

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2007**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners convened at 3:04 p.m. in the Fire Commission Meeting Room, City Hall East, 200 N. Main Street, Los Angeles.

Present: Vice President Dalila Sotelo, Commissioners Andrew Friedman and Casimiro Tolentino. Acting Fire Chief Jimmy Hill and Deputy City Attorney Janet Jackson Commissioner Jill Furillo arrived at 3:30 pm. Absent: President Genethia Hudley-Hayes and Interim Fire Chief Barry.

The flag salute was followed by a moment of silence in honor of past and present members of the Los Angeles Fire Department who devote their lives to the protection of the community.

1. PUBLIC HEARING

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

B. [BFC 07-068-R1] - Fire Department report dated July 9, 2007, submitting recommendations for increase of the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Annual Cost of Special Services Fees:

1. Division 4, Continuing Permits – LAMC, Section 57.04.12 C.
2. Division 5, Non-Continuing Permits and Emergency Inspection – LAMC, Sections 57.05.31 and 57.05.32.
3. Miscellaneous Fees - LAMC, Sections 57.01.28, 57.01.30, 57.05.14, 57.05.15 and 57.06.15.

Recommendation: The Board approves the Department's report and recommendations.

The matter was opened for discussion and questions from the Board.

MOTION (Tolentino/Friedman): That the Board approves the recommendations of the transmittal. **ADOPTED:** AYES - 3 NAYS – 0 (Absent: Hudley-Hayes, Furillo)

2. REGULAR AGENDA

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Mattson provided verbal and written comments.

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Regular Meeting of July 17, 2007.

MOTION (Tolentino/Friedman): That the Board adopts the minutes as submitted. **ADOPTED:** AYES - 3 NAYS – 0 (Absent: Hudley-Hayes, Furillo)

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C. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Significant Incidents/Activities

- a. Verbal report - Significant Incidents/Activities since the last Board Meeting.

Fire Chief Barry reported on the July 28th Voluntary Community Brush Fire Evacuation Exercise and press conference. He said that the training exercise was successful, however, there was low public participation. He provided information on the Class 2006-4 Graduation and Firefighter III Paramedic David Pass' Memorial Service. Commissioner Tolentino reported having attended the Vietnamese Community Recruitment Job Fair in Orange County. He said that the event was well attended and that LAFD staff did a terrific job in promoting the recruitment program.

- b. [BFC 07-072] - Significant Incident Summary report for the period of July 17, 2007 through July 30, 2007.

Recommendation: Receive and File.

Deputy Chief Rueda gave details of the major emergency incidents noted in the summary report. The report was received and filed.

2. [BFC 07-064] - Review of the Information Requested by the Board of Fire Commissioners status report dated July 10, 2007.

Recommendation: Receive and File.

Vice President Sotelo discussed the assignment deadline expectations with Battalion Chief Palacios. The report was received and filed.

3. Discussion and consideration of LAFD matters scheduled before the City Council and Committees:

- a. Verbal report on the disposition of matters considered/referred since the last Board Meeting.

Battalion Chief Palacios indicated that the brush fee increase would be considered at Council next week and that the Playa Vista methane mitigation issue would be referred back to Committee.

- b. [BFC 07-063] – Review of the Council Motion/Action Tracking – Active status report dated July 9, 2007 (postponed from 7/17/07).

Recommendation: Receive and File.

The report was received and filed.

- c. [BFC 07-073] – Review of the Council Motion/Action Tracking – Active status report dated July 30, 2007.

Recommendation: Receive and File.

The report was received and filed.

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D. OLD BUSINESS - None

E. NEW BUSINESS - CONSENT ITEM

Items 1 and 2 were called special.

1. [BFC 07-074] – Consideration of the Fire Department report dated July 30, 2007 requesting adoption of the LAFD Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Annual Organization Chart.
Recommendation: The Board approves the Department's report and recommendations.

2. [CF 05-0017 / BFC 07-075] – Consideration of the Fire Department report dated July 30, 2007, requesting acceptance of grant funds to continue the development and maintenance of national urban search and rescue response system resources - Urban Search and Rescue Task Force FY 2006 Readiness Cooperative Agreement.
Recommendation: The Board approves the Department's report and recommendations

F. ITEMS CALLED SPECIAL

1. [BFC 07-074] – Consideration of the Fire Department report dated July 30, 2007 requesting adoption of the LAFD Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Annual Organization Chart.

The matter was opened for discussion and questions from the Board. The Board instructed that future organizational charts be provided in color so that the Commissioners can easily identify the positions identified through the report's color-coded-legend and that a summary of the changes/additions also be provided as part of the board report.

MOTION (Tolentino/Friedman): That the Board adopts the 2007-08 Organizational Chart. **ADOPTED:** AYES - 4 NAYS – 0 (Absent: Hudley-Hayes)

2. [CF 05-0017 / BFC 07-075] – Consideration of the Fire Department report dated July 30, 2007, requesting acceptance of grant funds to continue the development and maintenance of national urban search and rescue response system resources - Urban Search and Rescue Task Force FY ~~2006~~ 2007 Readiness Cooperative Agreement.

There were two corrections noted, the agenda description should reflect 2007 rather than 2006 and on the Board Report Summary (page 3, paragraph two, line 9) the word Fund should replace Department. **MOTION** (Furillo/Tolentino): That the Board adopts the report and recommendations with the noted corrections. **ADOPTED:** AYES - 4 NAYS – 0 (Absent: Hudley-Hayes)

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G. ACTIVITIES/EVENTS/MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fire Chief Barry announced the upcoming events, including the LAFD 1st Annual Honorary Awards Ceremony of August 19th.

H. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Vice President Sotelo requested that a status report on the Audit Action Plan strategic implementation progress be provided at the next meeting. Commissioner Tolentino requested that a status of pending litigation case be provided in closed session.

I. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m. (Furillo/Friedman)

ATTEST BY:

GENETHIA HUDLEY-HAYES
President

BLANCA GOMEZ-REVELLES
Commission Executive Assistant II

Date: August 21, 2007

Note: Actions of the Board shall become final at the expiration of the next five meeting days of the City Council during which the Council has convened in regular session, unless the Council acts within that time by two-thirds vote to bring the action before it or to waive review of the action.