

**BOARD OF FINANCE
Budget Subcommittee
SUMMARY MINUTES
May 15, 2019, 3:00PM
WATER DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM**

Members in Attendance: Bob Dippong, Ken Reinhold, Jack Travis, David Loeffert, Mark McClintock, Sharon Williams

Members Absent: Lowell Suplicki (excused), Charles Gamble (excused), George Nigro (Excused), London Bates (excused), Richard Toenjjes (excused)

Others Present: Deputy Chief Erich Thiemann, Theresa Smalling

City Staff: Les Tyler, Ashley Kimpton, Sonya Walling

Call to Order: In Lowell Suplicki's absence, Bob Dippong called the Subcommittee meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made and seconded to approve meeting minutes from April 24, 2019. One minor correction was noted, and the minutes were approved as amended.

Budget Report: Ashley Kimpton gave a brief update on the Business Plan, and advised that staff has begun preparing the FY 2020 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget. Bob Dippong requested some historical detail on items such as electrical and utility costs for review.

Discussion on the FY 2020 budget continued and guests Deputy Chief Erich Thiemann and Theresa Smalling were introduced.

Fire: Deputy Chief Thiemann gave a brief overview of Fire's FY 2020 budget requests. He advised the Subcommittee that the Department's request for a Lieutenant was withdrawn. County funding request has been submitted, and the department is waiting for a response. A new fire engine has been budgeted in FY 2020.

Deputy Chief updated the subcommittee on the new EOC/Fire Training Facility. Design and development is complete, and the RFP for construction is in review. He clarified that the anticipated funding from the State is not a grant, but a contribution.

Detailed discussion regarding the Burn Tower, and Deputy Chief explained the problems the department has meeting ISO training requirements due to scheduling conflicts with existing facilities. He believes the Fire Training facility in Dunedin would attract fire departments from North County. Consideration will be given to revenue opportunities; either for use of the facility, or in the building and development of it.

Risk Management: Theresa Smalling discussed the RFP that went out for a Benefits Consultant. She advised the subcommittee that the Florida League of Cities did not respond, and the RFPs that were received are in review and will be presented to City Commission at the second workshop in June.

Theresa gave background on risk management and Gehring's involvement. She explained the high reserves in the Risk Safety Fund are in anticipation of catastrophic events similar to past hurricane's that cause extensive damage, and gave an overview of the coverages. She continued with briefly discussing FEMA, and the impact our coverages have on future FEMA reimbursements.

New construction is already being taken into consideration for future costs in insurance and risk premiums. She closed her discussion by giving an overview of the City's process with settling claims.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on June 19, 2019, at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 p.m.