

**WAKE COUNTY  
FIRE COMMISSION  
Thursday, January 16, 2020**

**Draft Minutes**

*(Audio Replays of the meeting are available upon request)*

A meeting of the Wake County Fire Commission was held on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM, at the Wake County Emergency Services Education Center, Rogers Lane, Raleigh, North Carolina.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Fire Commission Vice Chairman Lee Price called the meeting to order.

The following members were present: Vice Chairman Chief Lee Price (Firefighters Association President), Bob Stagg (Citizen Consumer), Commissioner Matt Calabria, Chief Tony Mauldin (South Region), Chief Garland Johnston (West Region), Chief Tim Pope (North Region), Chief Chris Perry (East Region) and Satish Garimella (Citizen/Consumer), Lucius Jones (Citizen/Consumer).

The following County officials and staff were present: Fire Services Director Nick Campasano, Fire Services Deputy Director Darrell Alford, Budget Analyst Michael Gammon, Fire Services Deputy Director Braxton Tanner, Fire Services WC-1 Lee Guppton, and Fire Services Department Business Officer Diana McBride.

Vice Chairman Chief Lee Price called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Chief Chris Perry provided the invocation and Vice Chairman Price led the group with the pledge of allegiance.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**ANNUAL ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Wake County Fire Services Director Nick Campasano opened the annual nominations for the Fire Commission Chairman and Vice Chairman position. The nominees for the Fire Commission Chairman position were Chief Lee Price and Chief Keith McGee. Chief McGee was elected as the Fire Commission Chairman with a 6 to 2 vote. Chief Lee Price was the only Vice Chairman nominee and was elected as the Fire Commission Vice Chairman. Due to the Fire Commission being an advisory board to the Wake County Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Calabria abstained from election process.

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 21, 2019 REGULAR MEETING**

A motion was made by Lucius Jones and seconded by Garimella Satish to adopt the November 21, 2019 Regular meeting minutes. The motion to adopt the November 21, 2019 minutes was carried unanimously by the Fire Commission.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Wake County Fire Services Deputy Director Darrell Alford requested from the Commission the latitude to share some information from the Apparatus Committee after the presentation. With the request, the agenda was approved by the Commission with a motion being made by Bob Stagg and seconded by Chief Tony Mauldin.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **2020 CENSUS PRESENTATION**

Wake County's Planning Development and Inspections Director Tim Maloney provided a public service announcement presentation on the 2020 census.

### **APPARATUS COMMITTEE CHAIR CHANGE**

Deputy Director Alford reported that Deputy Fire Chief Jim Jones submitted a letter of resignation as Chairman of the Apparatus Committee effective January 16, 2020. Deputy Chief Jones recommended Ben Griffin as his replacement. With that recommendation, Deputy Alford requested the appointment of Ben Griffin as the Apparatus Committee Chairman. Vice Chairman Price made the appointed as recommended.

## **INFORMATION AGENDA**

### **FIRE TAX DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT**

Wake County Budget and Management Analyst, Michael Gammon provided the Commission with the current fiscal year financial report and opened the floor to questions. No questions from the Commission.

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## **STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES**

### **Administrative Subcommittee:**

The Administrative Committee is continuing working on the long-range plan.

### **Apparatus Subcommittee:**

The Hopkins vehicle is due to be out in late March, early April and Western Wake to follow soon after. The Fuquay ladder should be out next week. Eastern Wake's Car 20 is expected to be back next week.

### **Budget Subcommittee:**

The budget submittal deadline is January 24, 2020. Individual department meetings with Michael Gammon will take place February 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Communications Subcommittee**

The Communication Committee has successfully put in place reduction in processing calls by dispatching after getting some key info and then revising the call when more information is obtained.

### **Equipment Subcommittee:**

No report.

### **Facilities Subcommittee:**

The generator bid has been awarded; funding is being secured with the Rolesville Fire Department. Work should begin in the next few weeks.

### **Training Subcommittee:**

No report.

### **Volunteer Recruitment & Retention Subcommittee**

To date the Volunteer Workforce Solution grant has had 139 internet base interest inquires, and an increase of 49 volunteers. The SAFER grant period of performance started December 19, 2019 and is made up of 3 areas (reimbursement of turnout gear, travel to and from essential school, duty crew). The grant is a two-year period of performance covering 25 volunteers per year.

## **CHAIR REPORT**

The Health and Wellness committee is being established. Bob Stagg suggested involving the community.

## **FIRE SERVICES REPORT**

No report.

## **FIRE TRAINING CENTER REPORT**

The recruit academy class currently has class has 29 recruits.

## **GOOD OF THE GROUP**

Chief Staples gave an update on the Wendell Falls station, it's expected to be running out of the station by April 1, 2020.

**ADJOURNMENT—**

The meeting was adjourned by Chief McGee at 7:33pm.

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