
MORAGA-ORINDA FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 21, 2007
(Approved on March 21, 2007)

Regular Business Meeting

The Board of Directors convened in Open Session at 6:02 p.m. on February 21, 2007 at the Moraga Fire Administration Building, 1280 Moraga Way in Moraga, California. Vice President Gottfried called the meeting to order. President Wyro arrived and noted that all Directors were present except for Director Weil. President Wyro then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were the following Directors and Staff:

Director Gottfried	Chief Nowicki
Director Wilson	Administrative Manager Soler
Director Wyro	
Director Sperling	
Director Weil (arrived at 6:15 p.m.)	

At 6:15 p.m., the Board went into Closed Session.

Business Meeting

President Wyro reconvened the regular business meeting of the Moraga-Orinda Fire District Board of Directors at 7:05 p.m. Present were the following Directors and Staff:

President Wyro	Chief Nowicki	Administrative Manager Soler
Director Gottfried	B/C Borden	Secretary Pokorny
Director Weil	B/C Collins	
Director Wilson	Fire Marshal Hoover	
Director Sperling		

Report of Closed Session Action

Upon return from Closed Session at 7:05 p.m., President Wyro reported that there had been no reportable action taken on the three items: 2.1 Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code Section 54957.6) Agency Designated Representatives: Austris Rungis, Chief Negotiator, IEDA; and Fire Chief Pete Nowicki, Employee Organizations: Association of Federated Firefighters IAFF, Local 1230; and 2.2; Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code Section 54957.6) Agency Designated Representative: Fire Chief Nowicki, Employee Organization: Battalion Chiefs; and Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code Section 54957.6) Agency Designated Representative: Fire Chief Nowicki, Employee Organization: Unrepresented Management.

Special Presentation

Chief Nowicki presented a plaque to Pat Soler, Administrative Manager, from the District for her past services to the Moraga-Orinda Fire District. Chief Nowicki thanked her for her years of service to the District and especially for all her help in the last six months while he transitioned into the role of Fire Chief. Each Director spoke highly of Ms. Soler's accomplishments and contributions to the Fire District and wished her well in her retirement.

Public Comment

Mr. Vince Maiorana (23 Lost Valley Dr., Orinda) asked when he could expect an answer to a previous request for information regarding the District Nurse. Chief Nowicki responded that he was gathering the information and it would be sent out shortly.

Andy Scheck (Publisher, Lamorinda Weekly) introduced himself as the new publisher for the Lamorinda area and would be reporting on future Board meetings.

Jonathan Goodwin (Canyon) reported that the Canyon area was putting together a Wildfire Protection Plan, the first in the County. He is also working on obtaining a grant.

**Moved/Seconded/Carried*

Consent Agenda

It was M/S/C by unanimous vote to approve the Consent Agenda.

Regular Calendar

President Wyro requested that Item 7.2, Constant Staffing be moved to 7.1; and Item 7.3 Orinda City Council decision regarding a Bond Measure be moved to 7.2. Item 7.1, Apparatus Lease Option becomes 7.3. It was M/S/C, by unanimous vote to amend the Regular Calendar.

Constant Staffing

Chief Nowicki reported that the Constant Staffing option was researched by Battalion Chief Collins. In BC Collins' absence, BC Borden presented the District's potential ability to staff a dedicated ambulance at Station 45 using a constant staffing model. BC Borden answered questions from the Board and members of the public. President Wyro requested information from Local 1230 regarding the option.

Orinda City Council decision regarding a Bond Measure

President Wyro gave a brief overview of the City of Orinda's decision to put a bond measure on the June ballot. The City passed Resolution 07-03 to fund \$58.6 million to upgrade the City's water supply, drains, and roads. After debate and consideration by the Board and members of the public, the Board requested that staff prepare a Resolution defining the exact amount of the District's contribution to help fund the City of Orinda's election costs.

Apparatus Lease Finance Option

Battalion Chief Maxwell presented a Lease Financing Option (versus cash purchase of new apparatus.) BC Maxwell answered questions from the Board.

New Actuarial Study

Chief Nowicki requested the Board's approval to authorize a new Contra Costa County Employees Retirement Association (CCCERA) actuarial study for \$15,000.

It was M/S/C by unanimous vote to authorize the Chief to spend approximately \$15,000 for an actuarial study of CCCERA.

Correspondence

President Wyro acknowledged and expressed appreciation for the correspondence received.

Informational Comments from Board Members and Staff

Fire Chief Nowicki's Comments:

- The Chief reminded Board members that two members will not be present at the March Board meeting. Three members need to be available for a quorum.
- He reported that the Financial Manager interviews will be held on February 22 and 23rd.

Adjournment

At 9:46 p.m., the Board issued an Order of Adjournment for the Closed Session item to be held on February 26, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

Christine Pokorny
Secretary to the Board