

AGENDA

GOLDEN GATE FIRE CONTROL & RESCUE DISTRICT

COMMISSION MEETING

Meeting Location: Golden Gate Fire Station
4741 Golden Gate Parkway
December ¹²~~14~~ 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 11/14/89 Minutes
6. Review of Bills
7. Alternative Methods of Financing Golden Gate Fire Dept.
(Commissioner Young)
8. Legislative Public Hearing (Chief Hatcher)
 - A. Consideration to Seek Millage Increase (Chairman Steffen)
9. Fire Chief's Report
 - A. Letter Sent to Attorney General
 - B. Santa Claus on Fire Truck
 - C. Minimum Manning
 - D. Current Firefighting Equipment List
10. Firefighters' Association Report
11. End of Fiscal Year Financial Statement
12. Set SOP Workshop Dates (Chief Hatcher)
13. Changes to Written Minutes (Chief Hatcher)
14. Annexation of District 1 into Primary District (Chief Hatcher)
15. Amendments to District 1 Contract (Chief Hatcher)
16. Impact Fee Agreement (Chief Hatcher)
17. Letter of Correspondence From Local 3182 to Chief (David MacGregor, Union President)
18. Consideration to Have Auditor Prepare a 5 Year Operating & Projection Report (Chief Hatcher)
19. Union Contract (Chief Hatcher)
20. Emergency Business
21. Comments from Commissioners
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23. Closing Comments - Chairman
24. Agenda Items for Next Meeting
25. Adjournment

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DECEMBER 12, 1989

The board meeting of the Golden Gate Fire Commissioners opened with Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance; all board members were present.

Agenda - Additions/Deletions:

Chief Hatcher requested the addition of "Creating a Hiring List," to be discussed under Emergency Business.

The Board did not voice any objections to the agenda addition.

Approval of 11/14/89 Minutes:

*** A motion was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Chairman Steffen to approve the 11/14/89 minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.**

Review of Bills:

The Board did not voice any objections to the bills as presented including the following purchase orders for amounts over \$500.00:

P.O #3172 - Screen Printing Unlimited - \$1,808.00
P.O. #3176 - Excel Construction - \$1,107.00
P.O. #3217 - Fla. State Firemen's Assoc. - \$597.00

Alternative Methods of Financing Golden Gate Fire Dept.:

Commissioner Young stated that at the last commission meeting he had advised the other board members that Jay Reardon and Chief Martin would like to have the opportunity to speak to the Golden Gate Fire Board regarding ways that they might be able to help generate more funding for this fire district. Commissioner Young went on to state that Chief Martin had sent a letter, copy is attached, stating that the East Naples Fire Board feels it would be appropriate for this Board to contact them in order to schedule a workshop to discuss these options.

Jay Reardon, Collier County Emergency Services Administrator, stated that the county would be willing to sit down with Golden Gate's administrators to discuss these options.

Commissioner Young stated that he would like to see a proposal from the county. Chairman Steffen stated that he felt this should first be pursued through the Fire Service Steering Committee since they are already working with the county and the other fire districts.

- * A motion was made by Commissioner Griffith and seconded by Commissioner Young directing the Chief to set up a workshop with the East Naples Fire Board and to also direct the Chief to consult with Collier County officials and report the findings back to the Golden Gate Fire Board. The motion passed with Commissioner Griffith and Commissioner Young voting yes. Chairman Steffen voted no.

Legislative Public Hearing:

Chief Hatcher reminded the Board of the Legislative Delegation public hearing to be held on 1/18/90 and of the deadline date of 1/4/90 for all proposals for local bills, copy of letter included in the December agenda packet.

Chairman Steffen stated that he would like to see this district propose a 1 mill tax increase and opened up the item for discussion.

Commissioner Young stated that the only way he would vote for this district to pursue a tax increase again would be to hire a professional marketing company to present it to the public. After much discussion:

- * Chairman Steffen stepped down from the chair to make a motion directing the Chief and staff to prepare a proposed 1 mill tax increase in bill form to be put before the voters of Golden Gate Fire District at the next general election in November 1990 and that the district is to retain the services of a marketing public relations firm. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion passed with Chairman Steffen and Commissioner Young voting yes. Commissioner Griffith voted no.

Chairman Steffen stated that he felt the report that Chief Hatcher is to prepare showing level of service comparisons between a 1 mill tax and a 2 mill tax, would show Commissioner Griffith the need for this tax increase.

Assistant Chief Peterson asked Chairman Steffen for direction as to exactly what he was looking for in the report he had requested Chief Hatcher to prepare. Chairman Steffen stated that he would like to see manpower (suppression and inspections but mostly suppression), apparatus, other equipment, and response time (including multiple calls) dealt with in the report.

- * Chairman Steffen stepped down from the chair in order to amend the previous motion to include direction for the staff to prepare all of the proper paperwork for requesting a millage increase to be received by Representative Hawkin's office before the January 4th deadline. Amendment was seconded by Commissioner Young. Amendment was passed with Chairman Steffen and Commissioner Young voting yes. Commissioner Griffith voted no.

Fire Chief's Report:

Chief Hatcher gave the following oral report to the board:

- A. Letters were sent to the Attorney General and the Auditor General requesting direction on the spending of impact fee monies. The Attorney General has advised of the receipt of the letter. The Auditor General has mailed a reply, copy is attached.
- B. The department will be taking Santa Claus around again this year like usual on Christmas Eve.
- C. It would be very difficult to provide a cost to the district for minimum manning. The board did not feel a need for it at this time and guesstimated the annual cost to be between \$5,000 and \$6,000.
- D. Explained that the commissioners had been given copies of this year's and last year's equipment list so that they could see the dramatic increase this department has made in this area during the past year.
- E. Advised the Board that he just returned from the second phase of a four part class at the National Fire Academy.
- F. Advised th Board that he will be out of town over Christmas and will be back in the area before New Years.

G. Advised the Board that there will be a workshop on House Bill 599 in February at Orlando and this department is planning on sending a representative. Also, the Department of Community Affairs has established a Special District Information Program and the administrative costs for that program will be partially borne by the special districts (fee not to exceed \$175). Copy of letter is attached.

H. Paperwork has been received from PERC acknowledging the Union officially as Local 3182.

I. Mentioned the memo regarding smoking areas which have been designated in the bay area (except during public meetings) and outside.

J. Advised the Board of the letters of commendation given to Eng. Swab, Eng. Beauvais, Lt. Anderson, Eng. Bristow, F.F. Estes, Vol. Edwards, Vol. Price, Vol. Lee, Vol. Ward, Vol. Seeley, and a Marco firefighter for a job well done at a tragic accident on November 29th at CR 951 and Davis Blvd.

K. Advised the Board that David Estes was hired from the current hiring list on 11/27/89. David is EMT certified and that he is currently on B shift.

L. The emergency telephone signs on Golden Gate Blvd. that the Board had authorized to purchase have been installed by the county at no charge.

Firefighters' Association Report:

Ward Seeley read outloud a report from the Association, copy is attached.

Chief Hatcher advised the Board that the department has a newly designed shoulder patch and daily uniform shirt, and presented each commissioner with a shirt and patch.

End of Fiscal Year Financial Report:

Chief Hatcher stated that this was a carry over item from last meeting and pointed out that this was the ending financial statement for fiscal year 1988/89 which shows the department with an end of year carry over in the amount of \$110,448.71 instead of the anticipated \$90,000.00.

Set SOP Workshop Dates:

Chief Hatcher suggested that these dates be set for after the holidays. The Board will set the dates at their January meeting.

Changes to Written Minutes:

Chief Hatcher stated that in order to eliminate any confusion he would prefer changes to the minutes be done at a board meeting.

- * A motion was made by Commissioner Young stipulating that any changes made to the minutes will be done during a public board meeting. Motion passed with Chairman Steffen and Commissioner Young voting yes. Commissioner Griffith stated that he had no objections.

Annexation of District 1 into Primary District:

Chief Hatcher stated that he wanted to make the commissioners aware that there has been talk amongst the other fire chiefs regarding annexation of the District 1 area into their respective districts. The only district that has made a reply is East Naples and they intend to postpone any consideration for another year. The Chief recommended the Board postpone any discussion of this until such time that more firm information has been received.

Amendments to District 1 Contract:

Chief Hatcher advised the Board that there have been no major changes from last year and then read aloud the contract to the Board. The Chief went on to advise the Board that East Naples is holding off on signing the contract until the county resolves as to what happened to approximately \$119,000 that was not received by the 5 districts who were under contract to protect District 1. The Board would like the Chief to secure an answer from the county and to put this item on January's agenda.

Impact Fee Agreement:

Chief Hatcher advised the Board that the district's attorney has reviewed the proposed interlocal agreement dealing with the county collecting our impact fees. The attorney felt that no fees should be charged for collection of impact fees and agreed to negotiate with the county on the district's behalf.

- * A motion was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Griffith to authorize the district's attorney to negotiate a no fee for the collection of impact fees with Collier County on the district's behalf. If the attorney's fees go over \$500.00 for the negotiating, this item should be brought back before the Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Letter of Correspondence From Local 3182 to Chief:

David MacGregor, Union President, read outloud the memo regarding the hiring of a non-certified firefighter written to the Chief, copy was included in the 12/12/89 agenda packet. Chief Hatcher read outloud his memo written in response, copy included in the 12/12/89 agenda packet.

Chairman Steffen stated that upon looking back he felt he made a mistake voting to hire from the current hiring list in lieu of hiring a certified firefighter. Commissioner Young stated that it would have been a slap in the face to the volunteers if the current hiring list was not used and still feels that the volunteers should receive first chance at any job openings.

Consideration to Have Auditor Prepare a 5 Year Operating & Projection Report:

Chief Hatcher stated that the Board had discussed having a 5 year plan professionally done during the Special Planning Meetings held last summer and asked for direction from the Board regarding the auditors offer to provide one for us. Chairman Steffen stated that he would rather spend the \$11,000 that it would cost for this report to be put towards the tax increase. Commissioner Young agreed with this.

Union Contract:

Chief Hatcher stated that all board members had been provided with draft copies of the changed pages in the union contract. The Chief went on to explain that the changes do not involve money except for an increase of \$250 for EMT certification and an increase of \$50 for tuition assistance.

The Union presented a proposal for salary increases to the Board, a copy is attached.

- * A motion was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Chairman Steffen to authorize a 5% pay increase, a 3% longevity scale, and a \$250 increase in EMT certification to be retroactive to 10/1/89. Motion passed with Commissioner Young and Chairman Steffen voting yes. Commissioner Griffith voted no.

Emergency Business:

Creating Hiring List - Chief Hatcher advised the Board that North Naples, East Naples, Marco Island, and Golden Gate are forming a joint hiring list from which all four departments will draw their future firefighters from.

At this point, when Commissioner Griffith walked out of the meeting, Chairman Steffen recessed the meeting and went outside after Commissioner Griffith.

Chairman Steffen called the meeting back to order and asked for the record to show that right after voting on the last order of business, Commissioner Griffith walked out of the meeting. Chairman Steffen recessed the meeting and went after Commissioner Griffith to get him to return to the meeting. Commissioner Griffith refused to come back to the meeting.

Chief Hatcher went on to advise the Board that the joint testing would be held on January 8,9,10.

Chief Hatcher then presented the Board with a draft copy of a concept being discussed by the fire chiefs to charge for burn permit authorizations and for flow testing. Commissioner Young and Chairman Steffen supported this concept.

Comments from Audience:

The Volunteer Association asked the Board if they could have a copy of the minutes each month. The Board agreed to this.

The Union would like to ratify the contract during January's meeting and requested a draft copy of the contract for their meeting to be held the first week in January.

Steve Bellman stated that the volunteers were fully behind the career men but that there were some areas that the volunteers felt they needed more consideration. Chief Hatcher asked the volunteer board to meet with him in order to resolve their problems.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Consideration to Purchase Bunker Gear with Impact Fees

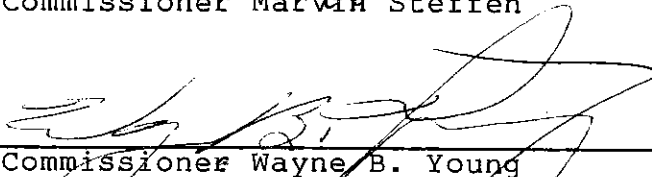
Adjournment:

- * Chairman Steffen stepped down from the chair to make a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 P.M. Commissioner Young seconded the motion.

Minutes of 12/12/89 Commission Meeting were approved on 01/09/90.



Commissioner Marvin Steffen



Commissioner Wayne B. Young



Commissioner Willard P. Griffith