



RODEO-HERCULES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 14, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Prather, Gabriel, Wheeler, Williams, Thorpe

Directors Absent: None.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (00:11)

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS (00:38)

None.

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA (00:50)

Counsel- need to add item to Agenda in Closed Session, under 14B, 54945.2 b2, information came to the attention of the District subsequent to the Agenda being posted. Significant exposure to litigation—one case.

Add item to closed session-discussion item with possible action. If not, add to another agenda, possibly a special meeting.

Motion by Director Gabriel to add item as counsel stated, seconded by Director Prather.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Prather: Aye

Gabriel: Aye

Wheeler: Aye

Williams: Aye

Thorpe: Aye

Motion passed 5-0.

5. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE (02:49)

Correspondence received:

1. Letter of recommendation from Municipal Resources Group in support of Bryan Craig for Fire Chief.
2. Petition from residents of Rodeo and Hercules in support of Bryan Craig.
3. Letter from citizen regarding Measure O Senior Exemption Deadline.

4. Letter from City of Pinole Fire Chief in support of Bryan Craig.
5. Letter from James Ferris, Phillips 66, in support of Bryan Craig as Fire Chief.

Board comments regarding correspondence. Direction to staff to respond to letter regarding Measure O exemption.

Director Prather would like a committee to outreach to citizens regarding exemption.

6. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (10:40)

None.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR (11:30)

- A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 11, 2018 REGULAR MEETING
- B. REVIEW OF WARRANTS

Motion by Director Williams to approve minutes of January 11, 2018 meeting minutes, seconded by Director Thorpe. Motion passed, 3 in favor 2 abstain.

8. FIRE CHIEF REPORT (13:13)

Board questions regarding Fire Chief's report.

9. STAFF REPORTS (28:15)

None

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS (28:24)

- A. LAFCO-none

Chair Wheeler attended 100 club fundraiser.

11. AD HOC BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS (30:00)

- a. Policies and Procedures ad hoc committee (Wheeler & Williams)-none
- b. Live Broadcast ad hoc committee (Prather)-Prather would like information on live broadcast.
- c. Fire Chief Search ad hoc committee (Gabriel & Prather)-none
- d. Reserve Program ad hoc committee (Prather & Thorpe)-to meet with John Swett regarding career academy.

12. LOCAL 1230 CORRESPONDENCE (33:30)

Jerry Short: Comment re Battalion 7 success and relationships. Commented regarding outside candidate and strained relationships within the Battalion. Commented in support of Chief Craig.

13. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (37:20)

Director Prather-Establish outreach to Seniors for Measure O Exemption.

Gabriel-Comment regarding Staff reports on agenda items. Leave staff reports off unless there was something to add.

14. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION (NO RECORDING DEVICES ARE PERMITTED) (38:20)

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (38:50)

Jeff Carmen: Representing Executive Chiefs. Recommendation for Bryan Craig as permanent Fire Chief.

Brian Helmick: Fire Chief for East Contra Costa County Fire District. Spoke in support of Bryan Craig.

Vince Wells: Questioned process from day one. Never received update from ad hoc except moving forward. Believe there is a conflict of interest and Director Prather should not have any involvement in process. Director Prather and outside candidate own property together.

Attorney responded regarding conflict of interest.

Mark Pedroia: Works as Fire Protection Consultant to the District. Works with Fire Chief. Spoke in support of Bryan Craig.

Chuck Coleman: Has worked for District for 30 years. Commented regarding unjust process for hiring a fire chief.

Alan Biagi: Retired from District-was Fire Chief for 1 year prior to hiring prior Chief. Worked with Chief Craig for 20 years. Commented in support of Chief Craig. Commented regarding comments made by outside candidate. Commented regarding unjust process.

James Parrot: Retired Fire Chief from City of Pinole. Commented regarding District's attorney comments regarding conflict of interest, should be looked at from ethical standpoint as well as ethical.

Mike Oliver, Municipal Resources Group. Commented regarding responsibilities of the Board, and the Fire Chief.

Teagan Clive- Commented regarding transparency.

Adjourn to closed session.

15. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION/CLOSED SESSION REPORT OUT

Attorney: Reportable action taken---. No effect on employment of Interim Fire Chief Craig. Board decided to retain recruiting firm to do Fire Chief search effective immediately to begin best case scenario. March 1-March 31. 5 ayes 0 nays in favor of recruitment.

16. ADJOURNMENT (00:50)

Meeting adjourned.

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Andrew Gabriel, Board Secretary