



# **Drexel Heights Fire District**

5950 S. Cardinal Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85746

***“Honoring the Past - Protecting the Future”***

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE DREXEL HEIGHTS FIRE DISTRICT BOARD June 24, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.**

*Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Drexel Heights Fire District Governing Board and to the general public that the Drexel Heights Fire District will hold a meeting at 5950 S. Cardinal on **June 24, 2022** at 9:00 A.M. Board Members may attend by telephonic conference. The Board may vote to go into executive session on any agenda item, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) for legal advice with the District’s attorney on matters set forth in the agenda item.*

### **AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes (May 27, 2022)
- V. Call to the Public – Comments and Questions

Those wishing to address the Board need not request permission in advance. Action taken as a result of a public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or rescheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

- VI. Report from the Fire Chief

The report is a summary of recent activities from each of the District’s Divisions including, but not limited to, Administration, Operations and Valley Emergency Communications Center. The report could also include recent correspondence or other information that the Fire Chief believes would be important to the Governing Board. The Fire Chief may also recognize current or former employees or members of the public invited to attend the meeting.

- VII. Pending Business

- A. Discussion and possible action to approve the checks issued listing and monthly financial report for the period ending May 31, 2022.

- B. Public Hearing – Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.
- C. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution 2022 – 08 which approves a final budget for the Drexel Heights Fire District for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023, with \$15,613,365.00 in total estimated revenues and \$14,840,313.00 in estimated total expenditures. Any and all District revenues and expenditures may be discussed, as well as the anticipated tax rate.

The Board has reviewed the proposed budget at its meetings of March 25, 2022, April 22, 2022, May 27, 2022 and earlier today. At the meeting of May 27, 2022, the Board authorized the publishing of a tentative budget and a notice of a public hearing concerning the proposed budget, as required by State statute. The proposed budget maintains services with an increase in the primary tax rate to \$3.30, and it acknowledges the likelihood of a continuing slow growth for the Tucson region for the 2023 fiscal year. The proposed budget provides for a minimal increase in salaries for all employees. The proposed budget does provide funds from the Capital Reserve Budget for purchase of one ambulance. The total budget includes the General Fund Budget with revenues of \$12,554,965.00 and expenses of \$12,554,428.00; the Valley Emergency Communications Center Budget with revenues of \$1,394,000.00 and expenditures of \$1,343,435.00; the Debt Service Fund with a tax rate of \$0.30 and revenue of \$918,000.00 and expenses of \$805,950.00; Capital Bond Fund revenue of \$70,300.00 and expenses of \$70,000.00 and the Capital Reserve Fund with revenue of \$676,100.00 and expenses of \$326,500. The total FY 2023 Budget anticipates a fund balance in the Capital Bond Fund, Debt Service Fund, Valley Emergency Communications Center budget and Capital Reserve Fund for future expense.

- D. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution 2022 – 07 which authorizes the adoption of a revised Board Policy Section 206.16 concerning the District’s Public Safety Personnel Pension System funding.

Arizona Revised Statutes §38-863.01 requires PSPRS employers to adopt a funding policy each year before July 1. The policy being considered meets the statute’s requirements and is consistent with District past and current practice.

- E. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution 2022 – 09 which authorizes the execution of a Subscriber Services Agreement for dispatch related services with Arivaca Fire District on behalf of the Valley Emergency Communications Center.

The VECC provides dispatch services for the Arivaca Fire District. The current agreement expires on June 30, 2022. Arivaca Fire District has returned the agreement for consideration. The fee for services included in the agreement is consistent with that reflected in the VECC FY 2023 Budget. This is a one-year agreement.

- F. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution 2022 – 10 which authorizes the execution of a Subscriber Services Agreement for dispatch related services with Corona de Tucson Fire District on behalf of the Valley Emergency Communications Center.

The VECC provides dispatch services for the Corona de Tucson Fire District. The current agreement expires on June 30, 2022. Corona de Tucson Fire District has returned the agreement for consideration. The fee for services included in the agreement is consistent with that reflected in the VECC FY 2023 Budget. This is a one-year agreement.

- G. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution 2022 – 11 which authorizes the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement for administrative related services with Corona de Tucson Fire District.

The District has begun providing administrative support for the Corona de Tucson Fire District. The services initially are payroll processing, but the lack of administrative support within the Corona de Tucson Fire District could lead to other support services. This is a one-year agreement.

- H. Discussion and possible action to direct the Fire Chief to cast an election ballot in the Arizona Fire District Association election.

The AFDA election will take place on July 12, 2022. The election will select the vice-Chairperson and the Area 6 Director. The incumbent candidate for vice - Chair is Dan Johnson and the incumbent candidate for Area 6 Director is Chuck Wunder. Both candidates are running unopposed. Chief Chappell is the designated representative to AFDA to cast the vote electronically.

#### VIII. Future Agenda Items

#### IX. Adjournment

Next Scheduled Meeting: Friday, July 22, 2022, 9:00 a.m.  
5950 S. Cardinal, Tucson, AZ

*Complete Board Meeting Agenda packets with supplemental information concerning this agenda are available starting at 9:00 a.m. on the business day before the scheduled Board Meeting. The information can be obtained at 5950 S. Cardinal, Tucson, AZ 85746. Inquiries concerning the agenda can be made at (520) 571-8700.*

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