

**WEST MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

*Minutes of September 10, 2019
Administration Building*

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. with the following members present: David Bishop, Larry Jennis, Al Robinson and George Harris. Commissioner Randy Cooper was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence and the oath. Chairman Bishop announced that anyone wishing to provide public comment on any of the agenda items should fill out a Comment Card located at the table by the door and hand them in to the Chief.

PUBLIC HEARING 2019 Fire Assessment Certification Resolution 2019-05: Chairman Bishop called the Public Hearing to order. Administrative Manager Kichar verified that the public notice was advertised in the Bradenton Herald. Chairman Bishop opened for public comment. There was no public comment. Chairman Bishop closed the public hearing. Commissioner Jennis motioned to approve Resolution #2019-05 for the 2019 Fire Assessment Certification; seconded by Commissioner Harris; motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING 2019-2020 Budget Adoption Resolution #2019-06: Chairman Bishop called the Public Hearing to order. Administrative Manager Kichar verified that the public notice was advertised in the Bradenton Herald. Chairman Bishop opened for public comment. There was no public comment. Chairman Bishop closed the public hearing. Commissioner Harris motioned to approve Resolution #2019-06 for the 2019-2020 Budget Adoption; seconded by Commissioner Jennis; motion passed unanimously.

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Gary Howcroft a local resident, stated that with the administration building, coming from a former department that had a new administration building, as soon as they moved in, they outgrew it. They ran out of storage. The next topic was on the cancer workshop. He had inquired how many working fires we respond to. BC Rigney stated a handful.

CONSENT AGENDA: Commissioner Harris motioned to approve consent agenda as presented; seconded by Commissioner Jennis; motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

CARRIED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None

OLD BUSINESS:

A. *New Administration Building:* Battalion Chief Rigney reported that the due diligence is still being performed and a closing date will be set when completed. Everything is progressing well and there are no red flags. Commissioner Jennis asked if the use change has been completed yet. Rigney stated it still has to be filed.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. *Chaplain Honorarium:* Chairman Bishop stated that he had wanted this added to agenda. Last month we swore in our new chaplain. He stated he would like to consider an honorarium for the position. Commissioner Harris stated that a chaplain's role is essential and having an honorarium makes it easy to retain one. He asked if the chaplain would accept. Chairman Bishop stated he has not discussed this with him. Commissioner Robinson stated he thinks \$100 would be good. Commissioner Jennis agreed with doing an honorarium. Chairman Bishop stated we will keep this on the agenda for next month to discuss further.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Battalion Chief Rigney stated that the open house is scheduled for October 26th, but he just found out that Palma Sola Elementary is doing their fall round up on the same day so we might have to

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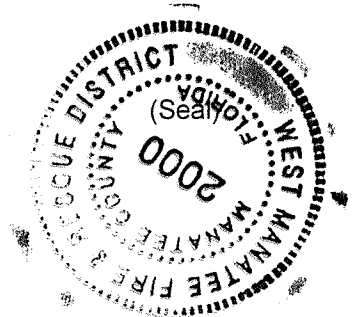
change our date. We had a crew staged at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando and they have returned. We are in process of doing interviews tomorrow for the Administrative Battalion Chief replacement.

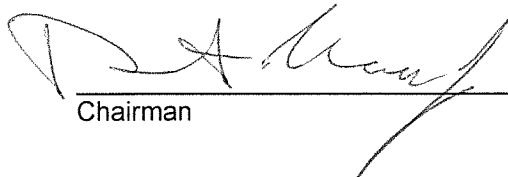
OTHER REPORTS: Administrative Manager Kichar stated with the emergency meeting just being on August 30th, it was too late to get in for this consent agenda, will be with next month's packet.

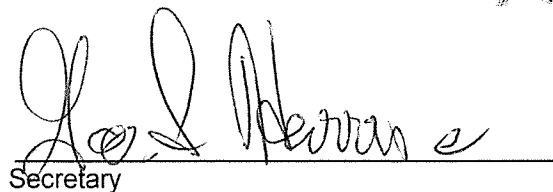
COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: Commissioner Robinson stated he has a conference next month and would like to be excused from board meeting. Commissioner Harris stated that after listening to the public comment from Mr. Howcroft, when St. Pete built their administrative building they outgrew right away as well. We might want to consider going another 10% for sq. ft. Chairman Bishop stated that office space per sq. ft. is cheaper than a fire station.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Administration building.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Bishop adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.




Chairman


Secretary