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ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

Board of Directors Special Meeting
Thursday, October 7, 2013
6:00 P.M.

Regional Fire Operations and Training Center
Board Room
1 Fire Authority Road
Irvine, CA 92602-0125

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors was called to order on October 7, 2013, at 6:02 p.m. by Chair Steven Weinberg.

INVOCATION

Chaplain Warren Johnson offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Kelley led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Joseph Aguirre, Placentia	Bob Baker, San Clemente
Rick Barnett, Villa Park	Pat Bates, County of Orange
Randal Bressette, Laguna Hills	Carol Gamble, Rancho Santa Margarita
Gerard Goedhart, La Palma	Noel Hatch, Laguna Woods
Eugene Hernandez, Yorba Linda	Robert Johnson, Cypress
Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo	Jeffrey Lalloway, Irvine
Jerry McCloskey, Laguna Niguel	Kathryn McCullough, Lake Forest
Al Murray, Tustin	David Shawver, Stanton
David Sloan, Seal Beach	Todd Spitzer, County of Orange
Elizabeth Swift, Buena Park	Tri Ta, Westminster
Phillip Tsunoda, Aliso Viejo	Steven Weinberg, Dana Point

Absent: Sam Allevato, San Juan Capistrano	Warren Kusumoto, Los Alamitos
Sal Tinajero, Santa Ana	

Also present were:

Fire Chief Keith Richter	General Counsel Dave Kendig
Assistant Chief Laura Blaul	Assistant Chief Brian Stephens
Assistant Chief Dave Thomas	Assistant Chief Lori Zeller
Clerk of the Authority Sherry Wentz	Assistant Clerk Lydia Slivkoff

CLOSED SESSION (F: 11.15)

General Counsel David Kendig reported the Board would be convening to Closed Session to consider the matter on the Agenda identified as CS1, Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation.

Director Tsunoda arrived at this point (6:06 p.m.)

Chair Weinberg recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 6:06 p.m.

CS1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(d2)

Case No.: Two Cases

Directors Bates and Ta arrived at this point (6:14 p.m.)

Chair Weinberg reconvened the meeting at 7:20 p.m. with all Directors present.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT (F: 11.15)

General Counsel David Kendig reported the Board voted unanimously to make public a memorandum dated October 2, 2013, regarding OCFA Ambulance Service RFP competitive process requirements.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

1. Discussion of County Board of Supervisors Consideration of Authority to Award Ambulance Contracts in Unincorporated Areas, and OCFA Ambulance Process for Request for Proposals (F: 18.05B)

Fire Chief Keith Richter provided an overview of the County Board of Supervisors upcoming agenda item regarding the authority to award ambulance contracts in unincorporated areas, and the OCFA ambulance process for request for proposals.

General Counsel provided a report on Attachment 5, a legal opinion from General Counsel, which included a history of the ambulance service RFP process for OCFA jurisdictions and his analysis on the outcome should the Board of Supervisors rescind Resolution 04-120 in its entirety.

Assistant Chief Lori Zeller provided a report on staff's inability to conduct a full analysis of the impact to affected cities, due to the short notice of the County's agenda item. She indicated the staff report included an OCFA Board of Director's recommendation that the County Board of Supervisors defer the ambulance item until a thorough analysis is complete. She noted the Fire Chief and staff would be attending the meeting.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

Stephen Wontrobski, Mission Viejo resident, provided public comments on his denied access to ambulance provider meetings, and his opposition to OCFA conducting the ambulance RFP process.

Finance Manager Jim Ruane provided a PowerPoint presentation on the OCFA request for proposal process for ambulance service contracts.

Director Bates left at this point (8:36 p.m.)

Additional discussion ensued.

On motion of Director Gamble and second by Vice Chair Murray, the Board, by a roll call vote, directed the Fire Chief to appear before the Orange County Board of Supervisors to apologize for the OCFA staff email regarding the ambulance provider meetings, to request the Board of Supervisors delay the rescinding of Resolution 04-120, and reply to the Orange County Health Care Agency OCFA's intent to comply with it terms set forth regarding the upcoming ambulance request for proposals process.

SUPPORT (20)

Joseph Aguirre, Placentia	Bob Baker, San Clemente
Rick Barnett, Villa Park	Randal Bressette, Laguna Hills
Carol Gamble, Rancho Santa Margarita	Gerard Goedhart, La Palma
Noel Hatch, Laguna Woods	Eugene Hernandez, Yorba Linda
Robert Johnson, Cypress	Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo
Jeffrey Lalloway, Irvine	Jerry McCloskey, Laguna Niguel
Kathryn McCullough, Lake Forest	Al Murray, Tustin
David Shawver, Stanton	David Sloan, Seal Beach
Elizabeth Swift, Buena Park	Tri Ta, Westminster
Phillip Tsunoda, Aliso Viejo	Steven Weinberg, Dana Point

OPPOSED (0)

None

ABSTAINED (1)

Todd Spitzer, County of Orange

ABSENT (4)

Sam Allevato, San Juan Capistrano	Pat Bates, County of Orange
Warren Kusumoto, Los Alamitos	Sal Tinajero, Santa Ana

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2. Consider Circulation of Board Member Contact Information by the Clerk of the Authority (F: 11.17)

Director Spitzer provided an overview on the benefits of having access to colleague's personal contact information.

On motion of Director Lalloway and second by Director Goedhart, the Board, by roll call vote, directed the Clerk of the Authority create a confidential Board directory containing personal contact information as provided by the Directors.

SUPPORT (21)

Joseph Aguirre, Placentia
Randal Bressette, Laguna Hills
Gerard Goedhart, La Palma
Eugene Hernandez, Yorba Linda
Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo
Jerry McCloskey, Laguna Niguel
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Todd Spitzer, County of Orange

OPPOSED (0)

None

ABSTAINED (0)

None

ABSENT (4)

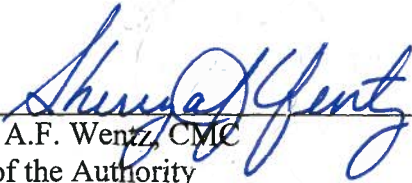
Sam Allevalo, San Juan Capistrano
Warren Kusumoto, Los Alamitos

Pat Bates, County of Orange
Sal Tinajero, Santa Ana

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (F: 11.13)

No comments were received.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Weinberg adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for November 21, 2013, at 9:07 p.m.



Sherry A.F. Wentz, CMC
Clerk of the Authority