

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting

October 12, 2021

5:30 p.m.

Location: Remote Via Zoom

Board of Directors

Nicole Johnson (Division 2) - President, Randy Mendosa (Division 3) - Vice-President,

Blaine Maynor (Division 1) - Vacant (Division 4) - Director

David Rosen (Division 5) - Director

CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Board of Directors for the Arcata Fire District was called to order by President Nicole Johnson at 5:35 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance has been suspended during Shelter in Place.

ATTENDANCE AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

The meeting continued with a quorum and the following were present remotely via zoom: President Nicole Johnson, Vice President Randy Mendosa, Director Blaine Maynor, and Director David Rosen.

Additional District administrative staff included Fire Chief Justin McDonald, Battalion Chief Sean Campbell, and Board Secretary Becky Schuette.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved to approve the agenda.

Motion: Mendosa; Second: Maynor

Roll Call: Ayes; Maynor, Mendosa, Rosen and Johnson.

Motion Carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Johnson called for public comments and there were none.

Senior Management Group – Nothing to report

Local 4981 – Captain Marcus Lillard offered congratulations to Engineer Kadle for a new baby. Additionally, Russell Kadle and Anthony Benelisha will be leaving for Sac City Fire and Sac Metro respectively.

Arcata Volunteer Firefighters Association (AVFA) – Roy Willis, President reviewed his submitted activity report.

There were no additional comments from the public.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes from September 14, 2021, Regular Meeting
2. September 2021 Financial Report

Prior to the motion the Board Secretary identified, two errors in the minutes from September 14, 2021. On page 3, under the Chief's monthly report "been twice" needs to be stricken. Additionally on page 5, the next Regular Meeting should have been identified as October 12, rather than November 9th.

It was moved to accept the consent calendar with the corrections noted.

Motion: Rosen; Second: Mendosa

Roll Call: Ayes; Maynor, Mendosa, Rosen and Johnson.

Motion Carries

CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

1. Public Correspondence – President Johnson reviewed the correspondence with no additions.

2. Committee Reports

a. Arcata Station Rent Committee – Nothing to report.

b. Fire Chief's Evaluation Committee – The committee met and discussed the evaluation. They should have a draft ready for Board consideration by the next meeting.

3. Fire Chief's Monthly Report – Chief McDonald reviewed his staff report aloud. E8211 is long term out of service due to unavailability of parts. New note, UAL payment from Sterling National has gone through.

4. Director Matters – Director Mendosa asked about E8239. President Johnson provided well wishes to Benelisha and Kadle for the new jobs and Kadle for the new baby.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

1. Consider Adoption of Resolution 21-247 Making Findings Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953, As Amended by Assembly Bill 361, and Authorizing the Continued Use of Virtual Meetings: Chief McDonald reviewed his staff report aloud.

There were no comments from the Board or the public.

It was moved to approve the adoption of Resolution 21-247.

Motion: Rosen; Second: Mendosa

Roll Call: Ayes; Maynor, Mendosa, Rosen and Johnson.

Motion Carries

2. Consider the Rezoning Process of the Bayside Property: Chief McDonald reviewed his staff note. He added that the District had been contacted today by David Loya with the City of Arcata regarding the possibility of the District property being included in the EPA grant for the area. This would be a “piggyback” option for the District to be included in potential funding for the Phase 1 and 2 studies.

Following some historical information on the topic, there was a brief discussion about the required phase studies, who the responsibilities for the studies fell to, and the EPA grant option for inclusion. There were also explanations for the difference between low and medium density as well as the footprint of the tower and its effect on a lot line adjustment.

Chief McDonald also added that the property had again, just been mowed and cleared and should be good for another six months or so.

There was no further discussion from the Board and no public comments.

It was moved to:

- A. Proceed with the piggyback rezoning offer the City of Arcata has offered.
- B. Request the parcel be rezoned for medium density residential with a secondary option being listed as residential very low density.
- C. Proceed with a lot line adjustment of the southwest portion of the parcel to the City of Arcata for the sidewalk right-of-way.

Motion: Mendosa; Second: Maynor

Roll Call: Ayes; Maynor, Mendosa, **Rosen** and Johnson. ~~**Nays; Rosen.**~~
Motion Carries

3. Consider the Process for Filling the Division 4 Director Vacancy: Chief McDonald reviewed his staff report aloud and made his recommendation.

Director Mendosa requested the Chief provide the rough boundaries for Division 4.

The following member of the public commented:

Sara Turner

Director Maynor pointed out that the District division boundaries are available on the website.

With no further public comments and additions from the Board, a motion was made.

It was moved to direct staff to initiate the process to accept applications to appoint a successor to serve out the remainder of Director David’s term in office.

Motion: Mendosa; Second: Maynor

Roll Call: Ayes; Maynor, Mendosa, **Rosen** and Johnson. ~~**Nays; Rosen**~~
Motion Carries

4. Consider the Appointment of Robin Bailie and Nancy Reichard to the Measure F Citizen Advisory Committee: Chief McDonald reviewed his staff note and made his recommendation. He advises that the District will continue to advertise and encourage volunteers. Director Rosen confirmed that the committee guidelines did include a 3-person minimum.

The following member of the public commented.

Sara Turner

It was moved to appoint both candidates to serve on the Measure F Citizen Advisory Committee for their selected term and direct staff to continue accepting applications until we get a minimum of 3, and a maximum of 5.

Motion: Mendosa; Second: Maynor

Roll Call: Ayes; Maynor, Mendosa, Rosen and Johnson.

Motion Carries

CLOSED SESSIONS

Conference with Labor Negotiator (Gov. Code Section 54957.6)

Employee Organization: *Local 4981*

Agency designated representative: *District Counsel Jack Hughes*

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Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Gov. Code Section 54956.8)

Property: *APN: 021-041-002-000, 631 9th Street, Arcata, California*

Agency Negotiators: *Director Nicole Johnson and Director Randy Mendosa*

Under Negotiation: *Price and Terms of Payment*

Prior to adjourning to closed session, the Chief advised the Board that there would not be closed sessions for Labor Negotiations at this meeting. District Counsel had nothing to report.

President Johnson adjourned to closed session at 6:36 pm.

The meeting resumed at 7:00 pm.

Report out of closed session by President Johnson; there was no reportable action taken regarding the Real Property Negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion, President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:01 pm.

Motion: Mendosa; Second: Maynor

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for **November 9, 2021, at 5:30 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Schuette,
Clerk of the Board