

# BULLHEAD CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT



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## Special Public Meeting

### Budget Workshop

June 4, 2018

Roll Call      Chairman: David Cummings  
Board Member: Chuck Moore  
Board Member: Ralph Mauzy  
Board Member: Karen Flenniken  
Board Member: Heather Petrillo

Staff:        Acting Fire Chief: Scott Neal  
Assistant Fire Chief: Patrick Moore  
Administrative Manager: Paula Acker

Chief Moore presented a revised copy of the total budget that would be discussed in this meeting, which included retaining the current tax rate of \$3.15, a step raise for employees currently eligible. The entire bond amount for the 3 years period; and a projected carryover of approximately \$700,000. Chief Moore and Chief Neal started the meeting by explaining the budget is balanced for the most part, there will be some line items that will have to be fine-tuned for each department although the bottom line will not change. Chief Moore stated this budget includes a step raise for those employees that are entitled to a step raise this year and the tax rate is set at \$3.15 which is the same as last year.

Chairman Cummings asked about the turnout budget line item and if they would be included in the bond budget, Chief Moore stated a new set would be covered under the bond, although we still have to maintain the original set we have and replace as needed out of this budget.

Chief Moore stated the dive team equipment of \$20,000 to replace masks, which also comes out of this budget.

Chief Moore asked the Board to possibly make a decision at the Board Meeting to adopt the tentative budget to increase the tax rate a few cents to allow for a cost of living adjustment (COLA) and capital needs as follows:

\$3.15 \$9,075,214 current rate  
\$3.18 \$9,161,645  
\$3.20 \$9,219,265  
\$3.25 \$9,363,316

Chairman Cummings stated he does not think the citizens would appreciate an increase especially after the Bond issue has passed. He asked if there were a choice between a step increase or COLA which would the department like to have. Chief Moore stated a COLA would go across the department, and a step would only be granted to those who have not topped out.

Chairman Cummings stated he does not want to increase the tax rate due to the Bond.

Chief Moore stated he will send out to the Board this afternoon a breakdown of different tax rates and options of costs, and at tomorrow's tentative adoption meeting of the budget the Board will be adopting essentially the rate, which will dictate the bottom line. He stated the current budget that is before the Board now is built on the \$3.15 rate.

The Board had a discussion on different line items and money allocated for them. Chief Moore stated the bottom number of the budget would stay the same, although there will be adjustments and consolidation within the line items through the budget before final adoption before July 1, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Recorded by,



Paula Acker  
Administrative Manager

Approved by,



David C. Cummings, Chairman  
Fire District Board



Charles Moore, Board Clerk  
Fire District Board