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ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 26, 2019
6:00 P.M.

Regional Fire Operations and Training Center Board Room
1 Fire Authority Road
Irvine, CA 92602-0125

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors was called to order on September 26, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Muller.

INVOCATION

Chaplain Jeff Hetschel offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Steggell led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Lisa Bartlett, County of Orange
Dave Harrington, Aliso Viejo
Noel Hatch, Laguna Woods
Neeki Moatazedi, Lake Forest
Joseph Muller, Dana Point
Vince Rossini, Villa Park
Dave Shawver, Stanton
Elizabeth Swift, Buena Park
Donald P. Wagner, County of Orange

Carol Gamble, Rancho Santa Margarita
Shelley Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos
Gene Hernandez, Yorba Linda
Thomas Moore, Seal Beach
John R. O'Neill, Garden Grove
Don Sedgwick, Laguna Hills
Michele Steggell, La Palma
Tri Ta, Westminster

Absent: Letitia Clark, Tustin
Melissa Fox, Irvine
Sandy Rains, Laguna Niguel
Juan Villegas, Santa Ana

Sergio Farias, San Juan Capistrano
Robert Johnson, Cypress
Ed Sachs, Mission Viejo
Kathleen Ward, San Clemente

Also present were:

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy
Deputy Chief Lori Zeller
Assistant Chief Jim Ruane
Assistant Chief Nina Collins
Legal Counsel David DeBerry

Assistant Chief Randy Black
Assistant Chief Robert Cortez
Assistant Chief Lori Smith
Communications Director Colleen Windsor
Clerk of the Authority Sherry Wentz

1. PRESENTATIONS

No items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (F: 11.14)

Craig Green, Placentia City Council Member, introduced the newly appointed Senior Executive Fire Advisor Scott Ferguson who will fulfill the duties of Interim Fire Chief for the City of Placentia.

REPORTS

REPORT FROM THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR (F: 11.12)

Budget and Finance Committee Chair Hasselbrink reported at the September 11, 2019, meeting, the Committee voted unanimously to send the Monthly Investment Reports, Fourth Quarter Financial Newsletter, and Annual Investment Report to the Executive Committee for its approval; voted unanimously to send the Carryover of FY 2018/19 Uncompleted Projects and Use of Unexpended Fund Balance, Appointment of Auditor for the Orange County Fire Authority, and Acceptance of 2019 Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency's Urban Search & Rescue Preparedness Cooperative Agreement Funding to the Board of Directors for approval of the recommended actions.

REPORT FROM THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE CHAIR (F: 11.12)

Human Resources Committee Vice Chair Rossini reported at the September 17, 2019, special meeting, the Committee received and filed the report of the Organizational Service Level Assessment Human Resources Department; discussed and voted unanimously to send the Classification and Compensation Recommendations for Service Center Occupational Series; and the Contract Adjustment Third Party Workers' Compensation Administration to the Executive Committee for its approval of the recommended actions, and welcomed newly appointed Assistant Chief/Human Resources Director Nina Collins.

REPORT FROM THE FIRE CHIEF (F: 11.14)

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy welcomed newly appointed Assistant Chief/Human Resources Director Nina Collins; reported on the annual September 11, 2019, Memorial Service held at OCFA and dedication of a portion of a steel beam from the North Twin Tower of the World Trade Center; noted the upcoming OCFA Open House, Saturday, October 5, 2019, and Fire Station Open House, Saturday, October 12, 2019; provided an update to the Fire Integrated Real-time Intelligence System Pilot Program; and participated in the administering of Oath of Office with Clerk of the Authority Sherry Wentz to the Urban Search & Rescue Canines followed by a demonstration of their agility skills.

2. MINUTES

A. Minutes from the August 22, 2019, Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors (F: 11.06)

On motion of Director Hernandez and second by Director Ta, the Board of Directors voted by those present to approve the August 22, 2019, Minutes as submitted. Directors Harrington, Hasselbrink, Rossini, and Shawver, were recorded as abstentions, due to their absence from the August 22, 2019, meeting.

Directors Bartlett and Wagner were absent for the vote.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Acceptance of 2019 Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency's Urban Search & Rescue Preparedness Cooperative Agreement Funding (F: 16.02B)

On motion of Director Hernandez and second by Director Shawver, the Board of Directors voted by those present to:

1. Approve and adopt Resolution No. 2019-06 entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY ACCEPTING THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) NATIONAL URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE (US&R) PROGRAM COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE US&R EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF US&R EQUIPMENT, TRAINING, AND PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION to accept the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency's Grant Readiness Cooperative Agreement funding.
2. Approve a budget adjustment to the FY 2019/20 General Fund (121) budget increasing revenues and expenditures by \$1,230,104.

Directors Bartlett and Wagner were absent for the vote.

B. Appointment of Auditor for the Orange County Fire Authority (F: 17.10F)

On motion of Director Hernandez and second by Director Shawver, the Board of Directors voted by those present to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2019-07 entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY, ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING AN AUDITOR FOR THE ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY appointing OCFA's Finance Manager Julie Nemes as Auditor for the Orange County Fire Authority.

Directors Bartlett and Wagner were absent for the vote.

C. Carryover of FY 2018/19 Uncompleted Projects and Use of Unexpended Fund Balance (F: 15.04 18/19)

On motion of Director Hernandez and second by Director Shawver, the Board of Directors voted by those present to:

1. Approve a budget adjustment in the FY 2019/20 General Fund (121) increasing revenues by \$6,065,346 and expenditures by \$10,467,941.
2. Approve a budget adjustment in the FY 2019/20 General Fund CIP (12110) increasing expenditures by \$1,568,406.
3. Approve a budget adjustment in the FY 2019/20 Fire Stations and Facilities Fund (123) increasing expenditures by \$616,707.
4. Approve a budget adjustment in the FY 2019/20 Communications and Information Systems Fund (124) increasing expenditures by \$2,708,391.
5. Approve a budget adjustment in the FY 2019/20 Fire Apparatus Fund (133) increasing expenditures by \$5,803,945.
6. Approve a budget adjustment transferring \$507,495 from the FY 2019/20 General Fund (121) to the Settlement Fund (139), and appropriate that amount in Fund (139) for the Joint-Training Facility project.
7. Approve a budget adjustment in the Structural Fire Entitlement Fund (171) increasing expenditures by \$329,827.

Directors Bartlett and Wagner were absent for the vote.

D. Quarterly Status Report Placentia Fire and Emergency Medical Services (F: 10.03 PLA)

On motion of Director Hernandez and second by Director Shawver, the Board of Directors voted by those present to receive and file the report.

Directors Bartlett and Wagner were absent for the vote.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

4. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

No items.

5. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

No items.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (F: 11.13)

Director Harrington noted having attended Orange County Firefighter Local 3631's a Day in the Life of a Firefighter event. He requested a future agenda item to consider upgrading firefighting air mask interpersonal communication devices.

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Chair Muller spoke in support of Director Harrington's comments.

Director Hernandez expressed thanks to Division Chief Phil Johnson and the firefighters for their work on the Yorba Linda Calvary Church fire.

Director Shawver thanked Fire Station 46 (Stanton) for participating in the City of Stanton's Fire Ops Day Event. He reported firefighters had shared with him the WeFit Program's regular use at the stations.

Director O'Neill thanked Chair Muller, Fire Chief Fennessy, and OCFA staff on the successful Garden Grove service transition. He noted that the experience and services have exceeded the City's expectations.

Director Muller reported on his participation at the September 11 Memorial ceremony, its impact on everyone, and the dedication of the artifact from the World Trade Center.

Director Bartlett arrived at this point (6:40 p.m.).

Director Wagner arrived at this point (6:40 p.m.).

CLOSED SESSION (F: 11.15)

CS1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Chief Negotiator: Peter Brown, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore

Employee Organizations: Orange County Professional Firefighters' Association,
Local 3631 and Chief Officers Association

Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6

CS2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9
(1 Case)

Legal Counsel David DeBerry reported the Board of Directors would convene to Closed Session to consider the matter on the agenda identified as CS1, Conference with Labor Negotiator, and noted CS2, Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation would not be addressed this evening.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT (F: 11.15)

Legal Counsel David DeBerry stated there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Muller adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, October 24, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.



Sherry A.F. Wentz, CMC
Clerk of the Authority