



# *Durango Fire Protection District*

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## **Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, March 28, 2017 7:30 am DFPD Station One – Training Room**

The Regular Board Meeting of the Durango Fire Protection District Board of Directors was called to order by President Kathy Morris at 7:30 am. Board members present for the Call to Order were: Kathy Morris, Joe Lloyd, Patti Zink, Wayne Barger, Andrew Miller, Jerry Martinez and Matt Leeder. Staff members included Chief Hal Doughty, Deputy Chief Randy Black and Finance Director Eric Baker. Legal Counsel Bud Smith was also in attendance.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- March 28, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

*A motion was made by Jerry Martinez and seconded by Joe Lloyd to approve the March 28, 2017 Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- February 28, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

*A motion was made by Andrew Miller and seconded by Jerry Martinez to approve the February 28, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

### PUBLIC HEARING

President Morris closed the regular meeting at 7:36 am and opened the public meeting at 7:37 am. A Notice was published. Four Inclusion Petitions were received. The DFPD Board agreed to pay for the inclusionary process if the property owners would submit their Petitions by the District-established deadline of February 27, 2017.

President Morris closed the public hearing at 7:40 am and opened the regular meeting at 7:41 am. *A motion was made by Matt Leeder and seconded by Patti Zink to approve the Order of Inclusions into the Durango Fire Protection District as presented by Bud Smith. Motion carried unanimously.* President Morris opened the regular meeting at 7:42 am.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were none

### REPORTS

- Financials. The financial report was provided by Finance Director Eric Baker.

*A motion was made by Matt Leeder and seconded by Andrew Miller to approve the February 2017 financial reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

- Chief.

- Station 2 Rebuild. The City staff is focusing on the railroad parking lot for the site of the new fire station. CDOT will complete a modeling to show the College and Camino intersection as the best of the points of entry for the station. A public forum at the current Station 2 is the next strategy to bring more awareness to the community about the needs of a new station at the railroad parking lot site.

- Impact Fee Project. Legal Counsel Smith and Fire Marshal Hanks have had discussions with San Juan County (SJC) officials regarding impact fees on new construction within their county; county officials prefer to handle such fees as part of a development agreement. The revenue stream to cover expenses for response into San Juan County is approximately \$480,000; it costs DFPD \$850,000/year to staff Station 15 -- a 24/7 station that responds into SJC. Smith also noted that City of Durango officials and La Plata County officials were not responding to the written comments of the District concerning the impacts on fire protection and emergency services created by new development projects. He recommended a more aggressive approach in requesting meeting with developers and fees to offset development impacts.

*A motion was made by Matt Leeder and seconded by Patti Zink for Chief Doughty and other District staff to aggressively pursue impact fees on all new development projects in the City, La Plata County and San Juan County, with comments on every development project stating that there are impacts associated with new development. If those impacts are not addressed in the approval process, it will adversely affect DFPD's ability to provide service. The motion was unanimously approved.*


- Vacant Positions. Applications for DFPD's HR administrative position closed last week. Four applications were received. An evaluation process will commence next week. DFPD also had three candidates for the Fire Inspector position. We are looking forward to bringing on a new team member for the Fire Prevention Bureau soon.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- XTO. The XTO sale of property has been advertised in the paper. To date, there have been eight packets requested. Bid closure date is April 21<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Smith will draft wording for Chief Doughty regarding a "letter to release the XTO property" for purpose of sale.
- Station 7 Property. A final approval of the exemption from the development agreement is yet to be received. A surveyor has been hired and should be completing the boundary survey of the land.
- Twin Buttes Site – License Renewal. The City leased the lot at the entrance of the Twin Buttes subdivision for trailhead access and would like to renew the license for another three years. The Board approved the concept at February's meeting. Mr. Smith will present the lease for the Boards' signature at the April's Board meeting.

The Board decided to move the Executive Session to the April Regular Board Meeting.

President Morris adjourned the Regular Meeting at 9:02 am.

  
 Kathleen Morris, President

4/25/2017  
 Date

Attest:

  
 CJ Weaver, Executive Assistant