A Fire & Emergency Prep Committee meeting of the James Island Public Service District (JIPSD) Commission was held at 6:30 p.m. on April 29, 2019, in the conference room of the JIPSD offices located at 1739 Signal Point Road, James Island, South Carolina.

Present at the meeting were the following members: Inez BrownCrouch, Chair, who presided; Sandi Engelman, Eugene Platt and Alan Laughlin, ex-officio.

Also present were: Commissioner Marilyn Clifford; Commissioner Meredith Poston; Commissioner Kathy Woolsey; Mayor Bill Woolsey; Robert Wise, Administrator; Tamara White, Administrative Coordinator; Lisa Kluczinsky, Director of Human Resources; Chris Seabolt, Fire Chief; Tom Glick, Deputy Fire Chief; Shawn Engelman, Deputy Chief of Administration and JIPSD Safety; David Major, Facilities Maintenance Specialist and Officer Aaron Scruggs, Charleston County Sheriff's Office.

Ms. BrownCrouch called the meeting to order.

Ms. BrownCrouch led the invocation and moment of silence, followed by the pledge to the flag of the United States of America.

- 1. The Freedom of Information Act Report In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of this meeting and its agenda were provided to all news media and persons requesting notification.
- 2. The roll was called.
- 3. Executive Session
 - A. Ms. BrownCrouch moved to enter into executive session to discuss the job description of the Fire Chief, seconded by Ms. Engelman. The motion failed due to a tie as follows:

Ms. BrownCrouch Aye Ms. Engelman Aye

Mr. Laughlin Nay Mr. Platt Nay

- B. **Mr. Platt moved to adjourn. The motion died due to lack of a second.** A prolonged discussion followed about the reason for going into executive session and changing job descriptions. Mr. Platt stated for the record that he thinks they are veering into a slippery slope with context and perhaps even the tone of the conversation...just like "The place is falling apart" is pretty strong and its going too far into an area that is not appropriate for concession.
- C. Ms. BrownCrouch moved to direct the District Manager to change the job description of the Fire Chief and the Deputy Fire Chief. Mr. Platt made a friendly amendment and moved that the Fire & Emergency Prep Committee recommends to the full Commission to direct the District Administrator to review the job description for the Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief. Mr. Platt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously. Further discussion followed. Mr. Laughlin asked the Human Resources, Administration and Fire Department if they would agree, for 30 days, to let him take over direction of the Chiefs. Chief Seabolt stated that he has no issue with the request. Ms. Kluczinsky stated that she really does not know what the issue is and has not been privileged to hear what the Chief has said to the Commission, other than he does not want the JarPat on any of the Chiefs' job descriptions. Further discussion followed.

- D. Mr. Laughlin moved to stop the clock for 30 days on any personnel action and when all of the meetings are done, the board Chair will be notified so that he can be there as well. Ms. BrownCrouch seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.
- 4. Ms. Engelman moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. BrownCrouch seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.
- 5. Mr. Platt adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Meredith Poston

Secretary MP/TW