# MINUTES ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

### Budget and Finance Committee Regular Meeting Wednesday, October 13, 2021 12:00 Noon

### Regional Fire Operations and Training Center Board Room

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 October 13, 2021, at 12:05 p.m. by Chair Muller who turned it over to Vice Chair Ta to preside over the meeting.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 

Joe Muller, Dana Point, Chair\* Tri Ta, Westminster, Vice Chair\* Gene Hernandez, Yorba Linda\* Shelley Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos\*

Anthony Kuo, Irvine\*

John O'Neill, Garden Grove\* Ed Sachs, Mission Viejo\* Mark Tettemer, Lake Forest\*

**Absent:** 

Troy Bourne, San Juan Capistrano

#### Staff present were:

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy Assistant Chief Phil Johnson Assistant Chief Randy Black Assistant Chief Jim Ruane Assistant Chief Stephanie Holloman Clerk of the Authority Maria Huizar Deputy Chief Lori Zeller Deputy Chief Kenny Dossey Assistant Chief Lori Smith Assistant Chief Robert Cortez Ex-Officio Member Jennifer Cervantez General Counsel David Kendig

#### 1. PRESENTATION

No items.

#### 2. CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Director Hernandez and second by Director O'Neill, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 8-0 (Director Bourne absent).

# A. Minutes for the September 8, 2021, Regular Budget and Finance Committee Meeting (FILE 12.02B2)

Action: Approve as submitted.

#### **B.** Monthly Investment Reports (FILE 11.10D2)

Action: Review the proposed agenda item and direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Executive Committee meeting of October 28, 2021, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that the Executive Committee receive and file the reports.

# C. Approval of Annual Statement of Investment Policy and Investment Authorization (FILE 11.10D)

Action: Review the proposed agenda item and direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting of October 28, 2021, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that the Board of Directors take the following actions:

- 1. Review and approve the submitted Investment Policy of the Orange County Fire Authority, to be effective January 1, 2022.
- 2. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 53601 and 53607, renew delegation of investment authority to the Treasurer for a one-year period, to be effective January 1, 2022.

### D. 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program (FILE 19.09E) (X:16.03)

Action: Review the proposed agenda item and direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting of October 28, 2021, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that the Board of Directors take the following actions:

- 1. Approve and authorize the Fire Chief to execute any necessary agreement(s) to accept and administer the FY 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program.
- 2. Approve a budget adjustment to the FY 2021/22 General Fund (121) budget to increase revenues and expenditures by \$180,000.

## E. Fire Integrated Real-time Intelligence System (FIRIS) 3.0 Program Extension (FILE 18.09D)

#### Action:

- 1. Approve and authorize a budget adjustment to increase revenue and appropriations in the FY 2021-22 General Fund (121) budget by an additional \$10,671,443 for the extension of the FIRIS 3.0 Program for an additional eight months from November 1 through June 30, 2022.
- 2. Approve and authorize the Purchasing Manager to adjust all FIRIS-related vendor contracts by the individual amounts needed in support of the FIRIS 3.0 Program extension, so long as the aggregate value of the increase does not exceed the revised program budget (see table).

#### 3. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

# A. Findings Required by AB 361 for the Continued Use of Teleconferencing for Meetings of the Budget and Finance Committee (FILE 11.03)

General Counsel David Kendig presented the Findings Required by AB 361 for the Continued Use of Teleconferencing for Meetings of the Budget and Finance Committee.

On motion of Director Ta and second by Director O'Neill, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 7-1 (Director Tettemer opposed, Director Bourne absent) to:

- 1. Make the following findings by majority vote of the Committee:
  - a. A state of emergency has been proclaimed by California's Governor due to the COVID-19 pandemic and continues in effect; and
  - b. The Committee has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency; and
  - c. State and local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19.
- 2. Direct staff to place this item on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting of October 28, 2021, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that the Board consider scheduling concurrent Special Meetings of this Committee with regular or special meetings of the Board of Directors whenever necessary to address the requirement to make the required findings at least every thirty (30) days, and to minimize the need for separate Committee meetings to address this new requirement of the Brown Act. (A proposed schedule that could accommodate the concurrent meetings is attached hereto and referenced as Attachment 2).

#### **B.** Fire Service Proposal for Emergency Services for the City of Fullerton (FILE 10.03)

Division Chief Rob Capobianco presented the Fire Service Proposal for Emergency Services for the City of Fullerton.

Todd Baldridge, President Orange County Professional Firefighters Association, Local 3631, addressed support of the proposed services for the City of Fullerton.

Chair Muller left at this point (12:57 p.m.).

Director Tettemer left at this point (12:58 p.m.).

On motion by Director Sachs and second by Director Hasselbrink, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 6-0 (Directors Bourne, Muller, and Tettemer absent) to direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting of October 28, 2021.

#### **REPORTS**

No Items.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS** (FILE 12.02B4)

Director Hernandez praised Division Chief Capobianco on his preparation and delivery of the Proposal for Emergency Services for the City of Fullerton.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Vice Chair Ta adjourned the meeting at 1:12 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 12:00 noon.

Maria D. Huizar, CMC
Clerk of the Authority