

MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Held on March 28, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in person and via teleconference connection in accordance with the requirements set out in Government Code section 54953 (e) and pursuant to the findings and authority set out in Montecito Fire Protection District Resolution No. 2022-05.

Director Lee called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Director Lee, Director Easton, Director Ishkanian, Director van Duinwyk, Director Powell. Chief Taylor and District Counsel Mark Manion were also present.

- 1. Public comment: Any person may address the Board at this time on any non-agenda matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Montecito Fire Protection District. (30 minutes total time allotted for this discussion.)**

There were no public comments at this meeting.

- 2. Appeal of Fire Chief's Decision: 2690 Gibraltar Road Access.**

- a. Staff report presented by Fire Marshal Briner.**

Fire Marshal Briner provided a staff report regarding 2690 Gibraltar Road access. Charles Duff, homeowner, and Jim Langhorne, former Fire Marshal of the Montecito Fire Protection District provided a handout and presented background information regarding the Montecito Fire Code. After thorough discussion, the Board determined to uphold the Fire Chief's decision regarding 2690 Gibraltar Road Access. Motion to deny the appeal based on the current code and the conclusion of the Fire Marshal made by Director Easton, seconded by Director van Duinwyk. The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: J. A. Powell, J. Ishkanian, P. van Duinwyk, S. Easton, M. Lee

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

The Board instructed District Counsel to prepare a written decision regarding the appeal.

- 3. Review of Montecito Fire Department Development Standard #3.**

- a. Staff report presented by Fire Marshal Briner.**

Fire Marshal Briner provided a staff report regarding the review of Montecito Fire Department Development Standard #3 – Fire Access Roads & Driveway Requirements. Jonathan Allcock, homeowner, provided a handout and presented background information regarding Montecito Fire Department Development Standard #3 as it relates to his property. After thorough discussion, the Board received and filed the information.

4. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2022-06 Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings for a Period of 30 Days pursuant to the Brown Act. (Strategic Plan Goal 1)

a. Staff report presented by Fire Chief Taylor.

Chief Taylor provided a staff report regarding Resolution 2022-06, Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings for a period of 30 days pursuant to the Brown Act. Motion to approve Resolution 2022-06 made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Lee. The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: S. Easton, J. Ishkanian, J. A. Powell, P. van Duinwyk, M. Lee

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

5. Report from the Finance Committee. (Strategic Plan Goal 9.1)

a. Consider recommendation to approve January and February 2022 financial statements.

Director van Duinwyk provided a report regarding the January and February 2022 financial statements. Motion made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Easton to approve the January and February 2022 financial statements. The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: J. A. Powell, J. Ishkanian, S. Easton, P. van Duinwyk, M. Lee

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

b. Review PARS Post-Employment Benefits Trust statements for December 2021 and January 2022.

Director van Duinwyk provided a report regarding the PARS Post-Employment Benefits Trust statements for December 2021 and January 2022.

6. Approval of Minutes of the February 28, 2022 Regular Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2022 Regular meeting made by Director Powell, seconded by Director van Duinwyk. The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: J. Ishkanian, P. van Duinwyk, S. Easton, J. A. Powell, M. Lee

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

7. Approval of Minutes of the March 7, 2022 Special Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2022 Special meeting made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Lee. The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: J. Ishkanian, S. Easton, J. A. Powell, P. van Duinwyk, M. Lee

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

8. Fire Chief's report.

Chief Taylor stated Academy 124 started on March 21st. The Chief provided an update regarding the rental properties. Chief Taylor stated the Department is entering the fourth week of the Neighborhood Chipping Project. He also mentioned a door hanger developed by the Prevention staff regarding the Vent Retro Fit program. Chief Taylor stated the draft Strategic Plan was received and distributed to the Strategic Plan Committee members, and a copy will be provided to the remaining Board members. He noted the Strategic Planning Committee meeting will be held on April 27 at 3 p.m., in advance of presenting the Strategic Plan to the full Board at the May meeting. The Chief stated a Facilities Ad Hoc Committee meeting will be scheduled in the upcoming weeks. Chief Taylor stated an Art reception featuring a remembrance piece will be held in the conference room tomorrow at 4 p.m. The Chief stated there are conflicts with the May 23 and July 25 Regular Board meetings, both will be rescheduled.

9. Board of Director's report.

There were no items to report at this meeting.

10. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the April 25, 2022 Regular Board meeting.

There were no additional suggestions from the Directors.

11. CLOSED SESSION:

A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54956.8)

- **Property: 100 Innovation Place, Santa Barbara, CA 93108**
Agency negotiators: Directors Powell and Ishkanian
Negotiating party: QAD
Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment.

B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54957.6)

- **District negotiators: Abe Powell and Michael Lee**
- **Employee Organization: Montecito Firefighters' Association**

C. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54957.6)

- **District negotiators: Abe Powell and Michael Lee**
- **Unrepresented Employees: Fire Marshal, Division Chief Operations, Battalion Chiefs, Accountant, Administrative Assistant.**

The Board reported out of closed session at 5:04 p.m. with no reportable action on items A, B, and C.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

President Michael Lee

Secretary Judith Ishkanian