

MINUTES

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 11, 2020
12:00 Noon

Regional Fire Operations and Training Center
Room AE117
1 Fire Authority Road
Irvine, CA 92602

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Budget and Finance Committee was called to order on March 11, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. by Chair Hernandez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Rossini led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Joseph Muller, Dana Point
Gene Hernandez, Yorba Linda
Tri Ta, Westminster
Beth Swift, Buena Park
Vince Rossini, Villa Park

Absent: Sergio Farias, San Juan Capistrano
Ed Sachs, Mission Viejo
Don Sedgwick, Laguna Hills

Also present were:

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy
Deputy Chief Mark Sanchez
Assistant Chief Kenny Dossey
Assistant Chief Lori Smith
Assistant Chief Nina Collins
General Counsel David Kendig

Deputy Chief Lori Zeller
Assistant Chief Robert Cortez
Assistant Chief Jim Ruane
Assistant Chief Randy Black
Clerk of the Authority Sherry Wentz

PUBLIC COMMENTS (F: 12.02B3)

Chair Hernandez opened the Public Comments portion of the meeting. Chair Hernandez closed the Public Comments portion of the meeting without any comments from the general public.

1. PRESENTATIONS

No items.

2. MINUTES

A. Minutes for the February 11, 2020, Budget and Finance Special Committee Meeting (F: 12.02B2)

On motion of Director Hasselbrink and second by Director Ta, the Budget and Finance Committee voted unanimously by those present to approve the Minutes of the February 11, 2020, special meeting as submitted. Directors Farias, Sachs, and Rossini were recorded as abstentions due to their absence from the February 11, 2020, meeting.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Monthly Investment Reports (F: 11.10D2)

On motion of Director Ta and second by Vice Chair Swift, the Budget and Finance Committee voted unanimously by those present to direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Executive Committee meeting of March 26, 2020, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that the Executive Committee receive and file the reports.

B. FY 2019/20 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment (F: 15.04 19/20)

On motion of Director Ta and second by Vice Chair Swift, the Budget and Finance Committee voted unanimously by those present to direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting of March 26, 2020, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the proposed mid-year budget adjustment and transfers.

4. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

A. Fiscal Year 2018/19 Backfill/Overtime and Calendar Year 2019 Total Earnings/Compensation Analysis (F: 15.11)

Assistant Chief Robert Cortez provided an overview and introduced Finance Manager Julie Nemes who presented a PowerPoint presentation on Fiscal Year 2018/19 Backfill/Overtime and Calendar Year 2019 Total Earnings/Compensation Analysis.

On motion of Director Rossini and second by Director Ta, the Budget and Finance Committee voted unanimously by those present to direct staff to place the item on agenda

for the Board of Directors meeting of March 26, 2020, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that the Board of Directors take the following actions:

1. Direct staff to continue pursuing reductions in overtime by filling permanent vacancies as quickly as possible after the positions become vacant.
2. Authorize staff to temporarily exceed the number of authorized firefighter positions on the Master Position Control to maximize the number of firefighters hired into each academy, pending attrition/promotions that occur during and following academy graduations.
3. Authorize staff to temporarily exceed the number of authorized Handcrew Firefighter positions on the Master Position Control to maximize the number of Handcrew Firefighters hired from each Handcrew Firefighter recruitment process, pending attrition/promotions that occur as Handcrew Firefighters promote to the firefighter rank.
4. Direct staff to continue using overtime to fill temporary vacancies rather than hiring additional personnel recognizing this as a cost-effective practice for temporary needs.

B. Options to Mitigate Escalating Charges to Cash Contract Cities Beginning FY 2020/21 (F: 10.04)

Deputy Chief Lori Zeller presented the PowerPoint presentation on Options to Mitigate Escalating Charges to Cash Contract Cities.

A lengthy discussion ensued concerning the proposed options.

Director Ta left at this point (12:30 p.m.)

By consensus, the Budget and Finance Committee directed staff to schedule a special Study Session meeting on March 25, 2020, at 3:00 p.m.

Director Ta was absent.

REPORTS (F: 12.02B6)

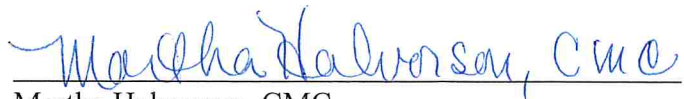
Fire Chief Fennessy asked Treasurer Tricia Jakubiak to provide an overview of the Monthly Investment Reports.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS (F: 12.02B4)

There were no Committee Member comments.

ADJOURNMENT (F: 11.18)

Chair Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 1:01 p.m. The next Budget and Finance Special Study Session meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 2020, at 3:00 p.m.



Martha Halvorson, CMC

Acting Clerk of the Authority