

## MINUTES

### FIVE CITIES FIRE AUTHORITY SPECIAL BOARD MEETING FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2021

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](mailto:tmeyers@fivecitiesfire.org).

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

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

#### **FLAG SALUTE:**

Chair Storton led the Flag Salute.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

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

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

#### **AGENDA REVIEW:**

Chair Storton requested that the Closed Session item start immediately after agenda review instead of at the end of the meeting to accommodate the labor negotiator attending the closed session.

**Action:** Board Member White moved, Vice Chair Lee seconded, and the motion passed unanimously to approve the revised Five Cities Fire Authority's Agenda by roll call vote.

**AYES:** White, Lee, Storton

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

#### **CLOSED SESSION:**

The Board adjourned to a Closed Session at 09:01 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 Hale called the meeting back to order at 09:20 a.m. with no reportable action.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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, 2021 through May 31, 2021. No public comment received.

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

**PROTEST HEARINGS:**

**a. Protest Hearing: 2021 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 fifty-two properties out of compliance at this time. No public comment was received regarding the protest hearing.

**Action:** Vice Chair Lee moved, Board Member White seconded the motion, to close the public hearing and issue an abatement order to direct the Fire Chief to have the weeds removed on the properties reported on the list. The motion passed on the following roll call vote:

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

**CONTINUED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:**

Board Members would like to discuss fireworks again in the Fall regarding potential changes. This item will be put on a future agenda. The Board would like to discuss the impacts of fireworks during the current drought.

**GENERAL COUNSEL ITEMS:**

None.

**FIRE CHIEF ITEMS:**

- a. Chief Lieberman attended the mandatory fireworks meeting for fireworks booth holders. He would like to see each member community move towards the same guidelines within their municipal codes in regards to safe and sane fireworks. This will be placed on a future agenda.
- b. Chief Lieberman would like to remind the community citizens that weed the abatement program is to reduce fire hazards and the Authority has a limited amount of funding. The focus is on actual hazards.
- c. Station 3 is experiencing periodic brownouts due to staffing issues.
- d. Chief Lieberman will be scheduling a meeting with the city managers and district manager regarding cost data analysis results.

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Storton adjourned the meeting at 09:38 a.m. The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

/s/ Keith Storton, Chair

ATTEST:

/s/ Tricia Meyers, Clerk to the Board

(Approved at Board Meeting on 07/16/2021)