FIG GARDEN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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FIG GARDEN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT Board of Directors – Regular Meeting Minutes September 12, 2024, 5:30PM Station 20 – 4537 N Wishon

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Louis Linney, Richard Caglia, Larry Fortune

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CITY OF FRESNO: Billy Alcorn, Fire Chief

Yvonne Dedmore, Business Manager

Christy Cronin, Senior Management Analyst

OTHERS: Ken Price, Baker Manock & Jensen

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

1. Closed Session

- Started 5:35 p.m.
- Ended 5:53 p.m.

2. Board of Directors Minutes - June 13, June 24 & July 16, 2024

- MOTION: Board Member Caglia motioned to adopt the minutes of June 13, June 24 and July 16, 2024; seconded by Board Member Linney. Motion carried
 - Ayes: Caglia, Linney, Fortune
 - Nayes: none

3. Public Commentary

None

4. Board Member Comments and Updates

None

5. Status update on Bylaws

- Chief Alcorn gave a status update. He and Board Member Fortune have been reviewing several other agencies bylaws and there are applicable sections from a few different samples. The plan is to keep it simple and have something to present at the December 12 regular board meeting
- MOTION: Board Member Linney motioned to give Board Member Fortune the authority to engage council to review proposed bylaws in preparation for the December 12 regular board meeting; seconded by Board Member Caglia. Motion carried
 - Ayes: Linney, Caglia, Fortune
 - Nayes: none

6. Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Adoption

 SMA Cronin presented the proposed budget adopted June 13, 2024 and identified updates made. There was a decrease in account 7294 and an increase in account 7295 to account for known increases in legal fees for FY 2025.

- MOTION: Board Member Fortune motioned to adopt the FY 2025 Final Budget as presented;
 seconded by Board Member Caglia. Motion carried
 - Ayes: Linney, Caglia, Fortune
 - Nayes: none

7. Election

- Upcoming Vacancies. SMA Cronin reviewed the current status of the two seats coming vacant at the end of 2024 – Linney and Caglia. No candidates filed to fill the seats and therefore the vacancies will not be on the November 5, 2024 ballot. The board of Supervisors will appoint the two seats at their regular November 5 board meeting. Louis Linney has submitted a BCC application to the Board of Supervisors so that he may be appointed. Richard Caglia also intends to file an application. The deadline is noon October 3, 2024
- Status of Ballot Question. The question regarding the expansion of the board from 3 to 5 members has been added to the November 5, 2024 ballot as measure N. The board is not legally allowed to campaign for a positive outcome. The board however is allowed to distribute an informational statement notifying the residents that there is a question on the ballot for their consideration. Ken Price provided a letter for board review and adjustments were requested to add language regarding no cost to the District and adding a signature block.
- **MOTION:** Board Member Fortune motioned to approve the letter as amended and delegate Board Member Caglia to work with council on the timing of the mailing as well as generating a second letter to be mailed to residents; seconded by Board Member Linney. Motion carried
 - Ayes: Linney, Caglia, Fortune
 - Nayes: none

8. Financial Update/Fiscal Reports

- Business Manager Dedmore presented PNL and balance sheet reports ending 08/31/2024.
- Received signatures for payment of invoices:
- 490793 Baker Manock & Jensen \$348.84
- 489969 Baker Manock & Jensen \$1,904.68
- 2024-0097 iCityWorks \$580.00
- 2408020 David Taussig & Assoc \$2,250.00

9. Fire Chief

- Gave a status update regarding upcoming department activities:
 - September
- 911 memorials
 - October
- Firefighter for a Day
- Station Open Houses
 - November
- FFCF Golf Tournament
- Firefighters Ball
- Youth Empowerment Camp
- Reviewed fire responses and presented an online visual rendering of hot spots throughout the City. He discussed how the board would like to see statistics presented at future meetings.
- Spoke about the current budgetary challenges facing the department; Out of County/State responses; upcoming retirements and vacancies

10. 2024 Scheduled Board Meetings (THURSDAYS)

December 12, 2024 – Quarterly Meeting

2025 Scheduled Board Meetings (THURSDAYS)

- February 6, 2025 Review FAIRA application
- March 13, 2025 Quarterly Meeting

11. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m. by Board Member Linney