

MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes for the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

Held at Montecito Fire Protection District, 595 San Ysidro Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93108 on May 29, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

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

Present: Director van Duinwyk, Director Lee, Director Easton, Director Dougherty, Director Powell. Chief Neels 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. That the Board of Directors approve Resolution 2024-04, acknowledging receipt of a report made by the Fire Chief of the Montecito Fire Protection District regarding the inspection of certain occupancies required to receive annual inspections pursuant to sections 13146.2 and 13146.3 of the California Health and Safety Code. (Strategic Plan Goal 2)**

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

Fire Marshal Briner provided a staff report regarding Resolution 2024-04, accepting a report on the status of all state mandated annual fire inspections in the Montecito Fire Protection District in conjunction with SB 1205 and California Health and Safety Code requirements. Motion to approve Resolution 2024-04, acknowledging receipt of a report made by the Fire Chief of the Montecito Fire Protection District regarding the inspection of certain occupancies required to receive annual inspections made by Director Lee, seconded by Director Powell. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- 3. Report from the Finance Committee. (Strategic Plan Goal 8)**

a. Receive budget development presentation and review the recommended Preliminary Budget for FY 2024-25.

Chief Neels and Accountant Nahas provided a power point presentation regarding budget development and recommended Preliminary Budget for FY 2024-25.

b. Consider recommendation to approve March and April 2024 financial statements.

Directors Lee and van Duinwyk provided a report regarding the March and April 2024 financial statements. Motion made by Director Easton, seconded by Director Powell, and unanimously passed to approve the March and April 2024 financial statements.

c. Review PARS Post-Employment Benefits Trust statements for February and March 2024.

Director Lee provided a report regarding the PARS Post-Employment Benefits Trust statement for February and March 2024.

4. Approval of Minutes of the April 22, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2024 Regular meeting made by Director Dougherty, seconded by Director Powell, and unanimously passed.

5. Fire Chief's report.

Chief Neels commended and thanked the apparatus committee for their work on the New E92 project. He also highlighted the community Push In event held at Station 92. The Chief stated that the Academy class will graduate on June 8, at 2 p.m. at Station 91. Chief Neels stated that he and Chief Kovach attended the Fire Station Design Conference in Arizona. The Chief highlighted the Joint Fire Station Committee meeting held on May 15. He also mentioned the next Fire Station Committee in June. Chief Neels highlighted four photos showing ground movement around the 960 W Mountain Drive area. The Chief provided an update regarding the AM 1610 Radio.

6. Board of Director's report.

There were no items to report at this meeting.

7. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the June 24, 2024 Regular Board meeting.

Director Dougherty suggested that staff explore the best methods to communicate with the community in the event of an emergency. The Board agreed that staff could report back in 3 months.

8. CLOSED SESSION: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code section 54957) Title: Fire Chief

The Board reported out of closed session at 4:01 p.m. with no reportable action.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

President Peter van Duinwyk

Secretary Sylvia Easton