

**Drexel Heights Fire District  
Regular Board Meeting  
May 22, 2020  
9:00 a.m.  
5950 S. Cardinal Avenue  
(Boardroom)**

**Note: Members of the Drexel Heights Fire District Governing Board will attend either in person or by telephone conferencing.**

In accordance with the social distancing guidelines recommended by state and local authorities relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, members of the Board will likely 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 #"**

**Important note – If you are joining the meeting via the conference call, please DO NOT PLACE THE CONFERENCE CALL ON HOLD and please MUTE your phone until you have something to say during the meeting. If these instructions are not followed, the background noise will disrupt the meeting, and the call may have to be terminated by the host.**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes (April 24, 2020)
- 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

*Note: The Board may vote to go into executive session at any time during the meeting on any item set forth below, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431.03 (A)(3), for the purpose of consultation for legal advice with the Board's attorney regarding any agenda item.*

- A. Discussion and possible action to approve the checks issued listing dated April 30, 2020, and the monthly financial report for the period ending April 30, 2020.

- B. Discussion only. Review and discussion concerning a proposed budget for the FY 2021.

The discussion could include topics such as all revenues and expenses, tax rate implications, operating costs, capital costs, personnel costs and future impacts of the District's assessed values on programs and staffing.

- C. Discussion and possible action to approve the publishing of a tentative budget for FY 2021; and scheduling a public hearing concerning the adoption of a final budget.

The Board has reviewed and discussed a proposed budget for FY 2021 in March and April. Arizona Revised Statutes require the District to publish a tentative budget at least 20 days prior to a public hearing followed by action to adopt a budget. This action will allow for the publication of a tentative budget and schedule a public hearing concerning the tentative budget for June 26, 2020.

- D. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution 2020 – 06, calling for an election to take place on November 3, 2020, to fill three seats on the Governing Board.

A.R.S. §48 – 802 requires an election in November to fill three vacancies on the Governing Board of the District. The Pima County Board of Supervisors must be notified by Resolution of the Call for Election, and the District can comply with that requirement by adopting this Resolution and forwarding a copy to the Board of Supervisors and the Pima County Elections Department. The three Board positions which will become vacant are currently held by James Bertrand, Charles Mendonca and Charles Zang.

- E. Discussion and possible action to authorize the execution of a Subscriber Services Agreement for dispatch related services with Helmet Peak Volunteer Fire Department on behalf of the Valley Emergency Communications Center.

The VECC provides dispatch services for the Helmet Peak Volunteer Fire Department. The current agreement expires on June 30, 2020. Helmet Peak Volunteer Fire Department has returned the agreement for consideration. The fee for services included in the agreement is consistent with that reflected in the VECC FY 2021 Budget. This is a one-year agreement.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

IX. Adjournment

Next Scheduled Meeting: Friday, June 26, 2020, 9:00 a.m.  
5950 S. Cardinal, Tucson, AZ (Board Room)

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