

MINUTES

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 27, 2010
6:30 p.m.

Regional Fire Operations and Training Center
Board Room
1 Fire Authority Road
Irvine, CA 92602

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors was called to order on May 27, 2010, at 6:32 p.m. by Vice Chair Neil Blais.

Vice Chair Blais noted, due to a scheduling conflict Chairman Davert was unable to attend tonight's meeting, and assumed the Chair.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by OCFA Chaplain Warren Johnson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Director Rikel.

ROLL CALL

Present: Neil Blais, Rancho Santa Margarita	Pat Bates, County of Orange
Gary Capata, Laguna Niguel	Henry Charoen, La Palma
James Dahl, San Clemente	Sukhee Kang, Irvine
Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo	Don McCay, Buena Park
Mark Nielsen, San Juan Capistrano	Janet Nguyen, Alternate, County of Orange
Brad Reese, Villa Park	Nancy Rikel, Yorba Linda
Martin Rhodes, Laguna Woods	R. Craig Scott, Laguna Hills
Todd Seymore, Cypress	Gordon Shanks, Seal Beach
David Shawver, Stanton	Ken Stephens, Los Alamitos
Tri Ta, Westminster	Mark Tetteimer, Lake Forest
Steven Weinberg, Dana Point	Jeremy Yamaguchi, Placentia

Absent: Bill Campbell, County of Orange
Donald Garcia, Aliso Viejo

Doug Davert, Tustin

Also present were:

Fire Chief Keith Richter
Deputy Chief Ron Blaul
Assistant Chief Jorge Camargo
Assistant Chief Lori Zeller

General Counsel Terry Andrus
Assistant Chief Laura Blaul
Assistant Chief Dave Pierce
Assistant Clerk Lydia Slivkoff

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vice Chair Blais opened the Public Comments portion of the meeting. Vice Chair Blais closed the Public Comments portion of the meeting without any comments.

PRESENTATIONS (1)

1. Requests for Commendations and Proclamations

On motion of Director Seymore and second by Director Scott, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolutions as submitted:

A. Resolution No. 2010-07 recognizing "Pick Your Part Auto Wrecking."

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN RECOGNITION OF
"PICK YOUR PART AUTO WRECKING"
CHRIS MC ELROY, DISTRICT MANAGER
DONNA MC GEE, DIRECTOR OF ADVERTISING

B. Resolution No. 2010-08 recognizing 9-1-1 Hero Clancy Karotkin, Age 12, Rancho Santa Margarita.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOGNIZING A
9-1-1 HERO, CLANCY KAROTKIN,
AGE 12, RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA

- C. Resolution No. 2010-09 recognizing 9-1-1 Hero Taylor Carter, Age 12, Dana Point.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOGNIZING A
9-1-1 HERO, TAYLOR CARTER,
AGE 12, DANA POINT

Director Nielsen arrived at this point (6:36 p.m.)

Vice Chair Blais and Fire Chief Richter presented Resolution 2010-07 to Donna McGee, Director of Advertising, Pick Your Part Auto Wrecking of Anaheim, in recognition of their generous donations to the OCFA and community.

Ms. McGee indicated it was an honor to provide vehicles for the Fire Authority.

REPORT FROM THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Budget and Finance Committee Chair Trish Kelley reported at the May 12, 2010, meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee, the Committee discussed and voted unanimously to send the FY 2009/10 Budget Adjustments, Review of the 2010/11 Draft Proposed Budget, and Workers' Compensation Reserve Budgetary Projections to the Board of Directors with the recommendation that the Board approve the items.

MINUTES (2)

2. Approval of Minutes

On motion of Director Seymore and second by Director Tetteimer, the Board voted to approve the minutes for the March 15, 2010, Special Board of Directors meeting. Directors Bates, Kelley, Nguyen, Scott, and Shanks abstained.

On motion of Director Seymore and second by Director Tetteimer, the Board voted to approve the minutes for the March 25, 2010, Regular Board of Directors meeting. Director Bates abstained.

On motion of Director Seymore and second by Director Tetteimer, the Board voted to approve the revised minutes for the January 22, 2009, Regular Board of Directors meeting. Directors Bates, Dahl, Kang, Nielsen, Rhodes, Shanks, Stephens, Ta, Weinberg, Yamaguchi abstained.

CONSENT CALENDAR (3 – 11)

All matters on the consent calendar are considered routine and are to be approved with one motion unless a Board Member or a member of the public requests separate action on a specific item.

Director Rhodes pulled Agenda Item No. 5 and Director Weinberg pulled Agenda Item No. 8 from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration.

3. FY 2009/10 Third Quarter Progress Report on Planning and Development Services Activity

On motion of Director Seymore and second by Director Weinberg, the Board voted unanimously to receive and file the report.

4. Acceptance of DHS/FEMA Administrative Preparedness Grant

On motion of Director Seymore and second by Director Weinberg, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 2010-10 accepting the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency's (DHS/FEMA) Administrative Preparedness Grant in the amount of \$1,041,900.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY
ACCEPTING THE FEMA NATIONAL URBAN SEARCH AND
RESCUE (US&R) PROGRAM GRANT TO PURCHASE US&R
EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF
US&R EQUIPMENT, TRAINING AND PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

5. Mid-Year Reductions – City of Irvine Follow-up

Director Rhodes pulled this agenda item with budgetary concerns regarding the operation of Fire Station 20 and the lack of development in its service area.

Chief Richter reported OCFA staff met with the Irvine Mayor, City Manager, and Police Chief to discuss options, and reached an agreement on the alternative proposal.

On motion of Director McCay and second by Director Seymore, the Board voted to direct staff to modify the 2009/10 Mid-Year Budget Reductions and Proposed 2010/11 Budget to reflect the Alternative Proposal. Directors Nielson, Rhodes, Rikel, and Weinberg registered opposition votes.

6. FY 2009/10 Budget Adjustments

On motion of Director Seymore and second by Director Weinberg, the Board voted unanimously to:

1. Authorize the budget adjustments identified on Attachment 1.
2. Approve the schedule of Reservations and Designations of Fund Balance as shown on Attachment 3.

7. Approval of Three-Party License Agreement with the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), the City of Stanton, and the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) for Temporary Fire Station 46 (Stanton)

On motion of Director Seymore and second by Director Weinberg, the Board voted unanimously to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign a license agreement between the OCTA, the City of Stanton, and the OCFA for a temporary Fire Station 46 site in a form substantially consistent with the attached agreement.

8. Monthly Reserve Firefighter Program Status Update

Director Weinberg pulled this agenda item to inquire on the status of the comprehensive Reserve report.

Chief Richter indicated the six month period for gathering information is January to June 2010, with a report to come forward to the Board in September.

On motion of Director Seymore and second by Director Nielsen, the Board voted unanimously to receive and file the report.

9. Workers' Compensation Reserve Projections and OCFA Budget

On motion of Director Seymore and second by Director Weinberg, the Board voted unanimously to:

1. Reduce workers' compensation reserves to 50% confidence level for outstanding losses over FY 2010/11 and FY 2011/12 by holding the annual go-forward budget at the substantially reduced 2008 level for these two fiscal years.
2. Begin stair-stepping annual budget increases beginning FY 2012/13 to fund workers' compensation projected losses "going forward" at the 60% confidence level.
3. Direct staff to perform a mid-year actuary study to provide an additional level of ongoing reserve review to assure workers' compensation program needs is consistent with proposed funding.

10. Approval of the Resolution Authorizing Fire Chief to Execute an Agreement to Transfer or Purchase Equipment/Services and for Reimbursement of Training Costs for FY09 State Homeland Security Grant Program between the County of Orange Sheriff-Coroner Department and the Orange County Fire Authority

On motion of Director Seymore and second by Director Weinberg, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 2010-11 authorizing the Fire Chief, or his designee, to execute the FY09 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) Agreement to Transfer or Purchase Equipment/Services and for Reimbursement of Training Costs between the County of Orange Sheriff-Coroner Department and the Orange County Fire Authority.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-11

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZING FIRE CHIEF
TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY
TO OBTAIN FEDERAL ASSISTANCE**

11. Approval of Agreement for Transfer or Purchase of Equipment/Services and for Reimbursement of Training Costs for FY09 Urban Area Security Initiative Between the City of Santa Ana and the Orange County Fire Authority

On motion of Director Seymore and second by Director Weinberg, the Board voted unanimously to:

1. Approve and authorize the Fire Chief to execute the Agreement to Transfer or Purchase Equipment/Services and for Reimbursement of Training Costs for FY09 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) between the City of Santa Ana and the Orange County Fire Authority.
2. Direct staff to include \$155,614.82 in increased revenue and appropriations in the FY 09/10 Budget, which will be allocated to reimburse OCFA for State pre-approved training, travel, and backfill costs. Any unspent funds will be re-budgeted to next fiscal year.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

DISCUSSION

No items.

PUBLIC HEARINGS (12 - 13)

12. Adoption of the 2010/11 Proposed Budget

Assistant Chief Lori Zeller provided a brief introduction on the Adoption of the 2010/11 Proposed Budget and introduced Treasurer Tricia Jakubiak who provided a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation.

Public comments were received by Joe Kerr, President, Orange County Professional Firefighters Association, Local 3631, in support of re-implementing the Budget Ad Hoc Committee that would include labor groups.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

Director Capata arrived at this point (7:45 p.m.)

On motion of Director Tetteimer and second by Director Nielsen, the Board voted unanimously to:

1. Continue the public hearing to the next Regular Board of Directors meeting, scheduled for June 24, 2010.
2. Direct staff to re-implement and expand the Budget Ad Hoc Committee to be comprised of five members from the Board of Directors, including the Chair, Vice Chair, one Director from the Board of Supervisors, and two at-large Board Directors.

13. Adoption of the 2010/11 Proposed Rate and Fee Increases for Advanced Life Support & Medical Supply Reimbursement Rates, Fire Prevention Fees, Cost Reimbursement Rates, and Public Record Request Fees and Charges

Assistant Chief Lori Zeller suggested in light of the continuance of the Public Hearing for the Proposed FY 2010/11 Budget, the Board may wish to also continue this agenda item.

On motion of Director Weinberg and second by Director McCay, the Board voted unanimously to continue the public hearing to the next Regular Board of Directors meeting, scheduled for June 24, 2010.

REPORTS (14)

14. Chief's Report

Chief Richter commended the Clerk of the Authority for her work on the Annual Report. He also recognized retiring Executive Assistant Kathy Danskin for her dedication and work with OCFA, and indicated there would be luncheon in her honor on Thursday, June 24, 2010.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Director Trish Kelley commended OCFA staff for their hard work on the budget. She also praised the Clerk's office for saving \$14,000 by producing an in-house 2009 OCFA Annual Report, and commended staff for the exceptional quality of the report.

Director Shawver thanked staff for working with the Orange County Transportation Authority and City of Stanton on the temporary Fire Station 46 project.

Vice Chair Blais thanked Board Members for their patience with his first time chairing a Board meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

No items.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Blais adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for June 24, 2010, at 6:30 p.m.

Lydia Slivkoff, CMC
Assistant Clerk of the Authority