

WEST PALM BEACH  
**ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS**



LOCAL 727 • EST<sup>d</sup> 1894

September 13th, 2020

**Re: Statement on the Fire Assessment Fee**

Dear Ms. Matkivich,

While the Fire Assessment Fee has proven to be a valuable stabilizing asset for the Fire Department it has also become a target for the city to use in their budgetary shell games. Items previously budgeted in the general fund budget are constantly being moved into the Fire Assessment Fee Fund without any additional gain for the Fire Department or residents. Your West Palm Beach Firefighter/Paramedics continue to support and advocate for the Fire Assessment Fee but ask the residents continue to call for a greater level of transparency and accountability on how this resource and how the freed-up general fund resources are being allocated.