



“Committed to Our Community”

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES May 25, 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-Via ZOOM

Staff Present: Fire Chief: Patrick Moore
Administrative Manager: Paula Acker

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approval of Minutes - April 27, 2021 Regular Public Meeting
- b. Acceptance of April 2021 Financial Reports
- c. Resolution 2021-02, Borrowing Request with Wells Fargo Bank

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.

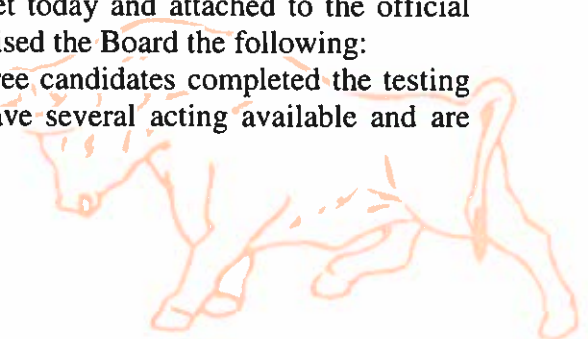
REPORTS

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:

The Battalion Chief testing has been completed, three candidates completed the testing process, two passed, one accepted. currently we have several acting available and are evaluating testing options to fill remaining vacancy.

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The Community Block Development Grant, Request for Proposal, has been approved through the Mohave County BOS for the Ambulance for District #6, we expect delivery of the Ambulance in November.

Chief Moore gave a Logistic update for Chief Neal who is out on vacation. Concrete, footing and rebar work for the tower at Station #5 has started, we expect the tower to be up within the next few weeks. The permit for the storage facility at Station #2 has been approved by the City of Bullhead City, work will begin soon.

Chief Moore advised the monthly Fire District Board meetings may resume at the City Chamber Building starting in July.

Chief Moore stated we are currently evaluating options for worker's comp carriers and expect to make a transition from our current provider 7710 to a Work Comp Insurance Pool, SECURIS, this transition is based on cost certainty to avoid price spikes in the future. Monthly statistic reports, COVID-19 and Community Risk Reduction (CRR) and EMS are attached to the minutes.

BUSINESS

Discussion item: Staff direction re: COPs for PSPRS

Chief Moore addressed the Board, presented today are two options prepared by STIFFEL Public Finance, for the Bullhead City Fire District (BCFD) unfunded Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS). Recent legislative changes now make it possible for special taxing districts to refinance the unfunded debt. Refinancing would be completed using Certificates of Participation (COP) through a bonding company. Our interest on the unfunded liability (UFL) is approximately 7.3% currently, we would anticipate lowering this rate to the high 2's or low 3's.

Chief Moore explained we are seeking direction from the Board to decide if further action/dialog is warranted.

Chairman Cummings stated he understands this to be similar to refinancing a home to lower the interest rate.

Board Member Brummett agreed with Chairman Cummings and stated she believes this is a benefit to our taxpayers, paying less interest could save money that could be used for operations.

Board Member Flenniken made a motion to continue discussion with STIFFEL on the two options listed and present at a future Board meeting for further action. Board Member Brummett seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Mike LaVallee and Claude Lockhart, STIFEL Public Finance joined the meeting via ZOOM, Board Chairman Cummings thanked them for attending the meeting today and look forward to a presentation in the future.

Fiscal Year 2021-22 Preliminary Budget and schedule of a Public Hearing for final adoption.

Chief Moore presented a draft of a balanced budget for FY 21-22 which retains the current \$3.15 tax rate. The Preliminary Budget includes a 2% COLA, a Step for all eligible employees and an increase to the Medic Stipend to \$12,000.

Chief Moore explained the increase to the Medic Stipend will help make us competitive in the area. The proposed budget is balanced at \$19,650,620 with \$3,371,109 in grant revenue.

Board discussion continued regarding the Medic Pay Stipend, how it is paid and the need for the increase.

Board Member Flenniken made a motion to approve the Proposed Budget as presented and set a Public Hearing for June 22, 2021 for final adoption. Board Member Brummett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/BOARD DIRECTION TO STAFF

none

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 a.m.

Recorded by,



Paula Acker
Administrative Manager

Approved by,



David C. Cummings, Chairman
Fire District Board



Karen Flenniken, Board Clerk
Fire District Board