



## **Drexel Heights Fire District**

5950 S. Cardinal Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85746

### Regular Board Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2021

**In accordance with the social distancing guidelines recommended by state and local authorities relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, members of the Board may attend the meeting telephonically. The meeting room will be closed to the public. However, members of the public are invited to attend the meeting telephonically: Telephonic Participant Instructions: Dial-in number (978) 990-5000 and access code "667360 #"**

#### **BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

I. Call to Order

Board Chair Bynum called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

**Board Members present: Gary Bynum, James Bertrand, Laura Dailey, Douglas Fink and Charles Mendonca.** With five Board Members attending, a quorum is established.

Staff Members present: Douglas Chappell, District Administrator & Fire Chief; Gabe Buldra, JVG; Laurie Dunham, Finance Manager; Lisa Creager, HR Manager; and Dane Crouse, Logistics Chief.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

***Move to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 26, 2021 by Ms. Dailey, second by Mr. Mendonca, motion approved. (5-0)***

V. Call to the Public – Comments and Questions

None

VI. Report from the Fire Chief

Chief Chappell provided a written report which is hereby made a part of these minutes. Chief Chappell had nothing to add to the report at this time.

VII. Pending Business

- A. Discussion and possible action to approve the checks issued listing and monthly financial report for the period ending March 31, 2021.

***Move to approve the checks issued listing and monthly financial report for the period ending March 31, 2021 by Mr. Bynum, second by Mr. Bertrand, motion approved. (5-0)***

- B. Discussion only. Review and discussion concerning a proposed budget for the FY 2022.

Chief Chappell provided a draft of the FY 2022 budget for discussion. There were no changes to the draft since the March report because the District continues to wait for the workers' compensation numbers.

Mr. Bynum asked about the effect of the Presumptive Cancer bill on our Comp rates. Chief Chappell gave an overview of the potential impact. However, because this is so new, the Administration really cannot project. Mr. Buldra indicated that his recent conversations with our insurer have led him to believe the rate changes will be balanced.

Ms. Dailey asked about workers' comp insurance options. Chief Chappell reported that currently there are only three options and he believes we will be able to remain with our current insurer, 7710.

- C. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution 2021 – 06, authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Tucson for 9-1-1 support services. Chief Chappell noted that this MOU replaces the MOU with the Town of Marana established in 2019; and under a grant the State of Arizona provides support of the 9-1-1 telephone system. Chief Chapel reported that the State of Arizona transfers the funds to the City of Tucson and under this MOU, the City of Tucson is able to pay for 9-1-1 support for the VECC.

***Move to adopt Resolution 2021 – 06, authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Tucson for 9-1-1 support services by Mr. Bynum, second by Ms. Dailey, motion approved. (5-0)***

- D. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution 2021 – 07, which authorize the Fire Chief to execute the Acquisition Agreement, Affidavit of Disclosure, Facility Lease and other related documents for the transfer of the Eagles Nest property to Pima County. Chief Chappell indicated that the District’s staff has completed a negotiated agreement with Pima County for the transfer of ownership of the Eagles Nest property, located at 6950 S. Beehive Avenue to Pima County. Pima County has agreed to a ten-year, rent free, lease of tower and building space so that the District can maintain our microwave system at that location.

***Motion to adopt Resolution 2021 – 07, which authorize the Fire Chief to execute the Acquisition Agreement, Affidavit of Disclosure, Facility Lease and other related documents for the transfer of the Eagles Nest property to Pima County by Mr. Bynum, second by Mr. Mendonca, motion approved. (5-0)***

VIII. Future Agenda Items

Chief Chappell reported that we will continue the discussion on the FY 2022 budget and will consider calling for the notice of the public hearing in June. Chief Chappell also noted that we may have some of the Subscriber agreements for the VECC.

IX. Adjournment

***Move to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Bynum, second by Mr. Bertrand, motion approved. (5-0) Mr. Bynum adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.***

*James L. Bertrand*

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
James Bertrand, Clerk of the Board

Next Scheduled Meeting: Friday, May 28, 2021, 9:00 a.m.  
5950 S. Cardinal, Tucson, AZ