

Fire District 3

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

May 22, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Dean Thornberry at 6:02 pm at Station 35 and <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81188830604>. Commissioner Rick Steele, Division Chief Chris Drone, Battalion Chief Sean Smith, Captain Josh Alexander, Captain Nolan Meyer, FF/PM Tyler Rhine, Don Lavellee, Alisa Bedrosian and husband were present at Station 35. Will C, Station 33, and FF Kirk Meller were virtual. Commissioner Jon Couture was not present.

Years of Service Awards

- Captain Josh Alexander was presented with 10 years of service award.
- FF Dustin Bross was not present to receive the award.

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- The minutes of May 8, 2024, for approval.
- Commissioner Steele made a motion to approve the May 8, 2024, minutes. Commissioner Thornberry seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Correspondence none

Public Comment none

Financial Report

- Investments in Fund 6204 \$ 7,022,669.91
- Cash in Fund 6204 \$ 11,808.90
- Transmittal FD305202024 \$ 165,538.42
- Payroll FD3 05/20/2024 \$ 328,096.33
- Bond Fund 6225 \$ 26,471.28
- Commissioner Steele made a motion to approve the Transmittal FD305202024 and FD3 Payroll 05/20/2024. Commissioner Thornberry seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Old Business

- Levy Lid Lift – Chief Drone reported that ballot preview was completed by Clark County. Error in previous language was corrected to show subsequent levy reference date of 2030.
- Division Chief Recruitment - Chief Drone reported that the posting was ready, and that the Division Chief position would be posted for internal recruitment prior to opening it up to outside.
- Policy Updates – Chief Drone reported that policy updates were given to Local, and no additional comments were provided. Commissioners Steele and Thornberry stated that they had no issues with going forward with policies as presented, to include the Air Force tattoo policy model.

New Business

- Union Meeting – Commissioner Steele reported that he and Chief Sorenson attended the last union meeting to discuss current state of AMR contract.
- Station 35 Analysis – Chief Drone reported that there were no changes to the feasibility study presented at the last meeting. There was discussion regarding temporary housing for

firefighters for up to one year during construction. Chief Drone reported that this was accounted for and included in the LSW cost estimate. Chief Drone reported that discussions were still in place with the city regarding property transfer and potential expansion.

- Ambulance Services – Chief Drone reported on the City of Vancouver letter dated May 10, 2024, and went over options A-C as presented. Commissioner Thornberry expressed that the Vancouver decision, although not ideal in the short term, would likely lead to a better transport model in the future. Commissioner Steele discussed the importance of having a stronger presence at EMS board level and highlighted the value of cooperating with neighboring Fire Districts as well as EMS District 1 in evaluating all future options.

Executive Session none

Meeting Schedule

- Wednesday June 12, 2024, Station 31 18:00 hrs. Board Meeting
- Wednesday June 26, 2024, Station 31 18:00 hrs. Board Meeting

Adjournment 18:45



Fire Commissioner Jon Couture



Fire Commissioner Dean Thornberry



Fire Commissioner Rick Steele



Division Chief Chris Drone