

EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY SIXTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, September 21, 2017

6:00 p.m.

District Office, 1050 Wilson Boulevard, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Hartley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Volunteer Acting Lieutenant Bobby Boeker led the Pledge of Allegiance. Directors in attendance: Durante, Giraud, Hartley, Hus, and Winn. Director Hus and Winn attended via teleconference. Staff in attendance: Chief Roberts and Director of Finance Braddock. Counsel Cook was also in attendance.

Agenda **Item III. Presentation** was moved on the agenda prior to **Item II. Consent Calendar**.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve Minutes of the 765th Board meeting held August 17, 2017
- B. Approve Financial Statements for August 2017

Director Durante made a motion to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Director Giraud and unanimously carried.

III. PRESENTATION

- A. Presentation to retired Volunteer Acting Lieutenant Bobby Boeker – Chief Roberts and Retired Volunteer Lieutenant Roppolo recognized and thanked Volunteer Acting Lieutenant Bobby Boeker for his thirteen years of volunteer service to the Department and community.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. EDH Professional Firefighters – None
- B. EDH Firefighters Association – None
- C. Latrobe Advisory Committee – None
- D. Public Comment – Richard Ross, citizen, asked the question again about the Chief speaking on behalf of the Department regarding legislation SB 649 and expressed his concern. President Hartley stated that he spoke to Chief Roberts about the situation and there did not appear to be a problem with him representing the fire service on the topic, but did ask him to inform the Board President about any future controversial topics prior to speaking publicly about them.

V. CORRESPONDENCE – None

President Hartley requested that **Item VI-A** be moved on the agenda after **Item XI. Old Business** and the Board concurred.

VI. ATTORNEY ITEMS – Counsel Cook informed the Board that the Directors’

compensation resolution would come to the Board in October and the Latrobe transfer resolutions are in progress and will come to the Board in either October or November.

- A. Closed Session; Conference with legal counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2); Pending Litigation; One Potential Matter.**

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Administrative Committee (Directors Durante and Hartley)

- 1. Review and approve revision to the Rules and Regulations** – Chief Roberts stated that Staff recommends amending the Rules and Regulations removing the requirement for Shift Battalion Chiefs to live within a certain radius of El Dorado Hills and increase the distance for the Division Chiefs and above to 40 miles.

Richard Ross, citizen, asked how Staff arrived at the distance of 40 miles as a reasonable distance. Counsel Cook explained that by adding shift Battalion Chiefs, the Division Chiefs are no longer the first Chief on scene at an incident and stated that the 40-mile requirement was an operational decision and is legally enforceable. Chief Roberts added that Staff took into consideration desirable areas to live including Rocklin and Roseville when establishing that 40 miles was a reasonable distance.

Director Durante made a motion to approve revision to the Rules and Regulations, seconded by Director Hartley, and unanimously carried.

- 2. Review and approve revision to the Bylaws** – Counsel Cook stated that the revised Bylaws were included in the packet and the final copy is ready for adoption. He added that the section regarding the Director's Compensation was revised to allow for the Board to adjust the compensation in accordance with the governing water code sections.

Director Hartley made a motion to approve revision to the Bylaws, seconded by Director Giraudo, and unanimously carried.

B. Finance Committee (Directors Giraudo and Winn) –

- 1. Review and approve pension unfunded liability funding strategy** – Director of Finance Braddock stated that the pension unfunded liability increased 25% from the prior year and with the planned change in the CalPERS discount rate, this trend is expected to continue. She recommended a strategy of mimicking the 20-year amortization schedule payments, saving approximately 4 million dollars in future interest cost.

Director of Finance Braddock also recommended that if the initial lump sum payments are not sufficient to maintain a funded ratio of 75%, the District make additional discretionary lump sum payments based on the latest valuation reports available. Director Hus thanked staff for the analysis and supported the recommendation.

Richard Ross, citizen, expressed that he would like the public to be aware of the impact of the retirement system on the Department's operational budget.

Director Giraudo made a motion to approve pension unfunded liability funding strategy, seconded by Director Durante, and unanimously carried.

C. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

1. Strategic Planning Committee (Directors Hus and Giraudo)

a. Review and discuss regarding draft Nexus Study – Chief

Roberts stated that the Committee met with the SCI consultant to discuss the Draft Nexus study and recommended a few changes. He added that the draft would likely be presented to the Board at the October meeting. Director Hus expressed that he thinks the study is flawed and does not support many of the values used to calculate the fee.

2. Communications Committee (Directors Durante and Winn) – No report.

3. Training Facility Committee (Directors Hartley and Durante)

a. Review and approve architect's estimate and authorize RFP release – Chief Roberts reported that the Architectural estimate was completed by Dennis Dong and Staff recommends going out for RFP. Director Hus stated that he is not in support of entertaining the option of spending over \$14M on the proposed training facility and asked for a roll call vote.

Director Durante made a motion to approve architect's estimate and authorize RFP release, seconded by Director Giraudo, and carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: 4; Noes: 1- Hus)

4. CSD/Fire Collaboration Committee (Directors Giraudo and Durante) – No report.

5. Station 91 Building Committee (Directors Durante and Giraudo) –

Chief Roberts reported that staff will be expecting bids to complete the work at Station 91 early next week and will schedule a committee meeting to review those bids.

6. **Cameron Park CSD/EDH Fire Collaboration Committee (Directors Durante and Hartley)** – Chief Roberts reported that Cameron Park extended their contract with Cal Fire for 18 months and he expects that they will go out to RFP.

VIII. OPERATIONS REPORT

- A. **Operations Report (Receive and file)** – None
- B. **Review and update regarding Joint Powers Authority** – No report.

IX. FISCAL ITEMS

- A. **Public Hearing: Review and approve Resolution 2017-27, approving the Final Budget for fiscal year 2017/18 and authorize expenditures from Reserve Funds** – Director of Finance Braddock summarized the changes from the preliminary budget. Director Hus thanked Director of Finance Braddock for the quality of the financials, pointing out one clerical error that needed correcting. He also acknowledged that the reserve balances are declining every year and will continue to decline with the current budget.

Director Hartley made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-27, approving the Final Budget for fiscal year 2017/18 and authorize expenditures from Reserve Funds with the recommended correction, seconded by Director Hus, and unanimously carried. (Roll call: Ayes: 5; Noes: 0)

- B. **Public Hearing: Review and approve Resolution 2017-28, adopting the Appropriation Limits for fiscal year 2017/18** – Director of Finance Braddock explained how the appropriation limits were calculated and stated that this has to be adopted on an annual basis.

Director Durante made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-28, adopting the Appropriation Limits for fiscal year 2017/18, seconded by Director Giraudo, and unanimously carried. (Roll call: Ayes: 5; Noes: 0)

- C. **Review and discuss Development Fee Revenues and Expenditures Annual Report** – Director of Finance Braddock provided an annual report showing the inflows and outflows from the Development Fee account with the County. She stated that the report shows that fees have been collected, but none have been paid out to the District although the District has requested reimbursement.

- D. Review and approve Staff recommendation to apply for Fire Agencies Self Insurance System** – Director of Finance Braddock reported that Staff is unhappy with the current workers’ compensation provider and is considering FASIS as an alternative option. She stated that FASIS works with many Fire Districts, seems to provide a better service, and is less expensive than the current provider. The Finance Committee recommended going ahead with the application for FASIS.

Director Hartley made a motion to approve Staff recommendation to apply for Fire Agencies Self Insurance System, seconded by Director Winn, and unanimously carried.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review and approve surplus of parcel APN#117-082-05-100** – Chief Roberts stated that parcel APN#117-082-05-100 is not needed by the District and Staff is recommending surplus of the property. He added that Benny Wilkins submitted the only bid on the property at \$750,000. Chief Roberts reported that the original purchase price of the property was higher than what is being offered and that the comparable listings found seem to be higher. Staff recommends that the Board surplus the property, reject the offer, and try to get a better price for the property. Director Hus pointed out that there would be some savings because there would be no brokers fees for the sale and recommends that the Board accept the bid.

Director Hus made a motion to approve surplus of parcel APN#117-082-05-100 and approve sale of parcel APN#117-082-05-100 to the high bidder, Benny Wilkins, seconded by Director Durante, and unanimously carried.

- B. Review and approve sale of parcel APN#117-082-05-100 to the high bidder, Benny Wilkins, in the amount of \$750,000** – Discussed under item X-A.

The Board adjourned to discuss Closed Session Item VI-A at 7:58 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:07 p.m. The Board took no action during closed session.

XI. OLD BUSINESS – None

XII. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Directors** – None
- B. Staff** – Chief Roberts thanked the Board for allowing the recognition of Bobby Boeker and stated that Staff attended the ground breaking of the new Folsom Station 39. He added that the El Dorado County Fire Chiefs are working on a

half-cent sales tax increase to go on the ballot November 2018 and are working on a plan of how that could be divided between the agencies.

- C. Schedule upcoming committee meetings** – The Board did not schedule and committee meetings.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Director Durante made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Hartley, and unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Approved:

Jessica Braddock, Board Secretary

Jim Hartley, President