

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2007**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners convened at 9:10 a.m. in the Fire Commission Meeting Room, City Hall East, 200 N. Main Street, Los Angeles.

Present: President Genethia Hudley-Hayes, Vice President Casimiro Tolentino, Commissioners Jill Furillo and Andrew Friedman. Fire Chief Douglas Barry and Deputy City Attorney Janet Jackson.

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 COMMENT

The following members of the public commented on their safety concerns relative to the Playa Vista project and submitted project documentation to the Board:

1. George Buzzetti of Bellflower, CA
2. Patricia McPhersen, Grassroots Coalition
3. Gene Krischer, Friends of the Children

2. COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. Verbal status report from the Fire Commission Human Relations Development Committee (HRDC) – [Hudley-Hayes/Tolentino]:

- a. [BFC 07-128] - Correspondence dated October 16, 2007 to the HRDC requesting funding in the amount of \$12,225 for the Equal Employment Opportunity Unit to attend the Southern California Round Table Seminar and the California Association of equal Rights Professionals' 32nd Annual Training Conference.

Recommendation: Approve the Department's report and recommendations.

MOTION (Furillo/Friedman): That the Board adopts the report and recommendations as submitted. **ADOPTED**: AYES - 4 NAYS – 0

- b. [BFC 07-125-R] - Correspondence dated November 8, 2007 requesting funding in the amount of \$123,224 to expand the scope of Human Relations Training.

Recommendation: Approve the Department's report and recommendations.

Emily Williams, Human Relations Commission, provided an overview of the human relations training proposal. The matter was opened for discussion and questions from the Board.

MOTION (Friedman/Tolentino): That the Board adopts the report and recommendations authorizing the amount of \$123,224 to expand the scope of human relations training and that the Fire Chief release a media advisory in connection with the allocation of funds for human relations training and the positive aspects that are being accomplished. **ADOPTED**: AYES - 4 NAYS – 0

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Events/Meetings/Announcements

1. [BFC 07-129] – Calendar of Events

Fire Chief Barry provided information on the November and December LAFD events.

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B. Significant Incidents/Activities:

1. Verbal report - Significant Incidents/Activities for the period of November 3, 2007 through November 6-20, 2007.

Deputy Chief Rueda, Bureau of Emergency Services, provided information on the ongoing deployment preparations for the expected weather conditions.

2. [BFC 07-130] - Significant Incident Summary report for the period of October 29, 2007 through November 11, 2007.

Recommendation: Receive and File

The report was received and filed.

- C. Verbal report on the disposition of LAFD matters considered by or referred to City Council/Committees during the period of November 7, 2007 through November 20, 2007.

Fire Chief Barry, President Hudley-Hayes and Commissioner Furillo reported on Fire Department audit related items considered at the Public Safety and Audits and Governmental Efficiency Joint Committee meeting of November 19th. A status report is due back to Council Committee within 30 days. Chief Barry provided a summary report of the reverse directory system project considered at the Public Safety Committee.

4. NEW BUSINESS - CONSENT ITEMS

- A. [BFC 07-126] - Fire Chief's transmittal dated November 8, 2007 submitting the Annual Fire Line Pass Report.

Recommendation: Approve the Department's report and recommendations.

The Board secretary called for a point of clarification on the recommendations. The matter was opened for discussion followed by a motion from Commissioner Furillo. **MOTION** (Furillo/Tolentino): That the Board adopts the report and recommendations; that a sixth recommendation is added, authorizing the Board secretary to make the necessary administrative changes to the process on behalf of the Board including a Resolution. **ADOPTED:** AYES - 4 NAYS - 0. The permit issuance process was further discussed with Battalion Chief Cooper. Vice President Tolentino requested that a report be provided to the Board on regular basis delineating the permit changes and new permit issuances. An additional motion was made on the matter. **MOTION** (Furillo/Tolentino): That the Department reports to the Board on a quarterly basis the permit applicant changes and issuance of new permits. **ADOPTED:** AYES - 4 NAYS - 0

- B. [BFC 07-127] - Fire Chief's transmittal dated November 8, 2007 requesting approval to release the Request for Qualification to hire Weed and Refuse Abatement Services.

Recommendation: Approve the Department's report and recommendations.

Fire Chief Barry provided an overview of the process. **MOTION** (Furillo/Friedman): That the Board adopts the report and recommendations. **ADOPTED:** AYES - 4 NAYS - 0

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6. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Playa Vista project report - December 18th meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m. (Furillo/Tolentino)

ATTEST BY:

GENETHIA HUDLEY-HAYES
President

BLANCA GOMEZ-REVELLES
Commission Executive Assistant II

Date: December 18, 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.