# CHINO VALLEY INDEPENDENT FIRE DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Wednesday, May 8, 2024 4:30 p.m. Closed Session 6:00 p.m. Open Session

Fire District Administrative Headquarters 14011 City Center Drive Chino Hills, CA 91709

# **MINUTES**

# **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Board President Luth.

# **ROLL CALL**

Present:

President Harvey Luth, Vice President Sarah Ramos-Evinger, Director John

DeMonaco, Director Tom Haughey, and Director Mike Kreeger.

Absent:

None.

Also present: Fire Chief Dave Williams, Deputy Chief Jeremy Ault, Deputy Chief Carlos Skibar,

Legal Counsel Isaac Rosen, Clerk of the Board Angela Robles, Finance Director Mark

Shaker, and Human Resources Director Anthony Arroyo.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

President Luth announced and read the Closed Session items.

# 1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Negotiators: Special Legal Counsel John Bakhit, Atkinson Andelson Loya Ruud & Romo; Fire Chief Dave Williams; Human Resources Director Anthony Arroyo; and Finance Director Mark Shaker.

Employee Organizations: Chino Valley Professional Firefighters Local 3522 Safety Unit; Teamsters Local 1932 Non-Safety Unit; and Unrepresented Management, Confidential, and Part-Time employees.

There were no requests from the public to speak on the Closed Session items.

# ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

President Luth adjourned the Open Session to Closed Session at 4:31 p.m.

# **REOPEN TO OPEN SESSION**

President Luth reopened to Open Session at 6:00 p.m.

# **ROLL CALL**

Present:

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DeMonaco, Director Tom Haughey, and Director Mike Kreeger.

Absent:

None.

Also present: Fire Chief Dave Williams, Deputy Chief Jeremy Ault, Deputy Chief Carlos Skibar,

Legal Counsel Isaac Rosen, Clerk of the Board Angela Robles, Finance Director Mark

Shaker, and Human Resources Director Anthony Arroyo.

# REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

District Legal Counsel Isaac Rosen stated there was no reportable action taken on the Closed Session items.

# **FLAG SALUTE**

Director Haughey led the assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

# **INVOCATION**

Henry Aguilar, Fire District Chaplain led the invocation.

#### **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Clerk of the Board Robles reported no changes to the agenda.

# PRESENTATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

# **Proclamation:**

#### Wildfire Awareness Month

President Luth read a summary of the Proclamation declaring May 1-31, 2024, as Wildfire Awareness Month.

#### Trauma Awareness Month and EMS Week

President Luth read a summary of the Proclamation declaring May 1-31, 2024, as Trauma Awareness Month and the week of May 19-25, 2024 as the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Medical Services Week.

#### **New IT Intern Introduction**

President Luth accompanied by Fire Chief Williams welcomed IT Intern Froylan Rodriguez to the Chino Valley Fire District.

#### **New Employee Introduction**

President Luth accompanied by Fire Chief Williams welcomed Support Services Technician Ryan Moore to the Chino Valley Fire District.

# **Employee Recognition**

President Luth accompanied by Fire Chief Williams recognized Deputy Fire Marshal Austin Ott for his years with the Chino Valley Fire District and service to the community. Fire Inspector Jason Rivera on behalf of Teamsters recognized Deputy Fire Marshal Ott and thanked him for his service.

Fire Chief Williams recognized Clerk of the Board Robles for National Clerk's Week.

The Board of Directors took a recess at 6:14 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

# **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no requests to speak.

# LIAISON REPORTS TO FIRE DISTRICT (County 4th District, City of Chino, City of Chino Hills, Fire Foundation, Fire Safe Council, School District, Inland Empire Utilities Agency)

Mayor Pro Tem Karen Comstock from the City of Chino reported on the following community events: Chino Bike Day on May 11th from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Ayala Park and State of the City Address on May 14th at 6:00 p.m. located at Chaffey College Chino Community Center. Mayor Pro Tem Comstock provided an update on the joint Press Conference hosted by the City of Chino and the City of Chino Hills and law enforcement to address the ongoing transfer of death row inmates to the California Institution for Men (CIM) by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR).

Director Haughey expressed his appreciation to Mayor Pro Tem Comstock and city officials for the efforts made to bring awareness to this issue and for leading the call to action to stop the transfer of condemned inmates to CIM.

President Luth indicated that Chino Valley Fire District would be sending a letter to Governor Gavin Newsom and CDCR Secretary Jeff Macomber in opposition to the transfer of condemned inmates from San Quentin Prison to CIM in Chino.

Vice Mayor Art Bennett from City of Chino Hills provided information regarding upcoming events: Blood Drives on Tuesdays from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Government Center; Organics and Recycling Workshop May 9th at 6:00 p.m. at the Chino Hills Community Center. Vice Mayor Art

Bennett thanked Vice President Ramos-Evinger and Director Kreeger for their support at the Crossroads Park Grand Reopening.

Vice President Jeff Tytula of the Chino Valley Fire Foundation (CVFF) invited the Board and community to attend the Bike & Hot Rod Show on May 18<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Shoppes.

Vice President Jeff Tytula presented Fire Safe Council Chair Charlie Blank with a donation check from CVFF to the Fire Safe Council.

Chair Charlie Blank from the Fire Safe Council reported on the Semi-Annual Brush clearance event held with the assistance of Waste Management.

# **CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### 1. MINUTES

Minutes – April 10, 2024 Regular Meeting

#### 2. MONTHLY DISTRICT REPORT

Month of March 2024

#### 3. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Monthly Financial Report - March 2024

# 4. MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT

Monthly Treasurer's Report – March 2024

#### 5. WARRANTS

Warrants for April 2024 #59116 through #59254

# 6. <u>BOARD MEETINGS/TRAVEL – AUTHORIZATION TO ATTEND CONFERENCE, MEETING OR TRAINING</u>

None.

# 7. <u>RESOLUTION NO. 2024-09</u>, <u>APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CHINO HILLS WHEREBY THE CITY PAYS ASSOCIATED LAND USE FEES FOR FIRE STATION 68</u>

Purpose is for the Board of Directors to consider adopting Resolution No. 2024-09, approving the Second Amendment to the Property Transfer and Public Facility Development Impact Fee Payment Agreement ("Agreement") between District and the City of Chino Hills ("City"), whereby City agrees to pay the land use fees associated with Fire Station 68.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Consent Calendar Item Numbers 1 through 7 as presented.

Moved by Director Kreeger, seconded by Director DeMonaco, carried by a 5-0 voice vote for the Board of Directors to approve the Consent Calendar items 1 through 7 as presented.

**AYES:** 

BOARD MEMBERS: Luth, Ramos-Evinger, DeMonaco, Haughey, and Kreeger.

NOES: ABSTAIN: **BOARD MEMBERS: None. BOARD MEMBERS: None.** 

ABSENT:

**BOARD MEMBERS: None.** 

# **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

# **FIRE CHIEF'S COMMENTS**

# Personnel Development Activities:

- Fire personnel attended the annual live fire training at the Training Center
- April 10th & 11th, Fire Crews attended an After-Action Review of the Compressed Natural Gas refuse truck incident, hosted by LA City Fire Department
- April 24th, in collaboration with the Rojas Communication Group, Fire Chief Williams gave a presentation about securing State funding at the FDAC conference
- On May 1<sup>st</sup>, Fire Suppression Personnel attended the San Bernardino County Annual Wildland Cooperators meeting

#### Board Activities/Public Relations

- April 16th, staff collaborated with Legacy One and raised the Donate for Life flag across all Fire District facilities
- April 27th, Board and several staff attended the Annual Corn Feed Car Show in the City of Chino, and CVFD District staffed a medic cart for the event

#### Organizational Items of Interest:

- Emergency Services conducted Company Officer meetings in the month of April
- April 10th, staff conducted its annual joint management budget review
- April 11th, West End Fire Chief's and stakeholders met to discuss ambulance transport items
- On April 13th, Public Education Specialist, Nancy Kidd and Administrative Assistant Sandy Ortiz facilitated the Spring Sharps Collection at the Training Center and collected 132 sharps containers
- April 17th, Fire Foundation Heart Safe/Bleed Safe Cadre donated their 56<sup>th</sup> AED and 497<sup>th</sup> Trauma Kit to Chick-fil-A in Chino Hills

- On April 19th, Fire Marshal O'Toole provided a presentation to a local relators group, the presentation covered the Vegetation Management Program, residential sprinklers and Community Connect
- On April 23rd, Battalion Chief DeSoto attended a roundtable discussion with Congresswoman Young Kim
- April 30th, attended the joint CONFIRE/Admin Chiefs meeting in Loma Linda
- April 30th, Board and staff attended the Chino Hills State of the City Address
- On May 1st, command staff attended the San Bernardino County Annual Wildland Cooperators meeting.

# Human Resources Update:

- Administrative Assistant recruitment is underway and to date 228 applications have been received
- Firefighter/Paramedic Ian Haddad was promoted to Engineer

#### EMS:

• For the month of April, we are extremely proud to announce there are 4 community members still with us after experiencing Return of Spontaneous Circulation due to the amazing work of our firefighter/paramedics. We look forward to recognizing staff and survivors in the near future.

#### **CONFIRE** Items of Interest:

- CONFIRE Hiring Committee is working to secure a new Director
- EMS Nurse Parham continues to finalize the final steps in hiring an ECNS Nurse Manager and looking forward to be returning to the Fire District on June 23rd.

#### Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- May 5th, CRR will provide Fire Extinguisher Training at Threshold Technologies in Chino
- May 14th, City of Chino State of the City Address
- May 18th, Chino Valley Fire Foundation's Annual Bike & Hot Rod Show
- May 20th May 23rd, CFED West Conference in Indian Wells
- May 27th, City of Chino Annual Memorial Day Event
- May 29th, CRR will provide a Fire & Life Safety presentation at the Fern Academy in Chino
- May 30th, CVFD Station 68 Groundbreaking Event
- June 5th, San Bernardino County Supervisor Curt Hagman's Summer Open House Event

# **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/BOARD COMMENTS**

#### <u>Director DeMonaco</u>

President DeMonaco reported on meetings and events attended since the last meeting that included the FDAC conference; SCAG conference; CIM tour; Ethics and Harassment training; monthly meeting with Chief Williams; IEUA meeting; Board of Supervisors meeting; and CSDA Legislative Committee Meeting.

# Director Haughey

Director Haughey reported on meetings and events attended since the last meeting that included the Chino Council meetings; FDAC conference; SCAG conference; Chino Hills State of the City; and monthly meeting with the Fire Chief.

# Director Kreeger

Director Kreeger reported on meetings and events attended since the last meeting that included the Chino Hills Council meetings; Chino Valley Unified School District School Board meeting; Crossroads Park Grand Reopening; Chino Hills State of the City; USC program sponsored by CSDA; and monthly meeting with the Fire Chief.

#### Vice President Ramos-Evinger

Vice President Ramos-Evinger reported on meetings and events attended since the last meeting that included the Chino Hills State of the City; Finance Committee meeting; Chino Hills Council meeting; Friends of Boys Republic Open House; Crossroads Park Grand Reopening; Fire Safe Council meetings; monthly meeting with Fire Chief; and Agenda Review meeting.

# President Luth

President Luth reported on meetings and events attended since the last meeting that included the Chino Council meetings; Crossroads Park Grand Reopening; monthly meeting with Fire Chief; Chino Hills State of the City; Corn Feed Run; Roundtable with Congresswoman Young Kim; SCAG conference; CIW meeting; San Bernardino Airport Commission meeting; and Agenda Review meeting.

The Board of Directors welcomed Froylan Rodriguez and Ryan Moore to the Chino Valley Fire District. They thanked Deputy Fire Marshal for his service to the community and best wishes for continued success. The Board of Directors wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chino Valley Independent Fire District will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Fire District Administrative Headquarters Office located at 14011 City Center Drive, Chino Hills, CA, 91709.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 12TH DAY OF JUNE 2024

Angela Robles, Clerk of the Board

Harvey Luth, President