

FIG GARDEN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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FIG GARDEN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT Board of Directors – Regular Meeting Minutes September 7, 2023, 5:30pm Station 20 – 4537 N Wishon

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Louis Linney, Larry Fortune, Richard Caglia
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None
CITY OF FRESNO: Billy Alcorn, Fire Chief
Yvonne Dedmore, Business Manager
Christy Cronin, Senior Management Analyst
Kirk Wanless, Fire Battalion Chief
OTHERS: None

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Board Member Linney.

1. Board of Directors Minutes – July 6, 2023

- **MOTION:** Board Member Fortune motioned to adopt the minutes of July 6, 2023; seconded by Board Member Caglia. Motion carried
- Ayes: Linney, Caglia, Fortune
- Nays: none

2. Public Commentary

- None

3. Board Member Comments/Updates

- Board Member Fortune mentioned there is stale data on the website. Sr. Management Analyst Cronin pulled up the website for review by the board, but Board Member Fortune did not recall what data he had previously seen. He will review and send an email for areas of the website for review. Fire Chief Alcorn also asked the board what kind of additional information they would like to see on the website.
- Board members Linney and Fortune had a question regarding property owners having liens recorded against their properties. Sr. Management Analyst Cronin explained that the last couple of years requests have been made for a lien release for weed abatement when there as been no lien places. The Fresno County Recorders office has started recording our annual weed abatement resolution as a lien despite being advised it is not a lien. Follow up will need to be made with County Recorder.

4. Financial Update/Fiscal Reports

- Budget Manager Dedmore presented the financial reports ending June 30 and August 31, 2023. Board members requested clarification on the following items:
 - a. \$8,660 due to general fund from the capital fund. Sr. Management Analyst Cronin explained that this is a cleanup item from the station remodel that will be cleared this fiscal year
 - b. Revenues retained by the district. Sr. Management Analyst Cronin explained that the district retains all interest and two lump sum amounts calculated based on the CPI in March each year – one lump sum in the general fund and the other lump sum transfers from the general fund to the capital fund. The balance of all revenues is paid to the City of Fresno per the contract for services.

- c. Sr. Management Analyst Cronin advised that a refund check in the amount of \$1,480.16 has been received from the County of Fresno for the November 2022 elections.
- Received signatures for payment of invoices:
 - a. Invoice D23-00042.000 – David Taussig & Associates - \$2,250
 - b. Invoice 2023-0252 – iCityWork - \$556

5. Fire Chief Updates

- Fire Chief Alcorn presented the following updates:
 - a. Chief Alcorn is now the permanent Fire Chief for the City of Fresno
 - b. Both Fire Chief Alcorn and Fire Battalion Chief Wanless spoke to the distinction between Auto Aid and Mutual Aid agreements. Fire Chief Alcorn discussed the status on agency agreements between the City of Fresno, North Central and Fig Garden
 - c. There are currently three vacancies at Fresno Fire for Fire Prevention Inspector. In addition, the process has begun to fill 26 firefighter positions due to current vacancies and anticipated retirements. The department is aiming for an academy in December. The department is also looking to fill one Deputy Chief vacancy created by the promotion of Chief Alcorn
 - d. The department made an arrest in the case of the arson homicide that occurred 09/06
 - e. The Guadalajara Fire Chief recently visited as part of the sister city program. In addition, 10 Belgian firefighters are visiting for a week doing ride-alongs and training with City of Fresno firefighters.
 - f. All weed abatement items previously reviewed with the board have been fully addressed.
 - g. Fire Prevention week is October 8-14. Board Member Caglia would like to include a message regarding the recycling of lithium-ion batteries during Fire Prevention week. Chief Alcorn will work on coordinating.

6. 2023 Scheduled Board Meetings

- Reschedule the December 14 regular quarterly meeting to Monday December 4th.

7. Adjournment

- **MOTION:** Board Member Fortune motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m.; seconded by Board Member Caglia. Motion carried.
 - Ayes: Linney, Fortune, Caglia
 - Naves: none