

## MINUTES

### FIVE CITIES FIRE AUTHORITY SPECIAL BOARD MEETING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2022

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

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

#### **FLAG SALUTE:**

Chair Lee, 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, General Counsel Molly Thurmond and Clerk to the Board Tricia Meyers

#### **AGENDA REVIEW:**

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

**AYES:** White, Storton, Lee

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

#### **COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS:**

Battalion Chief Riki Heath thanked the Board Members for their service.

#### **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 Special Board Meeting of September 27, 2022.

#### **2. Consideration of Cash Disbursement Activity.**

**Action:** Received and filed the listing of cash disbursements for the period of September 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Consideration of Budget Review for Fiscal Year 2022-23 and Approve 7 Budget Adjustment Requests.** Treasurer Valentine presented the staff report and summarized the requested budget adjustments. There were both carryovers and request to appropriate a portion of the fund balance for needed projects. No public comment was received.

**Action:** Board Member Storton moved, and Vice Chair White seconded the motion to approve and amend the budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23. 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. Chief Lieberman continues to meet with the Arroyo Grande and Grover Beach city managers while they evaluate what level of fire service the cities want moving forward. He displayed a slide presentation to the Board with the information the managers have received regarding the current status of FCFA and what the future staffing needs are of the department. Due to call volume statistics and analysis, staff recommends to add additional staffing to complete a third company. A fourth company will be necessary very soon. Chief Lieberman explained that additional staffing is also needed for community risk reduction.

**GENERAL COUNSEL ITEMS:**

None.

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

The Board adjourned to a Closed Session at 10:13 a.m. concerning the following item:

- a. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS** pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6:

Agency Negotiators: Che Johnson – Law Firm of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore  
Nicole Valentine – Accounting Manager – Arroyo Grande  
Karla Mattocks – Human Resources Coordinator-Grover Beach  
Tashina Ureno – Human Resources Manager-Arroyo Grande

Represented Employees: International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 4403

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:**

General Counsel Thurmond called the meeting back to order at 10:48 a.m. with no reportable action.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

/s/ Jeff Lee, Chair

ATTEST:

/s/ Tricia Meyers, Clerk to the Board

(Approved at Board Meeting on 11/18/2022)