

MINUTES ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

**Budget and Finance Committee Special Meeting
Wednesday, July 15, 2015
12:00 Noon**

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

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Budget and Finance Committee was called to order on July 15, 2015, at 12:06 p.m. by Vice Chair Swift.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Present:

Gerard Goedhart, La Palma
Gene Hernandez, Yorba Linda
Al Murray, Tustin
Elizabeth Swift, Buena Park

Absent:

Jerry McCloskey, Chair, Laguna Niguel
Todd Spitzer, County of Orange
Tri Ta, Westminster

Also present were:

Fire Chief Jeff Bowman
Assistant Chief Lori Smith
Assistant Chief Brian Young
Human Resources Director Jeremy Hammond
Ex Officio City Manager Bruce Channing

Assistant Chief Michael Schroeder
Assistant Chief David Thomas
General Counsel David Kendig
Clerk of the Authority Sherry Wentz

1. PRESENTATIONS

No items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (F: 12.02B3)

Vice Chair Swift opened the Public Comments portion of the meeting. Vice Chair Swift closed the Public Comments portion of the meeting without any comments.

2. MINUTES

A. Minutes for the May 14, 2015, Special Budget and Finance Committee Meeting (F: 12.02B2)

On motion of Director Goedhart and second by Director Hernandez, the Committee voted unanimously by those present to approve the Minutes for the May 14, 2015, Special Budget and Finance Committee meeting, as submitted.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Monthly Investment Reports (F: 11.10D2)

On motion of Director Murray and second by Director Hernandez, the Committee voted unanimously by those present to direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Executive Committee meeting of July 16, 2015, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that the Executive Committee receive and file the reports.

B. Quarterly Status Update – Orange County Employees' Retirement System (F: 17.06B)

On motion of Director Murray and second by Director Hernandez, the Committee voted unanimously by those present to direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Executive Committee meeting of July 16, 2015, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that the Executive Committee receive and file the report.

C. Quarterly Change Order Report (F: 11.10H1)

On motion of Director Murray and second by Director Hernandez, the Committee voted unanimously by those present to direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Executive Committee meeting of July 16, 2015, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that the Executive Committee receive and file the report.

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D. Grant Acceptance – FEMA Assistance To Firefighter Grant (AFG) (F: 16.02D)

On motion of Director Murray and second by Director Hernandez, the Committee voted unanimously by those present to accept the grant award and approve a FY 2015/16 budget adjustment to revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$43,022 in Fund 121.

4. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

A. Updated Cost Reimbursement Rates (F: 15.12)

Finance Manager Jim Ruane provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Updated Cost Reimbursement Rates.

On motion of Director Murray and second by Director Hernandez, the Committee voted unanimously by those present to direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting of July 23, 2015, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve and adopt the proposed Cost Reimbursement Rate schedules effective retroactively July 1, 2015.

B. Approval of the Updated OCFA Advanced Life Support (ALS) Paramedic and Basic Life Support (BLS) Medical Supplies Reimbursement Rates (F: 15.12)

Finance Manager Jim Ruane provided a PowerPoint presentation on Approval of the Updated OCFA Advanced Life Support (ALS) Paramedic and Basic Life Support (BLS) Medical Supplies Reimbursement Rates.

Stephen Wontrobski, Mission Viejo resident, spoke in opposition to the item.

On motion of Director Hernandez and second by Director Murray, the Committee voted unanimously by those present to direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting of July 23, 2015, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that the Board of Directors take the following actions:

1. Conduct a Public Hearing.
2. Upon approval of the proposed increase to the maximum BLS emergency 9-1-1 transportation billing rate by the Orange County Board of Supervisors, authorize staff to increase OCFA's Advanced Life Support (ALS) and Basic Life Support (BLS) Medical Supply Reimbursement Rates by the same percentage increase.

C. Community Risk Reduction Fee Study and Adoption of Associated Fee Schedules (F:15.05)

Finance Manager Jim Ruane provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Community Risk Reduction Fee Study and Adoption of Associated Fee Schedules.

On motion of Director Murray and second by Director Hernandez, the Committee voted unanimously by those present to direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting of July 23, 2015, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that the Board of Directors take the following actions:

1. Conduct a Public Hearing.
2. Find that, in accordance with California Government Code Section 66014, the proposed fees do not exceed the cost of providing services and are only for the purpose of meeting operational expenses and are, therefore exempt from compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.
3. Approve and adopt the Resolution and Exemption Policy approving changes in Community Risk Reduction and Miscellaneous fees and effective date.

REPORTS (F: 12.02B6)


No items.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS (F: 12.02B4)

Director Murray commended staff on the Fire/EMS Demonstrations held for city managers, thanked staff for controlling the 241 Fire, and spoke about a recent interview on OC Radio with Fire Chief Bowman.

Vice Chair Swift commended staff on the modifications to the OCFA's website.

ADJOURNMENT – Vice Chair Swift adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12, 2015, at 12:00 noon.



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