

MINUTES

FIVE CITIES FIRE AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 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 a teleconference. Members of the public were invited to participate in the meeting by listening. They could comment electronically by submitting public comments to the Clerk to the Board at tmeyers@fivecitiesfire.org, or provide public comment during the meeting by calling 1(833)611-0393.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair White called the Five Cities Fire Authority (FCFA) Board meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

Vice Chair Storton 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: Vice Chair Storton moved, Board Member Lee seconded, and the motion passed unanimously to approve the Five Cities Fire Authority's Agenda by a voice vote.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consideration of Approval of Minutes (MEYERS)

Action: Approved the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of May 15, 2020 and the Board Meeting of May 15, 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 May 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

a. Public Hearing: 2020 Weed Abatement Protest Hearing and Issuance of Abatement Order.

Chief Lieberman presented the properties on the list for the weed abatement protest hearing. There are twenty-one properties out of compliance at this time. No public comment was received regarding the protest hearing.

Action: Vice Chair Storton moved, Board Member Lee seconded the motion, to close the public hearing and issue an abatement order to the Fire Chief to have the weeds removed on the properties reported on the list.

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

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Consideration of Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget. Chief Lieberman presented the staff report for the Five Cities Fire Authority budget. He noted that the budget included the Boards request of an additional \$25,000.00 to retain a PERS actuarial analysis. The funds have been identified and will not impact the bottom line of the budget. No public comment was received.

Action: Vice Chair Storton moved, Board Member Lee seconded the motion to adopt a Resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget with a roll call vote.

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

- b. Five Cities Fire Authority Draft Third Amendment to Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement(JPA).** Chief Lieberman presented the staff report regarding the proposed third amendment to the JPA. The FCFA managers group met to discuss the next steps after Oceano Community Services District's(OCSD) ballot measure failed. The working group concluded that it's in the best interest of the member communities to all stay members of Five Cities Fire Authority. The proposed third amendment will give OCSD time to move forward with another ballot measure in 2022. It will also allow time for financial and operational analysis to take place. The third amendment will continue the same funding level contributions identified in the second amendment. If the ballot measure passes, an identified funding formula will be implemented on July 1, 2022. If the ballot measure fails, a wind-down period will result in OCSD no longer being part of the JPA effective June 30, 2023. Discussion ensued between the Board Members regarding other service options and future contributions. Chief Lieberman also reminded the Board that there is operational efficiency by combining resources. Combining resources does save money. Vice Chair Storton agrees that continuing with the current JPA model is more efficient. Board Member Lee agrees that having the third amendment in place will create stability for all three communities. Chair White supports the amendment as well. This item will now move to each member community for approval. No public comment was received.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

None.

GENERAL COUNSEL ITEMS:

None.

FIRE CHIEF ITEMS:

- a. Station 3 in Oceano is browned out today and tomorrow due to a lack of Reserve Firefighter staffing. The Captain from the Oceano station is on duty at Station 1.
- b. Chief Lieberman reported that the Avila fire proposed a significant threat to the community of Pismo Beach. The winds were a concern and vegetation was dry. Five Cities Fire Authority brush truck was part of a second alarm, including the Fire Chief as a Liaison Officer. Available aircraft was a significant factor in saving homes. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.
- c. Five Cities Fire Authority will celebrate its 10-year anniversary in July.
- d. Fireworks booths will contain COVID-19 safety measures for those working the booths and customers.
- e. Administrative staff will transition to working in the office more, however the lobby will still be closed.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

Vice Chair Storton thanked Chief Lieberman for his leadership during the Avila fire and thanked the firefighters that also responded. Chair White said she was very proud of the job they did.

CLOSED SESSION:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair White adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m. The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 17, 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 09/18/2020)