

AGENDA

GOLDEN GATE FIRE CONTROL & RESCUE DISTRICT

4741 Golden Gate Parkway

DATE: November 17, 1993

TIME: 6:30 - 10:00 P.M.
Recess if not Completed

1. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Presentation of MDA Award
4. Approval of Minutes, Date(s): 10/20/93; 11/10/93

5. Old Business:
 - A. Discussion on Administrative Employee Reviews

6. New Business:
 - A. Approval to Renew Employee Assistance Agreement
 - B. Schedule Additional Planning Sessions

7. Reports:
 - A. Operations
 - B. Expenditures
 - C. Association
 - D. Union

8. Adjourn

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COMMISSION MEETING

NOVEMBER 17, 1993

THESE ARE JUST HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING. REFER TO THE RECORDED TAPE IF MORE INFORMATION IS NEEDED.

The board meeting of the Golden Gate Fire Commissioners opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation; all board members were in attendance. There were approximately 11 people in the audience.

Approval of Agenda:

- * A motion was made by Commissioner Budd and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Presentation of MDA Award:

Chairman Strain turned the meeting over to Captain Fischer who introduced Debbie Rockwell, District Director of MDA. Ms. Rockwell gave a brief explanation of the work MDA does. She went on to say that for many, many years firefighters have been one of MDA's biggest sponsors. Ms. Rockwell extended a special thanks to the Golden Gate Firefighters who had raised close to \$8,500 this year. Out of more than 200 fire departments in Florida Golden Gate raised the most money for the second year in a row. She then presented the firefighters with a trophy and individual certificates.

Approval of Minutes, Date(s): 10/20/93; 11/10/93:

- * A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Budd to approve the minutes as written for the 10/20/93 Commission Meeting and for the 11/10/93 Planning Session. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on Administrative Employee Reviews:

Chairman Strain asked the other two commissioners if they had gotten back with their suggestions in order to have them collated and assembled for review. Since more time was needed, Chairman Strain requested this item be put on the agenda each month until finalized.

Approval to Renew Employee Assistance Agreement:

Chief Peterson advised this was an annual agreement with the David Lawrence Center that is provided to both paid and volunteer staff and their families. The agreement is for 39 employees. After some discussion, the board decided to renew the agreement for the current amount of 31 employees.

- * A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Budd to approve the renewal of the Employee Assistance Agreement for 31 employees. Motion passed unanimously.

Schedule Additional Planning Sessions:

Commissioner Budd would like the other commissioners to decide on what direction they want this Fire District to go in when making plans for the future. Is it going to be feasible in the coming year to go to the community for a referendum for a tax increase? Commissioner Smith wanted to know if the District is getting full credit for the property in its taxing district and suggested an audit. After some discussion Chairman Strain suggested that a spot check be done to see if there is a reason to take the time to go any further.

Chairman Strain stated that the board needs to discuss plans for right now and future plans for stations, equipment, manpower, etc. Commissioner Budd stated that plans should be made on the amount of money the District has to deal with right now. He feels the District should look into the time frame for the next opportunity to ask for a tax increase.

Chairman Strain suggested a financial format of funds for the next three years at the present tax base rate (reasonable increase based on population) be provided for the planning session. This information would be used to discuss both impact fee and general fund revenues when deciding on how and what year to add firefighters, equipment, and for looking at property and station locations. Commissioner Budd would like, in writing, the time frame for the next opportunity to go to referendum for a tax increase. Much discussion followed.

The board set the next planning session for Wednesday, December 1st from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.

Operations Report:

Chief Peterson gave the following oral report:

1. Will not be at the next commission meeting. Will be at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland from December 6th through December 17th.
2. Provided copy of a demographic of voters in the District.
3. Attorney has given us a draft copy of a letter that will go to the Attorney General regarding the contract with David Reeves. The attorney asked us to review it and get back to him with any corrections or changes A.S.A.P. He is going to try to get the letter off this week.
4. Auditor started with the audit field work this past Monday.
5. Commissioner Budd, Chief Peterson and the District's attorney met with County staff regarding the building contract. Some headway has been made with resolving some of the issues. They did send a package with copies of some of the bills. They have indicated as far as utility expenses as to what they can and cannot document. Commissioner Budd stated they conceded \$45,000 of the architectural fees belonged to the design of the North Naples facility. Were not able to obtain detailed documentation for two or three large suppliers such as Krehling Industries. Commissioner Budd went on to say they will pull specific invoices we request but reluctant to pull every invoice because of amount of staff time involved.
6. Have met with the union negotiating team. Have had some productive discussions and are making some headway. Will meet again this coming Monday when inhouse and salary issues will be discussed.
7. Brush fire season has begun; fires are being intentionally set in the south blocks.
8. Gave congratulations to the entire department for their MDA activities. Expressed his feelings that for the size of this department it was a significant achievement.

Expenditures:

- * A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Budd to approve the expenditures as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Volunteer Association Report:

No report.

Union Report:

The president, David Anderson, stated that he was glad to see that both the planning sessions and negotiations were going well.

Adjournment:

- * A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Chairman Strain to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of the 11/17/93 commission meeting were approved on 12/15/93.



Commissioner Mark Strain



Commissioner Gene Smith

Commissioner Russell Budd