

EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

EIGHT HUNDRED ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, January 16, 2020

5:00 p.m.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

President Hartley called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and Counsel Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance. Directors in attendance: Bennett, Durante, Giraudo, Hartley, and White. Staff in attendance: Chief Johnson and Director of Finance Braddock. Counsel Cook was also in attendance.

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:05 p.m. The Board reported out on Closed Session item B as noted below and took no action during closed session on items A or C.

II. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

A. **Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(D)(1): Conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation: Thomas and Helen Austin v. The County of El Dorado, et. al.; El Dorado County Superior Court Case No. 21050633**

B. **Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1); Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Fire Chief** – President Hartley reported that the Board finished evaluating the Fire Chief's performance for the previous year and also reviewed a compensation analysis for the Fire Chief position provided by the Administrative Committee. The Administrative Committee recommended an increase of 3.8% to the Fire Chief's base salary, resulting in a revised base salary of \$18,517 per month. President Hartley explained that the recommendation is in line with comparable agencies and would resolve a compression problem between the Deputy Chief and Fire Chief ranks.

Director Hartley made a motion to increase the Fire Chief's salary by 3.8% to a total of \$18,517 per month effective January 1, 2020, seconded by Director White and unanimously carried (Roll Call: Ayes: 5; Noes: 0).

C. **Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(2) and 54956.9 (d)4); potential litigation; one matter**

III. Presentation

- A. **Badge Pinning for Engineer Ramsey** – Chief Johnson presented recently promoted Engineer Ramsey with his badge.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. **Approve Minutes of the 810th Board meeting held December 19, 2019**
- B. **Approve Financial Statements for December 2019**

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

V. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. **EDH Professional Firefighters** – None
- B. **EDH Firefighters Association** – None
- C. **Public Comment** – Richard Ross, citizen, cited a news article regarding another local Fire Chief's salary.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE – None

VII. ATTORNEY ITEMS – None

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Administrative Committee (Directors Bennett and Durante)** – Director Bennett reported that the committee met on January 7th for a kickoff meeting with Federal Engineering for the Communications System Study. A timeline was discussed and the final recommendations are tentatively expected in June.
- B. **Finance Committee (Directors Giraud and White)** – Director of Finance Braddock reported that the Finance Committee met on January 18th and completed a mid-year budget review and a bank reconciliation review. The committee also discussed an update on the Training Facility project. Chief Johnson reported that the Training Facility project is on track and a financial analysis of the cost of the project and potential financing options will be coming shortly.

Director Durante asked for clarification on which committee is responsible for reviewing the Training Facility project. Directors White and Hartley clarified that the Finance Committee was reviewing the financial implications of the project, but the Administrative Committee is still responsible for monitoring the project as a whole.

Richard Ross, citizen, asked whether the Board of Directors has taken an official vote on whether a Training Center will be constructed. Counsel Cook explained that the Board has taken votes that a training center will be constructed but specifically “what” will be constructed has not yet been decided. Another vote

will need to take place before actual construction begins. He added that this project has been included in the District's Capital Facilities plan for years and is a major component of the Development fees that are being collected.

Richard Ross asked how many additional training hours will be needed once the new facility is built and what the expense of that will be. Further, he asked if an analysis on the cost of operation of the Training Facility has been completed. Chief Johnson explained that there is both a Business Plan and an Operations Plan for this project on the Department website.

Item XII.A was taken out of order and presented prior to Item IX, Fire Chief's Report.

IX. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Johnson reported the following to the Board:

- The Department has engaged with a surveying engineering firm to review all the parcel maps needed for the Rescue FPD annexation application. Preliminary maps are expected in the next 30 days.
- Rescue FPD has hired a temporary Administrative Assistant, Megan Scollard, and Stephanie Layton will resume her duties in the Operations/Training Division.
- The Department has opened a recruitment for Firefighter/Paramedic and Lateral Firefighter/Paramedic.

X. OPERATIONS REPORT

- A. Operations Report (Receive and file)** – Received and filed. Director White asked about data on page 5 of the report detailing the number of cancelled calls. Chief Johnson explained these statistics are industry standard.
- B. Review and update regarding Joint Powers Authority** – Chief Johnson reported there is a Special Board Meeting scheduled to review the process for recruiting a full-time Executive Director for the JPA.

XI. FISCAL ITEMS – None

XII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Receive and file a study prepared by Lutz & Associates on the Community Risk Reduction Division** – Lutz & Associates presented a summary of the study they completed on the Community Risk Reduction Division, including several recommendations. They discussed inspection frequency, performance standards and measures, the collection of data and State mandates. Director White asked for clarification on page 8 of the report and recommended the Administrative Committee review the report's recommendations in more detail.

- B. Review and approve Department surplus items** – Director of Finance Braddock explained the Department would like to surplus the old stove from the Station 85 Admin kitchen so it can be sold at auction.

Director Giraudo made a motion to approve Department surplus items, seconded by Director Bennett and unanimously carried.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS – None

XIV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

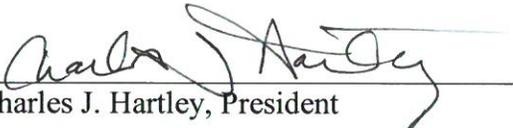
- A. Directors** – Director Durante announced that invitations for the annual Feb Dinner will be sent out soon. The event will take place on February 29th. Director Hartley reported that he and Chief Johnson discussed recognizing Dennis Ferguson for his years of service volunteering for the Santa Run.
- B. Staff** – None
- C. Schedule upcoming committee meetings** – None

XV. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:31p.m.

Approved:


Charles J. Hartley, President


Jessica Braddock, Board Secretary