**Town of Melbourne Beach**

**MINUTES**

**SPECIAL TOWN COMMISSION MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 16, 2021 @ 5:30 pm**

**COMMUNITY CENTER – 509 OCEAN AVENUE**

**Commission Members:**

Mayor Wyatt Hoover

Vice Mayor Joyce Barton

Commissioner Steve Walters

Commissioner Sherrie Quarrie

Commissioner Corey Runte

**Staff Members:**

Manager Elizabeth Mascaro

Town Clerk Jennifer Torres

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Absent

Mayor Wyatt Hoover Commissioner Sherrie Quarrie

Vice Mayor Joyce D. Barton Commissioner Corey Runte

Commissioner Steve Walters

Staff Present:

Town Manager Elizabeth Mascaro

Town Attorney Cliff Repperger

Town Clerk Jennifer Torres

Public Works Director Tom Davis

Fire Chief Gavin Brown

1. **Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence**

Led by Mayor Hoover

**IV. Public Comment**

**VI. New Business**

1. Consideration and continued review of the proposed FY 2021/2022 Budget

Town Manager Mascaro explained the recent updates and edits to the FY 2021/2022 Budget, including;

* The addition of sidewalk placement from Andrew to Palm with an estimated cost of $18,000.
* The addition of $300,000 annually for storm water repair which would result in $1 million every three years.

Fire Chief Brown reviewed the Fire Department budget and answered Commission questions related to new trucks vs. older models and size variables.

The Fire Department adheres to NFPA guidelines which recommend that a primary fire truck should not be more than 10-15 years-old and after 25 years the vehicle should not be used at all – adding that while they may look nice on the outside – on the inside the parts are old and could pose serious safety issues.

In comparison, both the Indialantic and Indian Harbour Beach Fire Departments are on a 20 year fire truck replacement cycle. Satellite Beach is on a 15-18 year replacement cycle.

The MBVFD needs two fire engine trucks – so that if one is down for maintenance – there is another that can be used. Maintenance can take two weeks.

The price for a new entry level fire engine is $550,000, while a used engine from 2012 (with about ten years left on life) is about $240,000. However a used engine comes with issues such as no warranty and used parts which cause maintenance costs to be higher.

In other municipalities, Satellite Beach is purchasing a new truck for $550,000 and Indian Harbour Beach is spending $700,000.

Chief Brown said new trucks come equipped with the newest safety technology and most up-to-date safety standards and suggested the Town purchase one truck new and try to preserve the second one as long as it is feasible. He went on to discuss financing options, saying most municipalities finance at 3-percent for 5-7 years and the last two the Town financed for 15 years each. The current engines include one from 2004 (which he would like to replace in 2024) and the other engine is from 2007 and should be replaced in 2023 because it takes time to order the truck and equip it.

Chief Brown said that in regard to the squad car, they plan to run it to the end of its life span and when the time comes to replace it, they will replace it with a utility vehicle instead.

Financing options were further discussed.

Moving on, Town Manager Mascaro discussed a Mobile Situational Training program for the Police Department at a cost of $29, 695. This program can be done on-site and is interactive. The department keep the software – so it is able to be used again and again.

The program allows officers to keep their skills fresh.

Commissioner Walters said he felt this was a good idea.

Town Manager Mascaro said she will adjust the budget again, adding the Fire Department costs.

Mayor Hoover thanked the Town Manager for adding stormwater to the capital plan and said he had no qualms with how much money they are going to spend – but the Commission must justify all expenses and provide residents more specifics. Therefore would like a specific plan as to what projects they are doing, when, and why.

The Commission agreed to review the budget again in early July.

**VII. Adjournment**

**Commissioner Walters moved to adjourn; Vice Mayor Barton seconded; Motion carried 3-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.