



RODEO-HERCULES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 9, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Covington, Hill, Couzens, Davidson, Bowman

Directors Absent: None.

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (1:19)

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS (1:40)

Chief Craig requested a special board meeting for June 21, 2021 to receive the preliminary findings from AP Triton. Direction given to staff to poll board members for time.

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA (5:39)

Agenda items renumbered beginning at Item 15. Item 12A removed.

5. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE (6:38)

None.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT (6:46)

None.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR (8:13)

Motion by Director Bowman to approve consent calendar; seconded by Director Covington.

Roll Call Vote:

Covington: Yes

Couzens: Yes

Davidson: Yes

Bowman: Yes

Hill: Yes

Motion passed 5-0.

8. MEASURE O OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (09:09)

The Board received an application for the Oversight Committee from Maureen Brennan. Ms. Brennan commented and took questions from the board.

Public Comment:

Paul Freese

Motion by Director Bowman to appoint Maureen Brennan to the Measure O Oversight Committee; seconded by Director Covington.

Roll Call Vote:

Covington: Yes

Couzens: Yes

Davidson: Yes

Bowman: Yes

Hill: Yes

Motion passed 5-0.

9. PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT PRELIMINARY BUDGET (16:07)

Chief gave overview of Preliminary Budget. No clarifying questions from board received.

Board comments regarding budget.

Motion by Director Bowman to adopt Preliminary Operating Budget for fiscal year 2021-2022; seconded by Director Couzens

Public Comment:

None.

Roll Call Vote:

Covington: Yes

Couzens: Yes

Davidson: Yes

Bowman: Yes

Hill: Yes

Motion passed 5-0.

10. RETRACTION AND CORRECTION OF DELETERIOUS STATEMENTS BY MOFD DIRECTOR JEX AT MOFD REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 17, 2021

Director Bowman reported out regarding false comments made by Director Jex regarding Rodeo-Hercules District. Director Bowman would like the Board to consider a letter drafted to the Moraga-Orinda Fire District Board.

Board comments regarding comments made by Moraga-Orinda board.

Public Comment

Maureen Brennan
Sarah Creely
Jerry Short
Tanya Little
Paul Freese

Motion by Director Davidson to have Board demand retraction and correction of statements by Director Jex at the Moraga-Orinda Board meeting of March 17, 2021; seconded by Director Couzens.

Roll Call Vote:

Covington: Yes
Couzens: Yes
Davidson: Yes
Bowman: Yes
Hill: Yes

Motion passed 5-0.

11. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT (49:56)

Chief Craig gave brief report on grant requests; noted the special meeting on June 21st to receive preliminary AP Triton report. Discussion on board retreat.

12. STAFF REPORTS (56:51)

None.

13. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS (57:08)

Chair Hill-LAFCO meeting canceled.

Counsel provided update on the issue of Chair Hill's need to recuse himself with regard to consolidation. Response letter from FPPC is posted to district's website.

Chair Hill commented on presentation to Hercules City Council regarding possible consolidation.

Director Bowman reported out on public outreach.

Public Comment

Sarah Creely
Paul Freese
Vince Wells
Tanya Little

14. AD HOC BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS (1:21:40)

- a. Consolidation Feasibility-interviewed and selected a Communications Consultant.
- b. Budget-none. Chair Hill dissolved budget ad hoc committee.
- c. Public Outreach-addressed in item 13.

15. LOCAL 1230 CORRESPONDENCE (1:26:44)

Jerry Short thanked board for positive interaction with the public.

16. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION (1:27:41)

17. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION/CLOSED SESSION REPORT OUT (1:32:16)

No reportable action.

18. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021-JUNE 30, 2022 BETWEEN RHFD AND IAFF LOCAL 1230 (1:33:12)

Public Comment:

Vince Wells

Motion by Director Bowman to adopt Resolution 2021-05 adopting an extension of the Memorandum of Understanding between Rodeo-Hercules Fire District and IAFF Local 1230 effective July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022; seconded by Director Couzens.

Roll Call Vote:

Covington: Yes

Couzens: Yes

Davidson: Yes

Bowman: Yes

Hill: Yes

Motion passed 5-0.

19. ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION (1:39:37)

Motion by Director Bowman to adopt Resolution 2021-06 to Execute a Salary Adjustment for Administrative Personnel-Safety Management-Battalion Chief and Administrative Personnel Non-Safety-Administrative Services Officer; seconded by Director Couzens.

Roll Call Vote:

Covington: Yes

Couzens: Yes

Davidson: Yes

Bowman: Yes

Hill: Yes

Motion passed 5-0.

20. REVIEW AND APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO FIRE CHIEF'S EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (1:43:12)

Motion by Director Bowman to adopt Resolution 2021-07 to Approve Amendment No. 3 to the Employment Agreement Between the District and Bryan Craig; seconded by Director Covington.

Roll Call Vote:

Covington: Yes

Couzens: Yes

Davidson: Yes

Bowman: Yes

Hill: Yes

Motion passed 5-0.

21. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (1:46:12)

Saturday retreat

22. ADJOURNMENT (01:50:27)

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Audio from this board meeting can be heard at www.rhfd.org
Number in parenthesis is time stamp where agenda item begins.

Board Vice Chair