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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

121 CONNECTICUT AVENUE

DECEMBER 21, 2010
5:00P.M.

ATTENDANCE: Carol Andreoli, Chair; Mayor Richard A. Moccia, Commissioner
Michael Coffey

STAFF: Fire Chief Denis McCarthy; Deputy Chief Laurence Reilly; Fire
Marshal Glenn Iannaccone; James Haselkamp, Director of Personnel;
Local 830 Union President Lefty Petrides

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Andreoli called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting - November 23, 2010

**** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 23, 2010 MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.**

**** COMMISSIONER COFFEY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. ACTION ITEMS

There were no items to discuss.

3. FIRE CHIEF REPORT

- a. 10/11 Budget Report – No Report
- b. 11/12 Budget Report –

Chief McCarthy reported that the plan that was present to the Board last June included the new station on Connecticut Avenue and the expansion of the station on Westport Avenue. The assignment of additional firefighters to the Westport Avenue station will be permanent. This will help with staffing and better distributing personnel throughout the City. This is in the Capital Budget.

Regarding the staffing in the Rescue truck, Chief McCarthy reviewed the vacancies and explained that a Lt. and Capt. would be hired in January for staffing of the Rescue truck. Chief McCarthy also reviewed the details and allocation of the finances. He added that application for Funding for the Emergency Dispatch Center Grant would be sent in during January.

c. Fire Station Project Report –

Current estimate for the new station is 15.1 million dollars; the projected cost was 14 million. Part of that costs would be including the IT department in the building. This will also avoid building a station Cranbury station.

Chief McCarthy distributed copies of a proposed floor plan to the Commissioners and reviewed the tentative layout. He also displayed tentative plans for the Westport Avenue station. The windows and the HVAC unit will be replaced to improve energy efficiency. The main station will be a certified LEEDS building. Chief McCarthy said that Jim Himes has spent a significant amount of time on this

Union President Petrides left the meeting at 5:18 p.m. in response to a duty call.

4. ASSISTANT CHIEF REPORT

a. Operations Report

Assistant Chief Reilly distributed copies of a Notable Incident Report to the members of the Commission and reviewed the highlights of it. The Mayor complimented the Department on evacuating the resident who was wheel chair bound at one of the fires.

5. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

a. Emergency Management update - No report.

6. TRAINING REPORT

- a. Recruit Training**
- b. Educational Comments**
- c. Recruit Hiring**

Copies of Deputy Chief Gatto's report were distributed to the Commissioners.

7. FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

a. Summary of Activities

b. Fire Reports

Fire Marshal Iannaccone reviewed the details and findings regarding the three major November fires with the Commissioners. Discussion followed.

8. UNION PRESIDENT REPORT

There were no items to discuss.

9. OLD BUSINESS

There were no items to discuss.

10. NEW BUSINESS

There were no items to discuss.

11. PERSONNEL

**** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ORDER TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL ISSUES.**

**** COMMISSIONER COFFEY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Commission, Fire Chief McCarthy and Mr. Haselkamp entered into Executive Session at 5:29 p.m. to discuss Personnel Issues. They returned to public session at _____.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COMMISSIONER COFFEY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** MAYOR MOCCIA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at _____.

Respectfully submitted,

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