

TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA

TOWN COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

Town Commission Meeting Room

4501 Ocean Drive

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER, MAYOR ROSEANN MINNET

Mayor Roseann Minnet called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice Mayor Jerry McIntee, Commissioner Jim Silverstone, Commissioner Stuart Dodd, and Commissioner Birute Ann Clotey were present. Also present were Town Attorney Daniel L. Abbott, Town Manager Esther Colon, and Town Clerk June White.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

3. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

a. To discuss fire rescue and emergency medical dispatch services

Vice Mayor McIntee explained dispatch was crucial to the public safety of the Town and if prompt and rapid dispatch was not maintained it could cost lives. He said that since July the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea has had problems with dispatch. Vice Mayor McIntee asked Attorney Abbott to report on those issues.

Attorney Abbott believed that initially the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) agreed to provide dispatch services for fire services by the Volunteer Fire Department (VFD). He added that the dispatch services for emergency medical services were slightly different in that 911 calls would be transferred to the Town's emergency responder American Medical Response (AMR) who would provide dispatch services from that point. Attorney Abbott said AMR representative Brooke Little expressed concerns as to whether that system would be workable. He said that a meeting had taken place between AMR, BSO, and VFD personnel where these concerns were expressed and there was discussion on how dispatch would be implemented. He added that there was continued contact with BSO to inquire as to

whether a decision had been made, and in which a decision was not made.

Discussion followed with the Commission agreeing that the Broward Sheriff's Office was preventing a smooth transition for the Volunteer Fire Department. It was suggested that a written notice be issued to the Sheriff.

Manager Colon stated that a meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at the Public Safety Building between AMR, VFD, and BSO to address the issues at hand.

Major Kyle Berwick of the Broward Sheriff's Office said there was a lack of clarification on the issues. He added the issues needed to be researched and were more complex than anyone thought. Major Berwick assured the Commission that dispatch services would be taken care of.

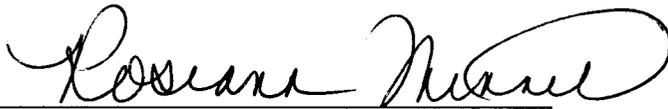
The Commission wanted assurances that radios would be up and running by October 1, 2008, that there would be no delays in dispatch, and that dispatch knew that people living in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, particularly Terra Mar, lived in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea and not in Ft. Lauderdale. The Commission also wanted assurance that the transition would occur on October 1, 2008 or before. Major Berwick gave his assurance.

Mayor Minnet was confident that the Broward Sheriff's Office, the Volunteer Fire Department, and American Medical Response would work together and make the transition happen. She thanked Mayor Kyle Berwick for coming.

Joyce Murray wondered why the meeting was called.

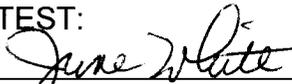
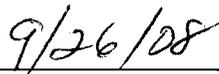
4. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Dodd made a motion to adjourn. With no further business before the Commission, Mayor Minnet adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.



Mayor Roseann Minnet

ATTEST:


June White, Town Clerk
Date