

CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR OCOEE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ocoee Fire Station 25
563 S. Bluford Avenue
Ocoee, Florida

May 9, 2024

MINUTES

6:00 PM

- **CALL TO ORDER**

The CACOFD meeting was called to order by **Chair Legvold** at 6:00 PM, in the Station 25 Conference Room, located at 563 S. Bluford Avenue, Ocoee.

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed by **Chair Legvold**, followed by a Moment of Silence.

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum: Recording Clerk Ferrer performed roll call and declared a quorum present.

Members in Attendance: Chair Legvold, Vice-Chair Kepler, Members Ochoa, Fletcher, Channell, Washington, Vaughn, Moyer, and Richardson.

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Commissioner Firstner, Deputy Chief Van Camp, and Recording Clerk Ferrer

- **BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION**

A. Old Business: Approval of Minutes for February 8, 2024

Motion to Approve February 8, 2024, Minutes; Moved by Member Fletcher, seconded by Member Washington. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board members received their free backpack gift on the way into the meeting.

The Open House at Station 25 was a success, and the board held a forum discussing the progress and improvement that can proceed in the future for the Fire Department.

The music festival was a great improvement over the previous years. For future events, the members would like to have more trinkets available.

B. New Business:

Chair Legvold lead the discussion on the breakfast for the Fire Department's retirees, and recommended it be held at The Breakfast Club, at the same time as last year. A brief discussion ensued.

Member Fletcher made a motion for a maximum of \$500 for the Retirement Breakfast to be held in August, seconded by Member Washington. Motion carried unanimously.

This motion was previously approved on November 11, 2023, for the same maximum amount of \$500.

Deputy Chief Van Camp informed members of the following: 1) New upgrades to Ocoee Fire Department Station 25, 2) New Tower Truck, 3) Hiring of 2 New Firefighters, and 4) One Sponsor with a three-year commitment. He further shared the Fire Explorer Program has tentative plans to begin as soon as all the

details are complete. **Deputy Chief Van Camp** explained how this program works and the idea behind having this program available in the City. He also spoke about the ceremony the Fire Department will have in October for any new employees.

C. Under Construction: City Growth:

Commissioner Firstner delivered an update on the growth and upcoming development in Ocoee. Upcoming builds will be new the Ocoee Village Center which includes apartments, townhomes, multifamily units, restaurants, gas stations, hotels with parking garages, and a sports complex. There is still pending information to whether there is going to be a red light at the Hackney-Prairie intersection.

- **SET NEXT AGENDA**

Chair Legvold received input from the members and set the agenda for the next meeting, which will be held on August 08, 2024. The agenda will be established as below:

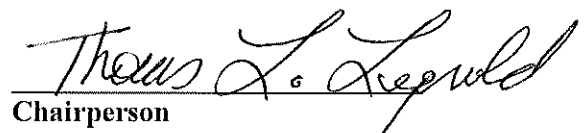
- A. Old Business – Approval of Minutes for May 09, 2024
- B. New Business
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- **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS** – None

- **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM

ATTEST:


Recording Clerk


Chairperson