stepped down from the chair to make a motion approving the 9/26/89 minutes as written. Commissioner Griffith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by the two commissioners in attendance.

Chairman Steffen stated that he would like for the final budget hearing minutes to show that he also would like to see \$36,000 added back into code #9903 for the tanker.

- * Chairman Steffen stepped down from the chair to make a motion approving the 9/27/89 minutes as amended. Commissioner Griffith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by the two commissioners in attendance.

Chairman Steffen stated that the 9/12/89 minutes should be put back on the agenda for the November meeting.

Review of Bills:

The Board reviewed the bills. The Board did not voice any objections to the bills as presented.

Fire Chief's Report:

Chief Hatcher gave the following oral report to the Board:

A. The County has received 3 additional impact fee payments on new structures that were CO'd before the County realized that they were being built in this fire district. The County did advise that there was one gentlemen that is fighting the legality of these impact fees.

B. The ISO has changed this department's rating from the 6/9 set in July of this year to a 5/9, effective 11/1/89. This was due to the acquisition of the new Class A pumper in May, 1989.

C. Lt. Anderson, injured firefighter, is back on full active duty.

D. Fire Prevention started this week. The Chief thanked Eng. Anderson and Lt. Fischer, along with Asst. Chief Peterson for putting a program together to present to the community. Also, the dog has been very well received by everyone at these programs.

E. The Chief thanked the paid men and volunteers for the outstanding job they did on a house fire mutual aid call for Naples Fire Department.

Firefighters' Association Report:

Chief Hatcher read outloud a report from the association, copy is attached. Chief Hatcher stated that the change in communications came from the Communications Committee set up by the Fire Chiefs' Association. The change is being made to try and reduce non-essential radio traffic on the Control channel.

Everglades Boulevard Exit to I-75:

Chief Hatcher explained that a citizen had requested him to put this item on the agenda. The Chief stated that he had written a letter to DOT about a year ago requesting emergency access from I-75 and the request was denied. The Chief advised the Board that there is now a canal between I-75 and Everglades Boulevard.

The Chairman requested that the Chief send a letter to Mr. & Mrs. Rodriguez advising them that this district is doing all that is possible to obtain emergency access from I-75 to Everglades Boulevard.

Administrative SOP'S:

Chief Hatcher advised the Board that he put this item on the agenda as a reminder for setting up workshops for discussing the proposed Administrative SOP'S. The Board would like this item put back on the agenda for the November meeting, at which time they will look at the SOP'S that are the same as the policies currently in effect and then will discuss the SOP'S that have changes, handling as many or as few as time allows, and to set up workshops for those SOP'S that will require considerable discussion.

Administrative Benefit Package:

Chief Hatcher stated that he had prepared a 2nd draft of the Administrative Benefit Package as the Board had directed at the special meeting on 9/26/89. The Chief then reviewed the 2nd draft with the Board.

Commissioner Griffith expressed his feelings that he wanted this benefit package to be complete in itself and not refer to other documents as under Tuition Refund, Leave, and Disciplinary Action where it refers to the union personnel contract. Commissioner Griffith also expressed his feelings that he would like to have just cause (last two words under

Disciplinary Action) defined. A discussion followed. Commissioner Griffith stated that he was looking for a standard like was found in the letter dated 9/25/89 from Leonard Reina where he referred to Chapter 443.25, Florida Statutes or possibly the Firefighter Bill of Rights may be the standard he is looking for.

Chairman Steffen stated that the Board's intent was to allow an administrative employee the right to appeal to the Board if fired by the Chief and feels it should be spelled out better than it is in this draft.

The Chief will take the Board's suggestions and bring back another draft for their consideration.

Tuition Assistance for Fall Quarter for Chief:

- * Chairman Steffen stepped down from the chair to make a motion to approve the tuition assistance request by Chief Hatcher. Commissioner Griffith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by the two commissioners in attendance.

Consideration of House Bill 599:

Chairman Steffen stated that he wants to make sure the District meets all deadlines and dates as outlined in House Bill 599. The Chairman went on to say that he feels the responsibility of this rests on the Chief's shoulders and the Chief should provide the Board with any updates well in advance of the deadline date.

Chief Hatcher advised the Board that House Bill 599 does not make stipulations much different than the way this fire district has always done things.

Chairman Steffen also stated that he would like the Board to receive any updates on growth management in plenty of time.

Chief Hatcher advised the Chairman that the Board would receive copies of any updates on growth management as soon as he receives them.

Discussion followed regarding the reason for House Bill 599.

Emergency Business:

None

Comments from Commissioners:

Commissioner Griffith stated that during the past month he has been giving a lot of thought about consolidation. When this district went independent he was opposed to it because he felt the people would get more bang for their buck if the fire department stayed with the County. If he had to vote today, he would vote to go dependent with the County and if an agreement could be reached to initiate talks with the County to feel them out and see what kind of a deal could be made, he would be in favor of that.

Chairman Steffen stated he would be strongly opposed to going to the County right now and bargaining to disband the independent district because he doesn't believe that is what the voters in this fire district want. If the voters were to come forward and let him know that was what they wanted then he would certainly go to the County at that time.

Comments from Audience:

There was much discussion as to the different ways this fire district might go about taking a poll on what the residents want for their fire district.

Chairman Steffen stated that he would like the Chief to come back at the next commission meeting with a plan, facts and questions, that could be used for reaching the people through the local newspaper to find out what the public wants.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

1. Approval of 9/12/89 minutes.
2. Administrative SOP's
3. Administrative Benefit Package

Adjournment:

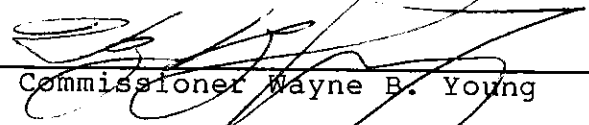
* Chairman Steffen stepped down from the chair to make a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 P.M. Commissioner Griffith approved.

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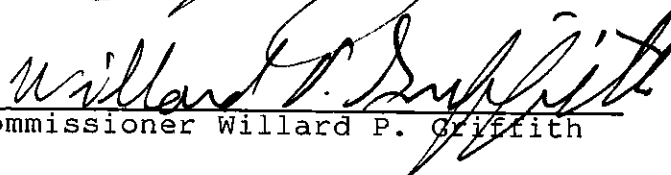
Minutes of 10/10/89 Commission Meeting were approved on
11/14/89.



Commissioner Marvin Steffen



Commissioner Wayne B. Young



Commissioner Willard P. Griffith