

EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

EIGHT HUNDRED TENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, December 19, 2019

5:30 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 Giraudo called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and 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 5:30 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:28 p.m. The Board reported out on Closed Session item A as noted below and took no action during closed session on items B, C, D or E.

II. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

- A. **Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(D)(1): Conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation: LisaMarie Mason v. El Dorado Hills County Water District, et. al.; United States District Court Case No. 2:18-cv-00223-MCE-AC – President Giraudo read the following statement:**

As a result of mediation by a natural third party, the parties have resolved their dispute and the lawsuit will be dismissed. The parties have agreed to treat the terms of the settlement agreement as confidential, except for meeting the District's legal obligation to disclose the settlement amount of \$335,000. The settlement will have no impact on the District's General Fund. The plaintiff is no longer employed by the Fire District. Consistent with our practice of refraining from comment on personnel matters, the District has nothing further to say on this matter. The El Dorado Hills Fire Department is committed to protecting the privacy rights of our employees and providing a harassment free work environment.

- B. **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**
- C. **Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1); Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Fire Chief**
- D. **Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(2) and 54956.9 (d)4); potential litigation; one matter**

- E. **Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1); Conference with Legal Counsel; Consideration of Issues Related to Hiring/Appointment of Public Employee; Position: Fire Marshall**

III. Presentation

- A. **Promotional badge pinning and swear in** – Chief Johnson presented badges to recently promoted Captains Baldwin and Belleci.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. **Approve Minutes of the 809th Board meeting held November 21, 2019**
B. **Approve Financial Statements for November 2019**

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

V. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. **EDH Professional Firefighters** – Mathew Eckhardt, Vice President, gave a recap of the highlights and changes of 2019.
B. **EDH Firefighters Association** – None
C. **Public Comment** – None

VI. CORRESPONDENCE – None

VII. ATTORNEY ITEMS – None

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Administrative Committee (Directors Bennett and Durante)**
1. **Approve payment for Training Center Special Use Permit** – Chief Hall explained the special use permit is required to proceed with the Training Center project. The calculated cost of the permit is \$50,692.22.

Director Durante made a motion to approve payment for the Training Center Special Use Permit, seconded by Director White and unanimously carried.

- B. **Finance Committee (Directors Giraudo and White)**
1. **Review and approve Rescue Shared Services Agreement** – Chief Johnson presented the proposed 5-year Shared Services agreement with Rescue Fire Protection District. Director Durante asked why the term of the contract is five years. Chief Johnson explained the term is to avoid having to do a contract extension each year. Director White pointed out that there is the ability by either party to terminate the contract unilaterally with a 30-day notice. Director Giraudo stated that Rescue FPD will be paying the District \$75,000 per year for services provided to them. Chief Johnson described the services that the District is currently providing. Director Durante asked how the \$75,000 was calculated. Chief Johnson

explained that without tracking staff time hour for hour, it is difficult to come up with an accurate cost. The \$75,000 represents what Rescue FPD can afford and what we are likely giving them in services.

Director Hartley made a motion to approve the Rescue Shared Services Agreement for a 5-year term, seconded by Director White and unanimously carried.

- IX. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT** – Chief Johnson reported the following to the Board:
- Staff has engaged with a surveyor to look at mapping for Rescue annexation application to LAFCO
 - JPA Chair is now held by Chief Johnson and the Assistant Chair is held by Deputy Chief Lilienthal
 - Chief Cordero was named the new Fire Chief for El Dorado County

Chief Johnson presented a recap of the following recent events and noted that all were successful. He further thanked all that participated in making these events happen:

- “Movember” Golf Tournament
- Snowball Event
- Department Holiday Party
- 56th Annual Santa Run
- Toys for Tots
- Firefighter Thrace Ramsey was promoted to Engineer
- Honor Guard performed the flag fold at funeral for Sacramento Firefighter

X. OPERATIONS REPORT

- A. Operations Report (Receive and file)** – Received and filed
- B. Review and update regarding Joint Powers Authority** – Chief Johnson reported that he will serve as the Chair of the JPA Board for 2020. He explained the focus for 2020 will be building relationships, working on communications and focusing on the last few years of the contract. Director Giraud asked for an update on inter-facility transfers. Staff reported that the number of transfers has improved.

XI. FISCAL ITEMS

- A. Receive and file 2018/19 Final Audit Report (edited)** – Director of Finance Braddock presented the final audit report, explaining the report is the same as what was presented by Audit Partner Brian Nash with the exception of a modification to the training facility footnote on page 31.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Review and approve resolution 2019-17 updating the development impact fee schedule for inflation** – Director of Finance Braddock explained the resolution is to adjust the current development impact fee schedule for inflation. She further explained this process is allowed for and described in the adopted Nexus Study, and the County Board of Supervisors will need to approve the new fee schedule once this resolution is adopted. Counsel Cook explained this is the first time we have done an adjustment for inflation and the process should be straight forward but may take some time at the County level.

Director Hartley made a motion to approve resolution 2019-17 updating the development impact fee schedule for inflation, seconded by Director Bennett and unanimously carried (Roll Call: Ayes: 5; Noes: 0).

- B. **Election of Board President and Vice President for 2020** – Director Giraudo thanked his fellow Board Members and Counsel Cook for their support and guidance during his tenure as Board President. He also noted the next year will be Director Hartley’s 20th year serving on the Board.

Director Giraudo made a motion to nominate Director Hartley for 2020 Board President, seconded by Director White and unanimously carried.

Director Hartley made a motion to nominate Director White for 2020 Board Vice President, seconded by Director Bennett and unanimously carried.

- C. **Reorganization of Committees for 2020** – Item deferred to January Board meeting.
- D. **Review and establish meeting dates for 2020** – After some discussion, the Board agreed to keep the meetings at 5:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month for 2020.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Review and approve Communications Study Service Agreement with Federal Engineering** – Chief Hall presented the proposed contract with Federal Engineering to complete a communications study for the District. He explained the agreement has been reviewed and edited by Counsel Cook. Director Durante requested that Staff continue to include the Administrative Committee in this process going forward.

Director Bennett made a motion to approve the Communications Study Service Agreement with Federal Engineering, seconded by Director White and unanimously carried.

XIV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. **Directors** – Director Bennett congratulated Chief Johnson on becoming JPA

Board Chair. She also thanked department staff for putting on such a wonderful Santa Run event. Director White thanked his fellow Directors and all Department Staff for a great first year on the Board, also noting how much the community appreciates the Santa Run. Director Hartley noted how important the Santa Run event is to the community and the culture of the Department. Director Giraud personally thanked each member of the Executive Staff as well as all Administrative Staff members, Fire Prevention and the El Dorado Hills Professional Firefighters Local 3604 for all their hard work and all they do for this Department.

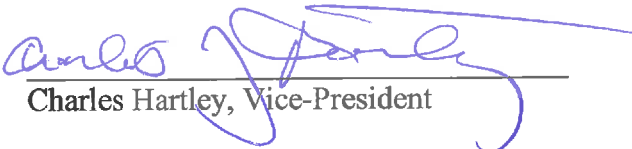
- B. **Staff** – Chief Johnson personally thanked each of his Executive Staff for all of their hard work and contributions to this Department. He further thanked Local 3604 for their partnership. He then thanked Issac English for his participation in the Santa Run. He also thanked Steve and Peggy Willis, Noel Stack, Counsel Cook, and the Board of Directors for their service to the public and our community.
- C. **Schedule upcoming committee meetings** – None

XV. ADJOURNMENT

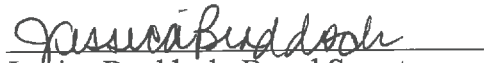
Director Hartley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bennett, and unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Approved:



Charles Hartley, Vice-President



Jessica Braddock, Board Secretary

