



Mike Mackey, Fire Chief

CITY OF LANSING
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
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SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2020 | 5:30 PM | DIGITAL / REMOTE MEETING

1. Call to Order – Establish Quorum – All Attended

- ✓ David Keeney
- ✓ Kathleen Tobe
- ✓ Gina Nelson, Vice Chair
- ✓ Lucianna Solis
- ✓ Steve Purchase, Vice Chair
- ✓ Rodney Singleton
- ✓ Wyatt Ludman

2. Communications Test and Verification:

2.1. All participants can hear and be heard

3. Request for Commissioners to be Excused: None

4. Additions to Agenda: None

5. Public Comment – Agenda Items (Time Limit: 3 Minutes): none

6. Review Communications: Chair Purchase

6.1. Two City Attorney email exchanges:

- 6.1.1. 1st question: If commission had the power or authority to amend a budget. Answer: The Commission needs to respond with a yes or no vote on a presented budget as approved or non-approved. The board can also include recommendations with their approval or non-approval.
- 6.1.2. 2nd question: The timing of approval. Answer: In the future the board should begin the budget review sooner in the process. The board will take an internal initiative in Dec/Jan for the FY22 Budget.

7. Comments from Chair : no further comments

8. Educational Presentations: none

9. Fire Administration Report: none

<u>FIRE COMMISSIONERS</u>	
1 ST WARD	VACANT
2 ND WARD	DAVID KEENEY
3 RD WARD	KATHLEEN TOBE
4 TH WARD	GINA NELSON – VICE CHAIR
AT-LARGE	LUCIANNA SOLIS
AT-LARGE	STEVE PURCHASE - CHAIR
AT-LARGE	RODNEY SINGLETON
AT-LARGE	WYATT LUDMAN

10. Committee Reports : none

11. Old Business: none

12. New Business

12.1. Budget vote at the 4/8/20 meeting. After the meeting immediate concerns were brought forth by Commissioner Ludman along with others regarding communication issues and concern that potentially some commissioners could not hear or be heard during the discussion and vote. The proper way to handle is by a Motion to rescind the vote. Then another Motion to vote on approval of the budget that contains additional updates since the 4/8/2020 budget was presented. This will allow for discussion.

12.1.1. A Motion was made by Commissioner Ludman and supported by Commissioner Singleton to rescind the 4/8/2020 vote to approve the FY2021 Lansing Fire Department budget.

12.1.1.1. Discussion: Commissioner Ludman expressed the importance of understanding the power and responsibility the board has to approve/disapprove these types of items. Government budgets have many layers. It is the board's responsibility to properly voice its concerns.

12.1.1.1.1. Vote: A unanimous roll-call vote was received to rescind the 4/8/2020 vote to approve the FY2021 Lansing Fire Department budget. Motion carries.

12.1.2. A Motion as made by Commissioner Ludman and supported by Commissioner Keeney to move approval of the FY2021 Departmental Budget as amended and authorize the Chair to send a budget transmittal letter along with the approval or non-approval of the budget.

12.1.2.1. Discussion and review followed of the amended budget that was amended after 4/8/2020. As presented by Commission Chair Steve Purchase, the workable operating budget after fringes and fixed costs are accounted for is \$1,751,400. The controllable budget saw a net reduction of 7.8 %. Chair Purchase drilled down through the line items. After discussion concerns arose regarding the updated budget figures.

12.1.2.1.1. A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner Ludman to table the vote until Chief Mackey has sufficient time to review and comment on the amended budget figures; and reconvene on Monday, April 20, at 4:30 p.m.

12.1.2.1.1.1. Discussion followed

12.1.2.1.1.1.1. Vote: A unanimous vote was received by roll-call vote. Motion carries to table the vote until Chief Mackey has sufficient time to review and comment on the amended budget figures; and reconvene on Monday, April 20, at 4:30 p.m.

13. Commissioner Comments: none

14. Public Comment – On any matter (Time Limit: 3 minutes): none

15. Adjournment: 6:32 p.m.

Minutes Approved by unanimous vote at the May 13, 2020 Monthly City of Lansing Fire Commission board meeting:

Patti Starnes

Patti Starnes, LFD Administrative Specialist/Fire Commission Secretary

Next meeting: Monday April 20, at 4:30 p.m.