

WEST PALM BEACH ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS



LOCAL 727 • ESTD 1894

Our union stood in support of the fire assessment fee with the understanding that the funds would be used in accordance with the commission's 2019 guidance. This guidance was agreed on record during a commission meeting.

The citizen's fire assessment fee was created to stabilize the fire dept budget. This fee was not meant to balance the general fund. If the fee is used to balance the general fund it is no different than property tax.

Commission Meeting 8/26/19 part 2 <https://vimeo.com/channels/781232/356198501>

The city Manager verbally confirmed these items during the commission meeting:

1. Two new fire trucks to increase the level of service to our community.
2. 9 additional firefighters to staff these two trucks. The number is actually 18 which equals the amount of \$ confirmed. However, on record, the city manager stated 9.
3. \$3 million dollars appropriated directly to these items. Technically, it is 2.8 million needed to fulfill these items.
4. Commissioners requested quarterly reporting and an increased level of transparency of where the money is allocated

To date, only one item has been fulfilled. One additional fire truck was placed in service in October 2019.

Fraternally,

Jayson E. French, President

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