

MINUTES

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 13, 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 May 13, 2020, at 12:01 p.m. by Chair Hernandez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Hernandez led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Gene Hernandez, Yorba Linda*
Beth Swift, Buena Park*
Shelley Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos*
Joseph Muller, Dana Point*
Tri Ta, Westminster*
Vince Rossini, Villa Park*
Sergio Farias, San Juan Capistrano*
Don Sedgwick, Laguna Hills*
Ed Sachs, Mission Viejo*

Absent: None

Also present were:

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy	Deputy Chief Lori Zeller
Assistant Chief Robert Cortez	Assistant Chief Nina Collins
Assistant Chief Kenny Dossey	Assistant Chief Jim Ruane
Assistant Chief Randy Black	Assistant Chief Lori Smith
General Counsel David Kendig	Acting Clerk of the Authority Martha Halvorson

*Budget and Finance Committee Members participating via teleconferencing**

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. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes for the March 11, 2020, Budget and Finance Committee Regular Meeting

(F: 12.02B2)

On motion of Vice Chair Swift and second by Director Sachs, the Budget and Finance Committee voted unanimously by those present by roll call vote to approve the Minutes of the April 8, 2020, meeting as submitted. Director Sachs was recorded as abstention, due to his absence from the April 8, 2020, meeting.

B. Third Quarter Financial Newsletter (F: 15.07)

On motion of Vice Chair Swift and second by Director Sachs, the Budget and Finance Committee voted unanimously by those present by roll call vote to direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Executive Committee meeting of May 28, 2020, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that the Executive Committee receive and file the report.

3. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

A. Monthly Investment Reports (F: 11.10D2)

Treasurer Tricia Jakubiak provided an overview of the Monthly Investment Reports.

On motion of Vice Chair Swift and second by Director Rossini, the Budget and Finance Committee voted unanimously by those present by roll call vote to direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Executive Committee meeting of May 28, 2020, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that the Executive Committee receive and file the reports.

B. Harris & Associates Final Property Tax Revenue Projections (F: 15.10)

Assistant Chief Robert Cortez provided an overview and presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Final Property Tax Revenue Projections. Chief Cortez mentioned that Hitta Mosesman from Harris & Associates will be available for questions.

By consensus, the Committee received and filed the report.

*Director Farias arrived at this point 12:45 p.m.

3. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

C. Review of the Fiscal Year 2020/21 Proposed Budget (F: 15.04 20/21)

Assistant Chief Robert Cortez provided a PowerPoint presentation on FY 2020/21 Proposed Budget.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

Director Ta left the meeting at 12:58 p.m. and did not return.

Vice Chair Swift left the meeting at 12:59 p.m. and did not return.

On motion of Director Sachs and second by Director Hasselbrink, the Budget and Finance Committee voted by those present by roll call vote and directed staff to place the item on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting of May 28, 2020, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that staff research the following and report back to the Budget and Finance Committee at its June Meeting:

1. Suspend the snowball pension pay down plan until further notice.
2. Review the ability to suspend the 4.5% increase to cash contract city charges, and;
3. Take a look at the proposed budget with these effects in mind and present to the Board or the Budget and Finance Committee what the budget would look like under those conditions.

In addition, the Committee indicated that staff may provide a less formal budget presentation to the Board of Directors at its May 28, 2020 meeting, while informing the Board of Staff's pending research and of staff's expected return to the Budget and Finance Committee in June prior to the Board adopting the budget.

Motion carried by a vote of 8-1, Director Sedgwick voted in opposition.

REPORTS (F: 12.02B6)

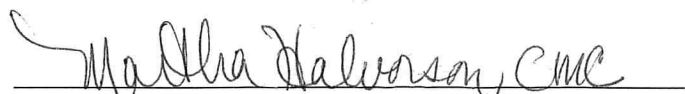
There were no reports.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS (F: 12.02B4)

There were no Committee Member comments.

ADJOURNMENT (F: 11.18)

Chair Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 1:44 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, 2020, at 12:00 p.m.



Martha Halvorson, CMC
Acting Clerk of the Authority