

DESTIN FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT
Special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners
Main Station
848 Airport Road
Destin, Florida 32541

December 23, 2020

Minutes

Commissioners present: Rick Moore, Tommy Green, Jack Wilson, and Mike Buckingham

Commissioners absent: Bob Wagner

Staff present: Chief Kevin Sasser and Division Chief Kathryn Wagner

Also present: Attorney George Smith

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Moore.

Chairman Moore stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the method of funding for the purchase and sale agreement for the real property located at 127 Calhoun Avenue, Destin, Florida 32541.

Public Comments

None

Review and approve the method of funding for the purchase and sale agreement for the real property located at 127 Calhoun Avenue, Destin, Florida 32541 – Chief Sasser advised the Board that Trustmark Bank could not provide public financing in the structure we need without establishing a special purposes entity, and this could not be done by December 28, 2020.

Chief Sasser requested that the Board proceed with the purchase of the property by utilizing Impact Fees in the amount of one million one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$1,150,000.00), Unassigned Funds in the amount of seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000.00), and borrowing from the Asset Fund up to the amount of six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000). Chief Sasser stated the Board could determine at a later meeting how it intends to reimburse the asset fund.

Chief Sasser also requested the approval of resolution 21-04 to purchase the property located at 127 Calhoun Avenue, Destin, Florida 32541 through incurring debt, utilizing Impact Fees and Unassigned Fund, and by borrowing from the Asset Fund.

Commissioner Green motioned to utilize the Asset Fund up to the amount of six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000.00), seconded by Commissioner Buckingham. Commissioner Wilson asked if the intent is to reimburse the Asset Fund at a later date. Chief Sasser stated the District will reimburse the Asset Fund at a later date. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wilson motioned to utilize the Unassigned Funds up to the amount of seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000.00), seconded by Commissioner Green. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Green motioned to approve Resolution 21-04, seconded by Commissioner Buckingham. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Buckingham advised the Board that he is in receipt of the boundary survey and noted that he would provide Chief Sasser a copy for review. Commissioner Buckingham also noted that Jenkins and Associates are working on the footprint for the housing.

Discussion ensued on future financing needs for the construction of the new station. Chief Sasser advised the Board that District staff members are working on the needs for construction and apparatus for the new station and will bring their recommendations to the Board at a later date.

Commissioner Buckingham asked if the District is allowed to manage the construction of the new station and RFP the sub-contracting needs. Chief Sasser stated he would discuss the matter with Attorney DC Matthews.

Public Comments

None

Adjournment:

With no additional business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.