

Cunningham Fire Protection District
Regular Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2019

Present: Mark L. Lampert, Chair
Patricia Shaver, Secretary/Treasurer (via phone)
Marcy J. Smith, Director (excused absence)
Ken Jensen, Director
Muriel Williams-Thompson, Director

Bob Baker, Fire Chief
Mike Dell'Orfano, Assistant Chief
Vince Turner, Assistant Chief
Troy Jackson, Assistant Chief
Jerry Rhodes, Assistant Chief (via phone)
Kevin Milan, Assistant Chief
Dillon Miskimins, Chief Financial Officer
Isela Nejbauer, Chief Human Resources Officer
Kristin Eckmann, Communications Director
Bob Cole, Legal Counsel

Others Present: SMFR Board Members and Staff

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lampert called the meeting of the Cunningham Fire Protection District to order at 6:15 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States was cited at the SMFR Volunteer Firefighter Pension Board of Trustees meeting.

ROLL CALL

Marcy Smith's absence was excused. Patricia Shaver participated via phone. All of the remaining Board members were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

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A motion was made by Muriel Williams-Thompson and seconded by Ken Jensen to approve the consent agenda as presented. All were in favor and the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution and Order of Exclusion (Exclusion of Property from the Boundaries of Cunningham Fire Protection District into the Boundaries of the South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District)

Chair Lampert provided an overview of the creation of the authority and the transfer of assets and personnel.

Chief Dell'Orfano added a review of CFPD's creation 50 years ago and through its boundary changes, station construction and staffing. A history of cooperation between the two agencies, led to at least 18 months of discussions for unification based on historical challenges, goals, service, safety, sustainability and financial stability and reviewed the current status of the unification and process for exclusion, inclusion and dissolution.

Chief Dell'Orfano stated that this public hearing is in preparation for a full unification of SMFR and CFPD by January 1, 2020. The resolution was initially approved on June 10, 2019 with an anticipated public hearing tonight. A notice of the

public hearing was sent to all property owners and posted in the Aurora Sentinel. Chief Dell'Orfano reported that up until today, three emails have been received with questions and support.

Chair Lampert opened the public hearing.

CJ Whelan, former Board President, Director for CFPD, stated that obviously this unification has been in process for several years and is glad to see it finally happening. He stated he fully supports it and congratulations to all of the boards and the personnel on this accomplishment.

For the record, Chair Lampert read the following emails:

Brandan Sackett wrote: As a resident of the Smoky Hill Neighborhood, and the president of the Metro Board of said neighborhood, I fully support unification.

Jane L. Ruehle and Walter J. Ruehle wrote: To the Board of Directors, Cunningham Fire Protection District: Thank you very much for sending the information about your upcoming unification with the South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District. That plan sounds excellent. We are hoping that the 288 square miles to be covered include the Cherry Creek State Park. A wildfire in the Park is rare, but the potential is still there. We regret that we have a long-prior commitment on August 5th and cannot attend the public hearing.

Clay Connor, USN (Ret) wrote: CFPD Board of Directors, The main question I have is if I need fire services, who answers the call? Cunningham Fire Station is less than a mile from my house. Why don't you keep the different in the Mil Levy and give it to the firefighters? As a society, we underpay teachers, firefighters, police and military.

Chair Lampert closed the public hearing stating that the final reading of the resolution will be on December 2nd.

ACTION ITEMS

N/A

INFORMATION ITEMS

N/A

DISCUSSION ITEMS

N/A

EXECUTIVE SESSION

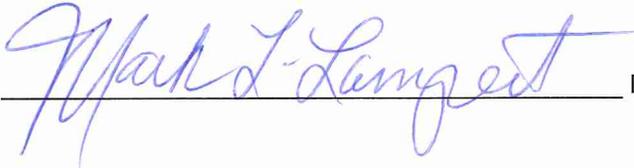
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NEXT MEETING

The next Special Cunningham Fire Protection District Board of Directors' Meeting is to be held on September 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at 9195 East Mineral Avenue, Centennial, CO.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Muriel Williams-Thompson and seconded by Ken Jensen to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Attested by:  Date: 9/9/18