

WAKE COUNTY FIRE COMMISSION MINUTES

Special Called Session **Thursday, May 03, 2001** *ADOPTED 5/17/2001*

The Wake County Fire Commission met for a Special Called Session on Thursday, May 03, 2001, at 4:30 p.m. at the Wake County Public Safety Center, Room C170, 330 South Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Ray Echevarria called the meeting to order. Roll of members:

Members Present: Ray Echevarria, Director-Fire/Rescue Division
Darrin Holt, West Region/Primary
Mark Melvin, South Region/Alternate
Jimmy Nobles, Citizen/Consumer (late)
Ned Perry, Citizen/Consumer
Donald Pierce, South Region/Primary
David Price, President of Firefighter's Association
Rodney Privette, East Region/Alternate
A.C. Rich, North Region/Alternate (late)
Ron Roof, North Region/Primary
Charles Sannipoli, Citizen/Consumer
Bonnie Woodruff, Citizen/Consumer

Members Absent: Cloyce Anders, External Facilitator*
Tony Chiotakis, West Region/Alternate*
Herb Council, Wake County Commissioner
Buddy Scarboro, Wendell Town Representative*
Tom Vaughan, East Region/Primary*

Staff Present: David Cooke, County Manager
Joseph Durham, Deputy County Manager
Frank Cope, Administrative Services Coordinator I
Raymond Boutwell, Budget & Management Director
John Rukavina, Public Safety Director
Peter Ray, Budget & Management Analyst
Charles Ottaway, Deputy Fire Marshal
Sherry Scoggins, Executive Secretary

PRESENTATION BY DAVID COOKE, COUNTY MANAGER

Report on Fund Balance and Debt Service Review & FY 01-02 Fire Budget:

For Mr. Cooke's presentation, the following handouts were distributed and reviewed:

- ✧ White Notebook with Wake County Fire Department Fiscal Analysis for 1998, 1999 and 2000 for each Wake County Fire Department
- ✧ 3 Year Debt History – Budgeted (dark blue sheet)
- ✧ 3 Year Net Cash History – Audit Data (light blue sheet)
- ✧ Net Cash Balance – Audit Data (light green sheet)
- ✧ Net Cash and Debt (yellow sheet)
- ✧ Draft Wake County Fire Tax Increase Recommendation, July 1, 2001 – June 30, 2005 (purple sheet)
- ✧ Total Budget Requests (bright pink sheet)

Mr. Cooke introduced the new Deputy County Manager Joseph Durham to the Wake County Fire Commission and guests.

The presentation focused on an overview of all the county fire departments.

The FY00-01 fire tax rate is 7 cents – 6.5 cents for operating budget and .5 cents for the capital budget. For FY01-02, Mr. Cooke proposes the fire tax rate of 9 cents – 6.5 cents for operating budget and 2.5 cents for the capital budget.

Mr. Cooke will present his budget recommendation to the Board of Commissioners on May 17th at 10 AM. Public hearings on the budget are scheduled for June 4th at 2 PM at the Wake County Court House and for June 4th at 7 PM at the Wake County Commons Building. On June 11th the Board of Commissioners will have a work session to discuss the budget. If everything proceeds on schedule, on June 18th, the Board of Commissioners will approve the budget for FY01-02.

Mr. Sannipoli made a motion to send letter of support for the capital budget change and he would write the letter. Mr. Ned Perry seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chief Robert Pearce of Wake New Hope questioned if his department would receive less funds this year than last year. Mr. Cooke referred him to Mr. Echevarria. Mr. Echevarria stated that after tonight's meeting, would begin setting up meetings with the individual departments to discuss operating budgets.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 5:28 PM, Mr. Charles Sannipoli motioned to adjourn. Ms. Bonnie Woodruff seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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