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INSURANCE ADVISORY BOARD
101 NW 3rd Avenue, 11th Floor
Tower 101 City Office
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2025 – 8:00 a.m.

MEMBERS	ATTENDANCE	CUMULATIVE 1/25 – 12/25	
		PRESENT	ABSENT
Mark Schwartz, Chair	A	1	1
Joe Piechura, Sr., Vice Chair	P	2	0
Steve Botkin	P	2	0
David Cooley	P	2	0
Ted Hess	P	2	0
Jonathan Perrillo	P	2	0
Henry Sienema	P	2	0

Staff

Guy Hine, Risk Manager
Matthew Cobb, Assistant Risk Manager
Alisha Auth, Senior Claims Adjuster

Communications to City Commission

None.

1. Roll Call (including number of appointed members and quorum)

Vice Chair Piechura called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. All members attended in person. As of this date, August 6, 2025, there are seven (7) appointed members to the Insurance Advisory Board, which means four (4) would constitute a quorum. Roll was called and it was determined there was a quorum at this time.

2. Approve Minutes

None.

3. Communications to City Commission

None.

4. Unfinished Business

None.

5. New Business

- **Motion to Approve Workers' Compensation Excess Insurance Policy Quote**

Mr. Hine advised the Board that the City's workers' compensation insurance policy would be renewing on October 1, 2025. He advised that after discussions between the City and Brown & Brown, contracted insurance broker, a renewal with the current carrier, Safety National Casualty Corp., was requested for the upcoming October 1, 2025 – October 1, 2026 policy renewal period.

Mr. Hine advised that Brown & Brown had secured a not to exceed renewal quote of \$662,583. The renewal quote resulted in a 12% premium increase for this policy year as compared to last year. He advised that the City's premium rate increased by 5% due to high exposure claims and the City's payroll had increased by 7% which was the reason for the premium increase.

The premium for the prior year was \$591,592 and the renewal's not to exceed premium would be \$662,583. The Board proceeded to discuss this item and asked a few questions regarding the policy. Vice Chair Piechura requested a claims array be requested from the carrier to review at a future meeting.

Motion by Mr. Sienema, seconded by Mr. Perrillo and Mr. Botkin, to approve the workers' compensation insurance policy from Safety National Casualty Corp. for a not to exceed premium of \$662,583. In a voice vote, the **motion passed unanimously**.

6. Open Discussion – Old/New Business

- **New Virtual Meeting Attendance**

Mr. Hine reviewed the new virtual meeting attendance ordinance with the Board and confirmed that they had all received a copy.

Steve Botkin advised that he would be absent from the meeting in September.

7. Schedule Next Meeting – September 3, 2025

8. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, Vice Chair Piechura adjourned the meeting at 8:20 a.m.

Minutes Prepared By: Matthew Cobb