

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES June 22, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Board Chairman Cummings, Chairman Cummings led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Board Chairman: David C. Cummings
Board Clerk: Karen Flenniken
Board Member: Charles Moore
Board Member: Norma Brummett
Board Member: Paige Weisz

Staff Present: Fire Chief: Patrick Moore
Assistant Fire Chief: Scott Neal
Administrative Manager: Paula Acker

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Member Moore motioned to accept the consent agenda as presented as follows:

- a. Approval of Minutes – May 25, 2021 Regular Public Meeting
- b. Acceptance of May 2021 Financial Reports
- c. Resolution 2021-03, Securis Insurance Pool
- d. Acceptance of the Pension Fund Policy A.R.S.§38-863.01

Board member Flenniken seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no response to the Call of Public.

BUSINESS

Resolution #2021-04 Sale and Execution and Delivery of Certificates of Participation (Taxable Pension Obligations)

Chief Moore addressed the Board, in the Board packet today is an option and resolution if approved, to move forward with the Certificate of Participation (COP). This option will drive down the cost of our current unfunded liability with PSPRS and essentially refinance our PSPRS

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outstanding obligations. This new financing will lower the interest we currently pay through PSPRS from approximately 7.3% to low 3s, keeping us on the same time frame of repayment. Representatives from Stiefel were present via-ZOOM to answer any questions regarding the pension plan liability management information provided to the Board. The Board did not have any questions for Stiefel.

Board member Moore motioned to accept the resolution with Steifel on the options listed for pension relief. Board member Brummett seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Mike Lavallee from Stiefel stated the rating process will take place later this week and anticipate rates to be locked in late July. Also a contingency reserve fund policy will be prepared and presented for Board approval prior to closing.

Discussion: Reallocation of General Obligation Funds to Training Center.

Chief Moore stated this discussion is for transparency related to the Bond, originally \$500,000 was allocated from General Obligation Bond funds for hydrant replacement. EPCOR has taken over the hydrants for Bullhead City and this allocation is no longer needed. We would like to reallocate the funds for the Station #2 Tower and infrastructure. Board member Cummings stated this is a line item transfer only. Board member Weisz said she understands this is going from EPCOR's responsibility of the hydrants to the training tower infrastructure, Chief Moore stated transferring this line item from the hydrant to station #2 tower line is within the scope of the bond.

With no further discussion the Board moved to the next agenda item.

Public Hearing –Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22

Chairman Cummings opened the hearing for open discussion related to the Budget. Chief Moore stated before the Board today is a balanced budget that appears higher than previous years, this is due to grants that will be applied for. Board member Brummett stated she appreciated the work done with the budget to include a medic stipend increase and thanked the staff for all the hard work. With no comments from the public, the Public hearing was closed.

Resolution#2021-05 Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget Adoption.

Board Member Moore made a Motion to approve the resolution for the adoption of the FY 21-22 operating budget of \$19,650,620

Board member Brummett seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion carried.

REPORTS

Fire Chief's report

Fire Chief Patrick Moore, provided an overview of the Fire Chief and operations memorandum that was provided in the Board packet today and attached to the official Governing Board meeting minutes. Chief Moore advised the Board the following:

Chief Moore will provide a report on hydrant maintenance next month.

Concrete footings have been poured on the Station #5 antenna, construction will continue.

Chief Neal will give an update on the Station #2 build.

We are currently working on standardizing the uniform badges.

The website for BCFD has been updated to a new format.
Captains testing is scheduled for the week of June 28, currently we have two vacancies.
We are currently working with the County on alternative funding options for the radio hardware upgrade, this is a \$2.8 million project including FMMFD and MVFD, with BCFD portion of \$1.7 million.
Chief Moore included monthly statistics in today's board packet.
Arizona Fire Chief Association (AFDA) will be in Glendale July 6-9, 2021.

Chief Neal updated the Board on the weekly facility meetings with Willmeng Construction for Station #2, stating work continues to provide a GMP in late summer early fall.
Work has begun on the Station #5 solar project funded through Mohave Electric Coop (MEC) solar grant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will be moving back to the Council Chambers at City of Bullhead City.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/BOARD DIRECTION TO STAFF

Chief Moore will provide a hydrant report next month

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 a.m.

Recorded by,



Paula Acker
Administrative Manager

Approved by,

David C. Cummings, Chairman
Fire District Board

Karen Flenniken, Board Clerk
Fire District Board