

**WAKE COUNTY
FIRE COMMISSION
Thursday, April 15, 2021**

Adopted Minutes

(Audio Replays of the meeting are available upon request)

A virtual meeting of the Wake County Fire Commission was held on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Fire Commission Chairman Chief Keith McGee called the meeting to order.

The following members were present: Chairman Chief Keith McGee, Commissioner Matt Calabria, Commissioner Maria Cervania, Chief Tony Mauldin (South Region), Chief Tim Pope (North Region), Chief Brian Staples (East Region), Chief Chris Perry (East Region), Chief Matt Poole (South Region), Lucious Jones (Citizen/Consumer), Billy Myrick (Citizen/Consumer), Satish Garimella (Citizen/Consumer), Bob Stagg (Citizen/Consumer) and Bob Overton (Citizen/Consumer).

The following County officials and staff were present: Fire Services Director Darrell Alford, Wake County Chief Operating Officer Johnna Sharpe, Fire Services Deputy Director Joe Vindigni, Fire Services Business Officer Diana McBride, Budget Analyst Aaron Brown and Michael Gammon.

Fire Commission Chairman Chief Keith McGee called the meeting to order at 7:06pm. He also provided the invocation and led the group with the pledge of allegiance.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

ADOPTION OF THE JANUARY 21, 2021 FIRE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

A motion to approve and adopt the January 21, 2021 Fire Commission Meeting minutes was made by Bob Stagg and seconded by Chief Tony Mauldin. The motion was carried unanimously by the Fire Commission.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Chief McGee requested to reverse the order of the agenda to ensure adequate review and discussion of the FY22 recommended budget presentation. A motion was made by Commissioner Calabria to approve the agenda with the suggested reversal. The motion was

then seconded by Bob Stagg and the approval of the agenda was unanimously approved by the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

REGULAR AGENDA

PRESENTATION AND RECOMMENDATION OF FY22 FIRE TAX DISTRICT BUDGET

Director Alford and Budget Analyst Michael Gammon presented the FY22 Fire Tax District budget presentation. The recommended budget has been presented and accepted by the Budget Committee and the County Managers Office. It was also presented and well received by the Public Safety Committee. The Commission did not have any questions for Michael. A motion to accept the FY22 Fire Tax District budget was made by Bob Stagg and seconded by Chief Brian Staples. The motion was carried unanimously by the Commission.

LONG RANGE PLAN GUIDING PRINCIPALS & STANDARDS RECOMMENDATION

Since the long-range plan had previously been presented, Chairman McGee opened the floor for discussion. The discussion was divided into two parts, the language of the standards as written and whether to adopt or recommend. There were no issues with the language of the standards as they were written.

The Commission then discussed adoption versus recommendation of the standards. Bob Overton suggested that the Fire Commission adopt the plan to prevent the waste of the hard work put into the plan by the Committee and to give the report value. The Commission acts as a recommending committee and shared concern about overstepping roles. The adoption of the plan would be premature without the cost data to support the full implementation of the plan. Upon discussion, a motion was made by Lucious Jones, to accept the motion as written. The motion was seconded by Satish Garimella and was carried unanimously by the Commission.

GOOD OF THE GROUP

Chief Tony Mauldin, Director Alford and the Commission thanked Michael Gammon for his service to the Fire Commission.

ADJOURNMENT—

The meeting was adjourned by Chief McGee at 8:46pm.