

AGENDA

PARRISH FIRE DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING

August 6, 2026 – 6:00p.m.

- 1. Open meeting for the Parrish Fire District**
- 2. Prayer and Pledge**
- 3. Public Comment**
- 4. Resolution 2026-02 FPL Agreement**
- 5. Resolution 2026-03 42-hour Work Week**
- 6. Interlocal Agreement TRT 636**

If any person desires to appeal any decision of the Fire Commission or of any other Board or Commission of the Fire District, that person will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. F.S. 286.0105

The Parrish Fire District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability status in employment or in provision of services. Disabled individuals may receive special accommodation in services on one working days' notice. F.S. 286.011 (6)

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Public comment

All citizens wishing to speak to the Commission on an agenda item or a future agenda item must complete a speaker card. A citizen, after being recognized by the Chairman, should come to the podium and, for the public record, state their name and address and state whether they are in favor of or against the agenda item they wish to address. The length of time each citizen may address the Board of Commissioners shall be limited to two (2) minutes

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Resolution 2026-02

Understanding agreement between the Parrish Fire District and Florida Power & Light for specialty emergency services provided.

COMMISSION ACTION NECESSARY

**Motion to approve/disapprove Resolution 2026-02
Second, Vote.**

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Resolution 2026-03 42-hour work week

Ballot Language for the 2026 November election, for the public to determine if they will approve a flat rate increase of \$68.00 for each residence in the Parrish Fire District, so the district can hire a D-Shift crew. Changing the work hour from a 52-hour work week to a 42-hour work week.

COMMISSION ACTION NECESSARY

**Motion to approve/disapprove Resolution 2026-03
Second, Vote.**

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Interlocal Agreement Manatee County TRT 636

An interlocal agreement between Parrish Fire District and Manatee County Technical Rescue Team.

COMMISSION ACTION NECESSARY

**Motion to approve/disapprove Interlocal Agreement TRT636
Second. Vote**

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING IS AUGUST 25, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE
PARRISH FIRE DISTRICT, MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING
THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE PARRISH FIRE DISTRICT AND
FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY FOR SPECIALTY EMERGENCY
SERVICES INCLUDING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE, FIRE
SUPPRESSION, EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE, TRAINING, AND
RELATED ACTIVITIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Parrish Fire District ("District") is an independent special district established under the laws of the State of Florida and is authorized to provide fire suppression, hazardous materials mitigation, rescue, and emergency medical services pursuant to Chapter 191, Florida Statutes, Chapter 189, Florida Statutes, and the District's enabling act, Ch. 2004-400., Laws of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL") owns and operates critical utility infrastructure and solar and fossil fuel powered-generation facilities within or adjacent to the District's jurisdictional boundaries, requiring specialized emergency preparedness and response capabilities; and

WHEREAS, FPL has requested the District's assistance in providing certain specialty emergency services, including hazardous materials response, industrial fire suppression, emergency medical treatment, and periodic training to enhance facility safety and emergency readiness; and

WHEREAS, the District possesses personnel, training, and equipment capable of delivering such specialized services consistent with Florida law, National Fire Protection Association standards, and accepted fire service practices; and

WHEREAS, the District is authorized under §191.009, Florida Statutes, to charge user fees, impact fees, or other charges for fire protection services; and

WHEREAS, the District is authorized under §163.01, and §191.006, Florida Statutes, to enter into interlocal and cooperative agreements to provide emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the District and FPL desire to memorialize the terms of cooperation, responsibilities of each party, cost-recovery provisions, communication procedures, and operational expectations through a written Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"); and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Fire Commissioners finds entering into said MOU to be in the best interests of the District and wishes to authorize its development and execution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE
PARRISH FIRE DISTRICT, MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA THAT:**

Section 1. The Board hereby approves the development and execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Parrish Fire District and Florida Power & Light Company.

Section 2. The MOU shall, at a minimum, specify: the District's responsibilities; FPL's responsibilities; the term of the agreement; and, the consideration to be provided by FPL to the District in exchange for its services.

Section 3. The Chairman of the Parrish Fire District's Board of Fire Commissioners is authorized to execute the MOU on behalf of the District in accordance with the conditions contained within this authorizing Resolution.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 6th day of August 2026, by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Parrish Fire District, Manatee County, Florida.

PARRISH FIRE DISTRICT

By: _____
Edward G. Chitty, Chairman
Board of Fire Commissioners

Attest: _____
John. Z. Griesi, Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PARRISH FIRE DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE DISTRICT SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO INCREASE THE RATE OF ITS ANNUAL NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS WHICH FUND THE DISTRICT'S FIRE PROTECTION MISSION EACH YEAR, COMMENCING WITH THE DISTRICT'S FISCAL YEAR 2027-28; ESTABLISHING THE DATE OF THE REFERENDUM; APPROVING THE BALLOT QUESTION; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF THE REFERENDUM AND CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH CONDUCT OF THE REFERENDUM; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PARRISH FIRE DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY. This Resolution of the Parrish Fire District (the "District") is adopted pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2004-400, Laws of Florida, Chapter 191, Florida Statutes, and other applicable provisions of law.

SECTION 2. FINDINGS. It is hereby ascertained, determined and declared as follows:

(A) The District was created by Chapter 2004-400, Laws of Florida (the "District Charter") as an independent fire district under the provisions of Chapter 191, Florida Statutes, to provide fire protection services within the District.

(B) The District Charter and Section 191.009, Florida Statutes, authorize the District to levy annual non-ad valorem special assessments on the real property within the District which is benefited by its provision of fire protection services.

(C) The District does not impose an ad valorem tax and therefore relies almost entirely on the special assessments to fund its annual budget and service delivery mission.

(D) Special assessments present a fair and equitable means to fund the District's annual fire protection service costs by allocating costs among real property benefited by the fire protection services provided by the District under its enabling legislation and mission.

(E) Chapter 633, Florida Statutes, sets forth the intent of the Florida Legislature to "enhance firefighter occupational safety and health in this state through the implementation and maintenance of policies, procedures, practices, rules, work schedules, and standards that reduce the incidence of firefighter

employee accidents, firefighter employee occupational diseases, and firefighter employee fatalities."

(F) In furtherance thereof, section 633.508, Florida Statutes, entitled "Workplace safety; rulemaking authority; division authority," provides that the Division of State Fire Marshal (the "Division") shall assist in making the firefighter employee place of employment a safer place to work and decreasing the frequency and severity of on-the-job injuries and the frequency of fatalities in such workplace.

(G) In order to accomplish such objectives, section 633.508(7)(c) directs the Division to adopt administrative rules which, among other things, encourage firefighter employers to implement work schedules that do not require a firefighter employee's normally scheduled shifts to exceed 42 hours per workweek.

(H) The proposed administrative rule encouraging firefighter employers to implement such objective and intent, Rule 69A-62.001 Fla. Admin. Code, is currently under consideration by the Division and undergoing the rulemaking process.

(I) The Board of Commissioners of the District (the "Commission") has carefully considered, and agrees with and supports, the intent and firefighter safety objectives of the State of Florida embodied in such legislation and the pending administrative rule.

(J) The District has determined that reducing the standard firefighter work schedule from 56 hours to 42 hours per week will require establishment of an additional shift for firefighting personnel and the hiring and equipping of such personnel.

(K) The cost of establishing and staffing an additional work shift can be addressed by adding a supplemental component or tier to the District's existing base rate of assessment, in amounts equal to a flat charge of \$68 per parcel for each developed residential, commercial and industrial parcel. Such increase would not apply to vacant lots, golf courses and driving ranges, golf course support facilities or acreage/agricultural properties.

(L) By way of example, if the annual base rate for a parcel with a one story single family residential dwelling is \$300, the parcel's total assessment for the year, including the rate increase, would be \$368 (\$300 base rate + \$68 flat charge).

(M) The additional revenue generated by the assessment increase will enable the District to implement the legislative intent and objectives of the State of Florida to enhance firefighter occupational safety and health as set forth in Chapter 633, Florida Statutes.

(N) The Commission is therefore considering adopting such assessment rate increase for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2027 ("FY 2027-28") to address the need for additional resources with which to effectuate the intent of the State of Florida and the District regarding firefighter safety and health.

(O) Section 191.009(2), Florida Statutes, requires referendum approval if the proposed rate of assessment for the forthcoming fiscal year exceeds the prior year's rate plus the average annual growth rate in Florida personal income over the previous 5 years.

(P) In fiscal years after FY 2027-28, any further assessment rate increases would be controlled by section 191.009(2), Florida Statutes, pursuant to which annual increases are limited to the personal income index unless the District obtains referendum approval for the increase.

(Q) The Commission now desires to call a referendum to present the proposed assessment rate increase to the eligible voters of the District.

(R) The District shall cooperate with the office of the Manatee County Supervisor of Elections (the "Supervisor of Elections") to facilitate the Supervisor of Elections conducting the referendum on the District's behalf in conjunction with the general election to be held on November 3, 2026.

(S) If the District voters authorize the assessment rate increase, the Commission will initiate the additional implementation processes required under Chapters 191 and 197, Florida Statutes, including the provision of notice, public hearing and adoption of related resolutions which describe the total amount to be funded through the assessment and the assessment rates for FY 2027-28.

SECTION 3. REFERENDUM CALLED.

(A) In accordance with Section 191.009(2), Florida Statutes, a referendum election is hereby ordered and called to be held on November 3, 2026, or such other date as may be agreed upon by the Supervisor of Elections, to approve the an increase in the rate of the District's annual non-ad valorem assessment.

(B) The referendum shall be open to all eligible voters of the District.

(C) The referendum shall be conducted by the Supervisor of Elections on behalf of the District, in accordance with all applicable requirements of law. District staff is hereby authorized and directed to take such actions as may be necessary or desirable in furtherance thereof, including coordination with the Supervisor of Elections and entering into an agreement with the Supervisor on the District's behalf regarding conduct of the referendum.

SECTION 4. BALLOT LANGUAGE. The title and ballot question to be used in the referendum shall be in substantially the following form:

PARRISH FIRE DISTRICT

**AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE
ANNUAL SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS
FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES**

Shall the Parrish Fire District be authorized to increase its base rate of assessment to include an additional flat charge of \$68.00 for each developed residential, commercial and industrial parcel, excluding vacant, acreage and golf course parcels, to fund additional personnel associated with changing the standard firefighter work schedule from 56 hours to 42 hours per week, consistent with the work-schedule policy encouraged under section 633.508(7)(c), Florida Statutes?

_____ Yes

_____ No

SECTION 5. NOTICE. As required by Section 100.342, Florida Statutes, at least 30 days' notice of the forthcoming referendum, including its purpose and eligibility requirements for voting, shall be published by the District in a newspaper of general circulation in the District at least twice, once in the fifth week and once in the third week prior to the week in which the referendum is to be held. Such notice shall contain the text of the proposed ballot question.

SECTION 6. AUTHORIZATION AND DIRECTION. District officials, staff, officers, general counsel, employees, agents and attorneys are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to effectuate the referendum contemplated herein. Such authorization includes, but is not limited to, providing for printing of the ballot question approved herein and any other materials related to the election in both English and Spanish, coordinating as necessary with the Supervisor of Elections and payment of costs associated with the referendum.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Parrish Fire District Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session this 6th day of August 2026.

Edward G. Chitty, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

John Z. Griesi, SECRETARY

PARRISH FIRE DISTRICT
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_____ Yes

_____ No

DISTRITO DE BOMBEROS DE PARRISH
AUTORIZACIÓN PARA AUMENTAR LAS
EVALUACIONES ESPECIALES ANUALES PARA
SERVICIOS DE PROTECCIÓN CONTRA INCENDIOS

¿Se autorizará al Distrito de Bomberos de Parrish a aumentar su tasa base de evaluación para incluir un cargo fijo adicional de \$68.00 por cada parcela residencial, comercial e industrial desarrollada, excluyendo parcelas vacías, de acreaje y de campos de golf, con el fin de financiar personal adicional asociado con el cambio del horario de trabajo estándar de los bomberos de 56 horas a 42 horas por semana, conforme a la política de horario de trabajo fomentada en la sección 633.508(7)(c) de los Estatutos de la Florida?

_____ Sí

_____ No

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
REGARDING THE
MANATEE COUNTY TECHICAL RESCUE TEAM
(636)

THIS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT, is made and entered into and is effective this 1st of OCTOBER, 2026, by and between the BRADENTON FIRE DEPARTMENT, herein referred to as "TEAM MEMBER" and the following independent special fire control districts of Manatee County created by the State of Florida, each herein referred to a "TEAM MEMBER": CEDAR HAMMOCK FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT, DUETTE FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICT, EAST MANATEE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT, NORTH RIVER FIRE DISTRICT, PARRISH FIRE DISTRICT, SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT, AND WEST MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT. The "TEAM MEMBERS" shall hereinafter collectively be referred to as the "PARTIES".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, §163.01 Florida Statutes, the Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969, authorizes the joint exercise of any power, privilege or authority which the public agencies involved herein might exercise separately; and

WHEREAS, the PARTIES are Public Agencies, within the State of Florida as defined by Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, the Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969, and desire the joint exercise of power which each might exercise separately for the purpose of providing specialized technical search and rescue services; and

WHEREAS, the PARTIES acknowledge that this cooperative joint exercise of power enables them to provide advanced services to the benefit of their jurisdictions and other units of government in the State of Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants and duties hereinafter set forth, the PARTIES formally covenant, agree and bind themselves as follows:

SECTION 1: EXERCISE OF AUTHORITY

The PARTIES in their joint exercise of power and authority, agree to jointly sponsor and participate in the creation and administration of the MANATEE COUNTY TECHNICAL RESCUE TEAM (636), hereinafter referred to as the "TEAM". Pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, the PARTIES, in their joint exercise of power and authority, by and through this Interlocal Agreement, hereby provide for, create and establish a separate legal entity to administer and execute this Agreement to be known as the MANATEE COUNTY TECHNICAL RESCUE TEAM. The TEAM shall be governed by the MANATEE COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION, hereafter referred to as the "CHIEFS", as provided herein. The TEAM shall have all of applicable rights, powers, obligations

and limitations as provided in Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, unless provided otherwise herein. The TEAM cannot hold title to real property or bind the TEAM MEMBERS financially or contractually.

For the sole purpose of coordinating with the State of Florida, the NORTH RIVER FIRE DISTRICT shall be considered the host agency for the team. However, the host agency shall have no more authority than any other TEAM MEMBER.

SECTION 2: PURPOSE

The purpose of this TEAM is to provide the PARTIES and the local governmental agencies within Manatee County and the State of Florida, and its political subdivisions, with one county-wide technical search and rescue team.

SECTION 3: TERM

This agreement shall be in effect until September 30, 2027 and shall automatically renew for additional one-year periods of time, unless a PARTY withdraws or the agreement is terminated in accordance with the provisions of Section Seven (7)

SECTION 4: GOVERNING BOARD COMPOSITION

The PARTIES agree that the CHIEFS shall be the GOVERNING BOARD. The CHIEFS shall appoint a standing SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, herein referred to as the "COMMITTEE", consisting of a Liaison from each TEAM MEMBER. The COMMITTEE shall recommend a CHAIRPERSON, who shall serve in that capacity for a period of one (1) year upon the approval by the CHIEFS. The Chair of the COMMITTEE shall be the Program Manager of the TEAM.

SECTION 5: TEAM RULES AND REGULATIONS

The CHIEFS shall approve rules and regulations governing the TEAM as recommended

by the COMMITTEE.

SECTION 6: TEAM OPERATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The COMMITTEE shall appoint an overall TEAM COMMANDER from the Liaisons on the COMMITTEE. The TEAM COMMANDER may be replaced at any time by a majority vote of the COMMITTEE. The TEAM COMMANDER shall have the authority to commit the TEAM as requested to emergency incidents, conduct TEAM training sessions, and ensure the operational readiness of the TEAM. When at the scene of an emergency, the TEAM shall operate under the incident command of the Authority Having Jurisdiction as a branch or group.

SECTION 7: WITHDRAWAL, TERMINATION OR DISSOLUTION

A TEAM MEMBER, upon giving thirty (30) days written notice to each of the other TEAM MEMBERS, may withdraw its participation in this Agreement.

All of the PARTIES, upon their mutual consent and upon giving thirty (30) days written notice, may terminate this Agreement and dissolve the whole TEAM.

SECTION 8: CONFLICT OF LAWS

Any provision of this Agreement later to be found in conflict with Federal or State law or regulation, or invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall be considered inoperable and/or superseded by law or regulation. Any provision found inoperable is severable from this Agreement, and the remainder shall remain in full force.

SECTION 9: AMENDMENT

This Agreement may be amended only in writing and duly executed by the PARTIES with the same formalities as this Agreement.

SECTION 10: ASSIGNMENT

No Assignment, delegation, transfer or novation of this Agreement or any part thereof shall be made, unless approved in writing by the PARTIES.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed and approved and is effective and operative as to each of the Parties as herein provided.

DATED this 6th day of July 2026.

PARRISH FIRE DISTRICT

By: _____
Edward G. Chitty, Chairman
Board of Fire Commissioners

ATTEST:

John Z. Griesi, Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners