

MINUTES

FIVE CITIES FIRE AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2020

Due to the County of San Luis Obispo's Executive Order to shelter at home and Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-25-20, members of the Board and staff participated in this meeting via teleconference. Members of the public were invited to participate in the meeting by listening in and could comment electronically by submitting public comments to the Clerk to the Board at tmeyers@fivecitiesfire.org.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair White called the Five Cities Fire Authority (FCFA) Board meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

Chair White led the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

FCFA Board: Chair Karen White, Vice Chair Keith Storton and Board Member Jeff Lee.

FCFA Staff Present: Fire Chief Stephen Lieberman, General Counsel Dave Hale and Clerk to the Board Tricia Meyers.

AGENDA REVIEW:

Action: Board Member Lee asked to move Item 2. On the Consent agenda to a New Business Item. Board Member Lee moved, Vice Chair Storton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously to approve the revised Five Cities Fire Authority's Agenda by a voice vote.

AYES: Lee, Storton, White
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

RECOGNITION AWARD:

Chief Lieberman congratulated Captain Brian Leathers and his daughter Megan Leathers for receiving the Fundraising Award for their work with Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation. Brian started his volunteer work with the foundation in 1995 and speaks with local school children about fire safety. Barbara Harmon, Friends of Five Cities Fire Authority, announced that the non-profit group would be making a donation in honor of Brian and Megan Leathers. Friends of Five Cities Fire Authority will donate funds to a camp designed for young burn victims in the amount of \$1,200. The Board thanked and congratulated Brian and Megan for their work.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consideration of Approval of Minutes (MEYERS)

Action: Approved the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of April 3, 2020 and the Board Meeting on April 17, 2020, with a voice vote.

AYES: Storton, Lee, White
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Consideration of Cash Disbursement Activity.

Action: Received and filed the listing of cash disbursements for the period of April 1, 2020 through April 30, 2020.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consideration of Approval of Successor Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and a Resolution with the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 4403 for FY 2020/21.** Chief Lieberman presented the staff report for the proposed successor Memorandum of Understanding(MOU) with the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 4403. After ongoing negotiations, both parties have come to a tentative agreement that is being presented today. Legal Representative for Five Cities Fire Authority(FCFA), Che Johnson, explained that the parties have been out of contract since June 30, 2019. The proposed agreement would last through to June 30, 2021. Staff is in support of the proposed MOU and funding was included in the adopted budget. Vice Chair Storton requested that this item be continued. He feels the community has financial concerns due to COVID 19 and would he like to have additional communication with the city council of Arroyo Grande. Chair White asked if any public comment was received through emails. Julie Tacker wrote that she opposed a pay increase at this time. Art Madson, Arroyo Grande resident, suggested the pay raise be put off until the COVID 19 crisis is over. Sean McMahon, President of Local 4403, encouraged the Board to approve the tentative agreement for a two percent increase.

Action: Vice Chair Storton moved, and Board Member Lee seconded the motion to continue this item. The vote passed on the following voice vote.

AYES: Storton, Lee
NOES: White
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

- b. Consideration of a Resolution Declaring Weeds and Vegetation on Certain Properties to be Seasonal and Recurring Public Nuisances and Providing for Weed Abatement Consistent with Health and Safety Code Sections 14875, Et Seq.** Chief Lieberman presented the Board with a list of properties that were found in violation of the weed abatement health and safety code. Property owners will have an opportunity to protest their property being on the list at the Five Cities Fire Authority board meeting in June. No public comment was received.

Action: Vice Chair Storton moved, and Board Member Lee seconded the motion to adopt a Resolution declaring weeds and vegetation on certain properties to be seasonal and recurring public nuisances and providing for weed abatement consistent with Health and Safety Code Sections 14875 Et Seq. The vote passed on the following roll call vote.

AYES: Storton, Lee, White
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

None.

GENERAL COUNSEL ITEMS:

None.

FIRE CHIEF ITEMS:

- a. Chief Lieberman reported all members of the Joint Powers Authority(JPA) for FCFA are interested in a third amendment to the JPA. Discussions will continue regarding funding and partnership matters.
- b. COVID-19 calls for service are currently 11% of total EMS call volume.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

Board Member Lee reported that the City of Grover Beach is having an item regarding fireworks on their next agenda. The proposed change will allow safe and sane fireworks to be used on July 4th only from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board adjourned to a Closed Session at 11:36 a.m. concerning the following items:

- a. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION.** Consistent with Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of California Government Code Section 54956.9:

Name of case: Boyer v. Five Cities Fire Authority, City of Arroyo Grande, Steve Lieberman 18CV-0438

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:

General Counsel Hale called the meeting back to order at 12:21 p.m. with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair White adjourned the meeting at 12:21 p.m. The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. via teleconference.

/s/ Karen White, Chair

ATTEST:

/s/ Tricia Meyers, Clerk to the Board

(Approved at Board Meeting on 06/19/2020)