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**CONSOLIDATION OF SERVICES STUDY COMMISSION
FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: April 6, 2006

Location: Agenda Conference Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 400 S. Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801

Members in Attendance: Jimmy Goff, Chairman
Kathy Putnam
Don Ammerman
Frances Pignone
Jim Kallinger

Members Absent: Cari Coats
Carolyn Fennell (arrived just after meeting ended)

Staff in Attendance: Denny O'Neil, Executive Director

Others in Attendance: Mark Oakes, Assistant Chief, OFD
Jim Reynolds, Deputy Chief, OFD
Linda Rhinesmith, City of Orlando Economic Development Manager
Kathy Miller, Deputy Chief, OFD
Matt McGrew, OCFRD

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Goff called the meeting to order at 3:03 p. m.

DISCUSSION OF DRAFT COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Goff suggested that to clarify the Committee's position on consolidation, he would welcome a motion stating consolidation is ~~now~~ not recommended. Commissioner Pignone said that she thought that Commissioner Knox's comment at the last CSSC meeting was that the findings and conclusions didn't support a non-consolidation recommendation. Commissioner Putnam stated that that's not what she interpreted Commissioner Knox's comments to mean. Commissioner Pignone asked that the Executive Director review the tape of the last CSSC meeting and pass on to Committee members what Commissioner Knox actually said.

Commissioner Ammerman provided members with a brief explanation of how he constructed the motion he was about to make. Commissioner Ammerman then made the motion that the Committee consider adopting the following recommendation: "That, because the Committee found that neither efficiencies

in service delivery nor economies of scale would result from consolidation of services, and because bigger is not necessarily better, neither the Orange County and City of Orlando Fire Departments nor their services be consolidated.” Commissioner Putnam seconded the motion.

Chairman Goff asked for discussion. Following discussion on the 911 Centers and on Commissioner Knox’s comment at the last CSSC meeting, Commissioner Goff called the question and the motion passed 4-1, with Commissioners Goff, Ammerman, Putnam and Kallinger voting aye and Commissioner Pignone voting nay. Commissioners Coats and Fennell were absent.

Commissioner Pignone made the motion that it be indicated in the Side-by-Side (Appendix to the Report) that “The response time to calls does not reflect the number of seconds or minutes when one Center has to call the other Center.” The motion died for lack of a second.

Next, Commissioner Pignone made the motion “that a finding be added to the effect that there is no reason why the Communication Centers should not be consolidated based on evidence given by the Orange County Fire Rescue Department.” The motion failed for lack of a second.

Lastly, Commissioner Pignone made the motion “that there be a finding that our records indicate that the cost of service per thousand in the City of Orlando is 61 percent more than Orange County’s cost, as reflected in the Side-by-Side” (page 10 of Appendix G to the Committee Report.) The motion died for lack of a second.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p. m.

Jimmy Goff
Committee Chairman