



Fire Protection District

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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS Fairmount Fire Protection District Board of Directors Regular Meeting May 13, 2020

Chairman Robert L. Wilson II called to order the Regular Business Meeting of the Fairmount Fire Protection District Board of Directors on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 4:05 P.M. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board determined that the April meeting will be held virtually, with all participants on audio and video.

Chairman Robert Wilson II led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed for all fallen firefighters and police officers.

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present:

Robert Wilson II, President/Chairman

Tom Young, Vice President

Steven Shimeall, Secretary

Mark Chenoweth, Treasurer

Craig Corbin, Director

Also present were: Fire Chief Alan Fletcher, Assistant Chief Joel Hager, Attorney for the District Kelley Duke, and District personnel: Office Manager DeAnn Boyles.

GUESTS PRESENT:

None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

The Board reviewed the agenda for the May 13, 2020 Board meeting with no corrections noted.

On a motion by Vice President Young and a second by Director Corbin, the Board unanimously approved the agenda for the May 13, 2020 Board meeting as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board meeting minutes for the March 11, 2020 regular meeting, the March 20, 2020 special meeting, and April the 8, 2020 regular meeting were reviewed and, with no corrections noted, were recommended for approval.

On a motion by Treasurer Chenoweth and a second by Secretary Shimeall, the Board unanimously approved the minutes for the March 11, 2020 regular meeting, the March 20, 2020 special meeting, and the April 8, 2020 regular meeting as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT/GUEST SPEAKERS:

None.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

No Report.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

(See attached Funds Report)

Treasurer Chenoweth read the General Funds Report for May 13, 2020 in the amount of \$4,355,087.65.

On a motion by Vice President Young, with a second by Secretary Shimeall, the Board unanimously voted to approve the May 13, 2020 Treasurer's Report in the total amount of \$4,355,087.65 and to pay the bills as presented.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

(See Attached Chief's Report)

Chief Fletcher asked if there were any questions, there were none.

Chief Fletcher stated that the annual accreditation compliance report has been approved.

The crews have been participating in drive-by birthdays. They have proven to be a big hit in the community and have been noted with nice comments on the Nextdoor website. The District also received several "thank-you" notes. The crews have enjoyed being involved in these drive-bys and connecting with the community.

Secretary Shimeall asked about the new command staff vehicle, in particular, the budget for the lights and equipment. Brief discussion ensued regarding the delays due to the pandemic.

OLD BUSINESS:

Director Corbin led the Board in thanking Chief Fletcher on how good the 2019 Annual Report looks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On a motion by Vice President Young, with a second by Secretary Shimeall, the Board unanimously approved entering into an Executive Session at 4:18 P.M. citing C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (4)(b) to receive advice of legal counsel regarding the City of Golden Intergovernmental Agreement.

Attorney Duke certified for the record that this Executive Session constitutes privileged attorney-client communication, and therefore will not be recorded.

Chief Fletcher and Office Manager Boyles, certified for the record that they can see the names of all attendees participating in the virtual meeting and stated that the only participants are Board members or authorized individuals.

On a motion by Director Corbin, with a second by Treasurer Chenoweth, the Board voted unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 4:45 P.M.

ATTORNEYS' REPORT:

(See attached Attorney's Report)

Attorney Duke asked if the Board had any question on the attorney's report.

Attorney Duke gave the Board a "heads up" that an 18% drop (from 7.15 to 5.88%) in the Residential Assessment Rate (RAR) is anticipated for the coming year. In 2018, the District received voter approval to adjust its mill levy to retain equivalent funds as if the RAR was still 7.2%, (the RAR rate in 2018, at the time the voters "degallaghered").

Additionally, Attorney Duke told the Board that Governor Polis has extended the timeline by which the assessor's office provides the preliminary assessed valuations from August to October which will put pressure on the District's Budget process this year. Ireland Stapleton is working with the Governor's office to hopefully be able to extend the budget deadlines for special districts to ensure there is sufficient time for the special districts to prepare the budgets. Attorney Duke will keep Chief Staff updated on any changes. Brief Discussion ensued.

Chairman Wilson stated that it appears that property taxes have decreased although the individual value of residential property in the District has gone up. Attorney Duke did not have any information on tax values in the District, but will let the Board know if she receives any information. She did state that, in large part due to COVID-19, commercial value property values are falling. That decrease in value may impact the District's tax revenue. She will keep the Board updated as she gets any further information.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Treasurer Chenoweth, and a second by Director Corbin, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 P.M.

APPROVAL:

We attest that the foregoing minutes, which have been approved by the affirmative majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Fairmount Fire Protection District, are a true and accurate record of the meeting held on the date stated above.

Robert Wilson II, President

Steven Shimeall, Secretary

I hereby attest that the Executive Session, which was not recorded, constituted a privileged attorney-client communication.

Kelley B. Duke, Attorney

I hereby attest that the Executive Session, which was not recorded, was confined to topics authorized for discussion in Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S § 24-6-402(4)(b).

Robert Wilson II, President