

MINUTES

FIVE CITIES FIRE AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Lee called the Five Cities Fire Authority (FCFA) Board meeting to order at 09:00 a.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

Battalion Chief Riki Heath, led the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

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

FCFA Staff Present: Chief Stephen Lieberman, Battalion Chief Riki Heath and General Counsel Dave Hale.

AGENDA REVIEW:

Chair Lee asked if anyone had any questions regarding the agenda. Chief Lieberman requested that Closed Session, Item A. be removed from the agenda.

Action: Board Member Storton moved, Vice Chair White seconded, and the motion passed unanimously to approve the amended agenda of the Five Cities Fire Authority's by a voice vote.

AYES: Storton, White, Lee

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Action: Board Member Storton moved, and Vice Chair White seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. No public comment was received. The motion passed on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Storton, White, Lee

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

1. Consideration of Approval of Minutes.

Action: Approved minutes of the Board Meeting of July 15, 2022 and Special Board Meeting of June 30, 2022.

2. Consideration of Cash Disbursement Activity.

Action: Received and filed the listing of cash disbursements for the period of July 1, 2022 through July 31, 2022.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Consideration of Changes to Unrepresented Employee Compensation.** Treasurer Valentine presented the staff report to consider a 3.5% increase to unrepresented Management employees, Office Assistant II, and a Reserve Firefighter. The proposed increases were included in the approved FY 2022-23 budget. No public comment was received.

Action: Board Member Storton moved, and Vice Chair White seconded the motion to adopt Resolutions to approve a 3.5% increase for unrepresented management employees and part-time positions. The motion passed on the following roll call vote:

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

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

None.

FIRE CHIEF ITEMS:

- a. Engine 6692 is waiting for repairs after the accident it was involved in last month. After insurance approval, Five Cities Fire Authority's deductible is \$5,000 to complete repairs.
- b. Truck 6645 had an engine control module fail and is out for repairs.
- c. The apparatus replacement committee has started to design a replacement ladder truck. The committee will be working with a Pierce representative and the cost for a new ladder truck is \$2.3 million dollars. The build time is 3 years. If the order is not placed by October 1, 2022, the price will increase.
- d. FCFA was awarded a grant from the California Fire Foundation in the amount of \$13,500 for wildland hose, hose packs, and nozzles for the new wildland engine. Friends of Five Cities Fire Authority has also allocated a few thousand dollars to purchase needed equipment for the engine.
- e. FCFA is still waiting notification to confirm if they will be awarded a grant for extrication equipment.
- f. The generator at Station 1 is still out of service. The City of Arroyo Grande has placed a temporary, small generator that operates the apparatus bay doors in the event of a power outage. The projected cost of a new generator is over six hundred thousand dollars. Chief Lieberman has submitted a request for grant funding to help cover a portion of this cost.
- g. The managers of each community will continue to meet to discuss the proposed level of service and funding for the future of the Joint Powers Authority after June 30, 2023.

GENERAL COUNSEL ITEMS:

General Counsel Hale informed the Board that FCFA received a letter from a law firm in Beverly Hills, a personal injury firm, directing a preservation of evidence from the accident that occurred with Engine 6692. He will keep the Board informed on any additional information that is received.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

Board Member Storton acknowledged the emotional response, along with support, of the Chief and FCFA staff for how they have handled the recent accident involving Engine 6692. Chair Lee thanked Engineer Bennet for participating in the Active Shooter training with Grover Beach Police Department.

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board adjourned to a Closed Session at 9:30 a.m. concerning the following item:

- b. Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Gov. Code Section 54957
Position: Fire Chief/Executive Officer**

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:

Chair Lee called the meeting back to order at 9:46 a.m. General Counsel Hale reported after a closed session performance evaluation of Chief Lieberman that the Board has unanimously voted to put the Fire Chief at the top step of his salary range. This will result in a 3.92% increase.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

/s/ Jeff Lee, Chair

ATTEST:

/s/ Tricia Meyers, Clerk to the Board

(Approved at Board Meeting on 09/27/2022)