

WAKE COUNTY FIRE COMMISSION
Thursday, January 19, 2006
Adopted Minutes

(Audio Replays of the meeting are available upon request)

A regular meeting of the Wake County Fire Commission was held on Thursday, January 19, 2006, 7:00 PM, in the Wake County EMS Training Facility located in the lower level of the Commons Building, Cary Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina. Ms. Ann Suggs presided as Chair and called the meeting to order.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The following members were present: Chief Scott McCollum, Ms. Sue-Lynn Hinson, Ms. Ann Suggs, Mr. Billy Myrick, Mr. Dewey Poole, Chief Tom Vaughn, Chief Tony Mauldin, Mr. Michael Fletcher, Chief Mike Cooper, Chief Rodney Privette and Chief Chris Wilson and Chief Mark Haraway.

Members absent were: Chief Paul Dunwell, Senator Vernon Malone, Commissioner Harold Webb, Mr. Lucius Jones,

Mr. Billy Myrick gave an invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ray Echevarria requested to remove the item "Fire Tax District – Financial Update" from the agenda, and to move the item "CAD Reconfiguration to Dispatch by Fire Insurance District Boundary" from the regular agenda to the information agenda.

With the change noted and upon a motion of Chief Tom Vaughn, seconded by Mr. Dewey Poole, the Fire Commission unanimously approved the agenda of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion of Mr. Billy Myrick, seconded by Mr. Dewey Poole, the Fire Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the November 17, 2005, regular meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA

COMPENSATION PLAN - MARKET STUDY

Ray Echevarria introduced Public Safety's new Business Manager, Jakeema Dawkins. Jakeem introduced Mr. Paul Boyles, the consultant working on the market

study. Paul Boyles provided the Fire Commission an update on the market study and answered questions on the process.

Market study results will be presented to the compensation committee, and the committee will offer a recommendation to the Fire Commission in March.

FY 07 BUDGET PROCESS

Budget and Management Analyst Ben Canada provided a copy of the FY 07 budget calendar and budget forms. Upon motion of Mr. Billy Myrick, seconded by Mr. Dewey Poole, the Fire Commission unanimously approved a motion to approve the budget forms and the budget calendar with a change in the May Fire Commission meeting date to May 4, 2006, with an alternate date of May 11, 2006.

FIRE STATION CLOSURE EVALUATION PROCESS

Ray Echevarria provided copies of draft process for fire station closure evaluation and draft budget approaches for fire station closure.

Upon second to Mr. Dewey Poole's motion to adopt the documents, the Fire Commission unanimously approved Mr. Poole's motion (Chief Mike Cooper recused himself from the vote.)

RESOLUTION ADOPTING NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) FOR USE IN WAKE COUNTY

Mr. John Rukavina informed the Fire Commission that the Wake County Board of Commissioners has approved a resolution adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS) for use by agencies in Wake County and suggested that the Fire Commission approve the similar resolution provided to the Fire Commission. Upon motion of Chief Mike Cooper, seconded by Mr. Dewey Poole, the Fire Commission unanimously approved a motion adopting NIMS.

INFORMATION AGENDA

CAD RECONFIGURATION TO DISPATCH BY FIRE INSURANCE DISTRICT

Ray Echevarria provided a copy of the document titled, Transition Plan to Fire Chief's Recommended CAD Setup. Ray Echevarria informed the Fire Commission that at a meeting of fire chiefs on Tuesday, January 17, 2006, the group of fire chiefs recommended to maintain the current CAD configuration, to continue making improvements, and to revisit the issue in six months.

FIRE SERVICE LONG RANGE PLAN BUSINESS PLAN

FIRE APPARATUS UPDATE

Chief Tom Vaughn updated the Fire Commission on the purchase of replacement apparatus.

FACILITY UPDATE

Mr. Billy Myrick informed the Fire Commission that the County is obtaining permits for HEERY Phase II and dormitory improvements at Rolesville and Garner.

STAFFING UPDATE

Chief Mark Haraway informed the Fire Commission that the committee is working on several issues including a process to evaluate staffing expansions and the issue of an accidental death and disability insurance policy for volunteers. Upon motion of Mr. Dewey Poole, seconded by Chief Mike Cooper, the Fire Commission unanimously approved a motion to send the issue of a uniform accidental death and disability insurance policy to protect volunteers to the Staffing Committee, to review and compare what fire departments currently have, and work to bring back a uniform package.

UPDATE ON WESTERN WAKE STATION #2 EVALUATION

Ray Echevarria informed the Fire Commission that a meeting was held with the Board of Directors for Western Wake Fire Department and that the closure evaluation process is continuing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TURNOUT GEAR COMMITTEE

Ray Echevarria provided an update for the Turnout Gear Committee. Orders are being placed, and a turnout gear inspection class will be held in March.

CHAIR REPORT

Ms. Ann Suggs thanked all committee members for their hard work

FIRE/RESCUE SERVICES DIRECTOR REPORT

Ray Echevarria informed the Fire Commission of upcoming committee meeting dates. Ray Echevarria provided copies of minutes from the CAD/800 Users Group Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

John Rukavina informed the Fire Commission that Chief Scott McCollum is the fire service representative on the CAD/800 MHZ Ops. Group.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chief A.C. Rich informed the Fire Commission that the Raleigh Fire Department will be coming on the 800 MHZ radio system soon.

Chief Scott McCollum inquired about the mobile radio repeaters. Programming issues and procedures need to be resolved before the repeaters can be deployed.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Wake County Fire Commission is scheduled for Thursday, March 16, 2006.