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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE STANISLAUS CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Station 26 Meeting Room, 3318 Topeka Street in Riverbank, CA
Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 6 PM

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL - Present: Directors: Bernardi, Goulding, Homme, Rivers, Stanfield
Excused: None
Staff: Michael Whorton, Fire Chief, Michael Speed, Finance-Admin
Manager, Betty Hannah, Board Clerk
Teleconference: Chris Diaz, Legal Counsel

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Director Goulding moved to approve the agenda with the modification to move Action Item 5 to post closed session, seconded by Director Rivers. Motion passed 5/0.
AYES: Directors; Bernardi, Goulding, Homme, Rivers, Stanfield
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION: Declaration by Board of Director members who may have a Conflict of Interest on any scheduled agenda item is to declare their conflict at this time.

PRESENTATIONS –

1. Employee Recognition of Service Years – Chief Whorton recognized the following employees for their years of service with the SCFPD: Battalion Chief Bussell-29 yrs., Capt. Leighton & Capt. Johnson-15 yrs., Eng. Green-15 yrs., Admin. Assist. III/Board Clerk Betty Hannah-12 yrs.

PUBLIC COMMENT – *The following individual addressed the Board of Directors; L3399 President Shawn Ehrenberg, with his concerns regarding Action Item 5- 1st Amendment to Fire Chief Employment Agreement. Please see included the emailed public comments to SCFPD. SCFPD Board of Directors and District Counsel did reply verbally to these public comments during the May 14th board meeting, as this constituent was online via teleconference.*

ACTION CALENDAR

Consent Items – *All matters listed on the consent calendar are considered routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion unless otherwise requested by an individual Board Member or public for special consideration.*

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1. Waive Readings. All Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions, except by title, are waived.
2. Approval of Minutes – Revised March & Regular April 2020
3. Acceptance of Warrants – April 2020
4. Acceptance of Financial Reports – April 2020
5. CalPERS Industrial Disability Retirement- Morua
6. Stanislaus County Dispatch Subsidy Request FY 2020-2021

ACTION: Director Goulding moved to approve the Consent Items, seconded by Director Rivers. Motion passed 5/0.

AYES: Directors; Bernardi, Goulding, Homme, Rivers, Stanfield

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

Consideration of Removed Consent Item(s) None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Continued discussion of Station 23 Closure – Chief Whorton explained St 23 is still closed as the District is gaining on some of the finances and hopes to open soon.

2. La Grange Lease Station 25 -Chief Whorton updated the Board that LGIA has agreed to the \$200 a month rental lease for St 25, which is to be paid twice a year.

3. Contract for Services with Modesto Fire – Chief Whorton updated the Board, there is a meeting scheduled with Modesto Fire and SCFPD Ad Hoc Committee on 5/19/20 at 1:30 pm to discuss some options and hopefully get some figures of cost.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

ACTION ITEMS

1. Mid-Year Budget Revisions – Review and Consider approving the Mid-Year Budget FY 19/20 Revisions.

ACTION: Director Goulding moved to approve the FY 19/20 Mid-Year Budget, seconded by Director Rivers. Motion passed 5/0.

AYES: Directors; Bernardi, Goulding, Homme, Rivers, Stanfield

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

2. Fire Recovery USA – Consider Adoption of Ordinance No. 2020-12 Establishing and Implementing a Program to Charge Mitigation Rates for the Deployment of Emergency and Non-Emergency Services by the Fire District for Services Provided/Rendered for the Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District.

ACTION: Director Goulding moved to approve Adoption of Ordinance No. 2020-12.

Establishing and Implementing a Program to Charge Mitigation Rates for the Deployment of Emergency and Non-Emergency Services by the Fire District for Services Provided/Rendered for the Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District, seconded by Director Stanfield. Motion passed 5/0.

AYES: Directors; Bernardi, Goulding, Homme, Rivers, Stanfield

NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

3. Special Benefit Assessment FY 2020/2021 Rate – Review, Discuss and Consider adoption of Resolution 20-05 ordering the levy and collection charges within Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District Special Benefit Assessment Rate and Rate Reduction “Lifeline” Program for FY 2020/2021.

ACTION: Director Homme moved to approve FY 2020/2021 Special Benefit Assessment Rate with a 3% increase and the Rate Reduction “Lifeline” Program as it stands, seconded by Director Stanfield. Motion passed 5/0.

AYES: Directors; Bernardi, Goulding, Homme, Rivers, Stanfield

NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

4. Approve Local 3399 Memorandum of Coverage (Government Code Section 54957.6) Agency Designated Representative: Patrick Clark, Consultant, Employee Organization: SCFPD Firefighters Local 3399.

ACTION: Director Goulding moved to approve the Local 3399 Memorandum of Coverage as presented, seconded by Director Rivers. Motion passed 5/0.

AYES: Directors; Bernardi, Goulding, Homme, Rivers, Stanfield

NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

5. Approve First Amendment to Fire Chief Employment Agreement.

This item was moved to after closed session.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. **Correspondence** – None
2. **Written Staff Reports – Information and Discussion Items**
 - a. Fire Chief
 - b. Finance/Administration
 - c. Training
 - d. Local 3399
3. **Verbal Committee Reports - Information Only**
 - a. Capital Facilities (Rivers/Stanfield)
 - b. Finance (Goulding/Rivers) 5/28/20
 - c. Personnel (Bernardi/Stanfield) 5/21/20
 - d. Ad Hoc Crossroads West (Stanfield/Homme)
 - e. Ad Hoc Prop 172 (Bernardi/Stanfield)
 - f. Ad Hoc Censure (Homme/Rivers)

4. **Director Comments** – At this time, Board Members may verbally make

individual announcements, report briefly on their activities or request an item placed on a future agenda.

•Director Goulding stated he has been on the Board close to a year now and the District has come a long way from where it was. That is attributes to this Board, Chief Whorton, Staff and Local 3399. He appreciates all the hard work everyone has done and feels the District is moving in a positive direction.

•Director Stanfield echoed the same comments and stated it has been an exciting year for him and he values the working relationships with Local 3399, Battalion Chiefs and Chief Whorton. He is pleased that everyone is trying to work together to make this agency as best as we can. He looks forward to more time and continued working together on the Board and the upcoming BBQ that President Bernardi will announce.

•Director Rivers echoes the same comments as both Director Goulding and Stanfield. He has been here approximately five months, and everyone has helped him get up to speed quickly. Mr. Speed has helped him understand the finance committee meetings and with what is going on and what part the Directors can take with it. The learning has been easy transition from private to public agency and understand how it works differently. Thanks to all the firefighters and the union. It has been a good experience so far. It has been a pleasure working with each of the board members and looks forward to continuing this relationship and that BBQ coming up.

•Director Homme the only thing to add is it has been great working with everyone, the board members, the firefighters. Another comment is the COVID-19 activation, the Department has had a lot of personnel assigned to the EOC and everyone there has professional and fun to work with and they are definitely getting the job done. I am glad to see the interaction.

•President Bernardi would like to thank Local 3399 line staff, administration staff and Chief Whorton for all the diligence and hard work. He appreciates the cohesiveness within the board members. The Board is trying to make the District best for everyone. Duke Cooper with Americans Veterans First in Riverbank reached out to participate in a rib cookoff BBQ. President Bernardi would like to have all five board members participate as a team. Cpt. Ryan Leighton has a barbecue business and he will be competing, so if L3399 would like to "throw in their hat" for this BBQ as well. I would love to challenge the local Sheriff's department to participate a team for a little guns and hoses fun BBQ battle. I hear firefighters cook way better than sheriffs or cops! This is not necessarily a fundraiser but more of a get together. I want to let you know that my wife, Cathy Bernardi has already started working on the Halloween project for this year. Last year was such a huge success

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – 7:05 PM

CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)). Stanislaus Consolidated v. City of Riverbank, et al, Stanislaus County Superior Court Case No. CV-19-004402
2. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Pursuant to (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)). One potential case.
3. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code Section 54957.6)
Agency Designated Representative: Patrick Clark, Consultant; Employee Organization: SCFPD Battalion Chiefs.

4. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code Section 54957.6)
Agency designated representatives: Greg Bernardi, Board President,
Unrepresentative employee: Fire Chief.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 9:13 PM

ACTION ITEM


5. Approve First Amendment to Fire Chief Employment Agreement.
ACTION: Director Rivers moved to approve the First Amendment to Fire Chief Employment Agreement as presented, seconded by Director Homme. Motion passed 5/0.
AYES: Directors; Bernardi, Goulding, Homme, Rivers, Stanfield
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

CLOSED SESSION REPORT – There was no reportable.

ADJOURNMENT – 9:31 PM

ADOPTED: June 11, 2020

By: 
Betty Hannah, Board Clerk

APPROVED: 
Gregory M. Bernardi, Board President