

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2008**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners convened at 9:05 a.m. in the Fire Commission Meeting Room, City Hall East, 200 N. Main Street, Los Angeles.

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

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.

PRESENTATION

- Charles Ruddell, Captain II, recipient of the California State Firefighter's Association (CSFA) Training Officer of the Year.
- Phillip Bowdoin, Firefighter III - LAFD Information Portal

1. PUBLIC COMMENT– None

2. COMMISSION BUSINESS

- A. Approval of the Minutes - Regular Meeting of February 5, 2008.

MOTION (Bontá/Friedman): The Board adopted the minutes as submitted.

ADOPTED: AYES - 4 NAYS – 0 (Absent: Hudley-Hayes)

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Events/Meetings/Announcements:

1. [BFC 08-019] – Calendar of Events.

Fire Chief Barry reported on significant events that he attended during the past week. He referenced the LAFD calendar of events, including the February 17th Fire Station 94 groundbreaking ceremony.

- B. Significant Incidents/Activities:

1. Verbal report - Significant Incidents/Activities for the period of February 15 through February 19, 2008.

Deputy Chief Rueda, Bureau of Emergency Services, provided an informational report on recent emergency incidents.

2. [BFC 08-020] - Significant Incident Summary report for the period of February 5 through February 11, 2008.

The report was withdrawn.

- C. Verbal report on the disposition of LAFD matters considered by or referred to City Council/Committees during the period of December 18, 2007 through January 15, 2008.

Assistant Chief Yamahata reported that on February 25th the Public Safety and Audits and Governmental Efficiency joint committee would review the CAO's budgetary funding report relative to the Professional Standards Division. The Fire Chief will provide a verbal status report on the Audit Implementation Plan to the joint committee.

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- D. Verbal report on the disposition of the Fire Department Budget:
1. Fiscal Year 2007-08
 2. Proposed - Fiscal Year 2008-09

Fire Administrator Georgia Mattera provided a handout titled Fire Department 2007-08 Monthly Financial Summary by Fund and Account, revised 2/14/09. Ms. Mattera said that the document reflected a projected 12.7 million deficit and explained how the reimbursement and savings would offset the deficit. She noted that staff is working with the CAO and Mayor's staff to close this year's deficit. Ms. Mattera reported that the 2008-09-city budget's internal meetings would begin next week and that budget cuts are expected citywide. Fire Chief Barry noted that the budget is a number one priority and that the Department is looking at ways to be most efficient while maintaining the high-level of service that it provides.

4. NEW BUSINESS - CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION (Furillo/Bontá): That the Board adopts the consent items as recommended. **ADOPTED:**
AYES - 4 NAYS – 0 (Absent: Hudley-Hayes)

1. [BFC 08-021] - Fire Chief's transmittal dated February 11, 2008, submitting a request for approval of nineteen Weed and Refuse Abatement Agreements with the following contractors:

Archer Landscape Services
Avalon Landscape, Inc.
BC Tree Service
Brian Walsh Brush Clearance
Four Seasons Landscape
Green Leaf Tree, Inc.
International Environmental Corporation
JN Landscaping & Maintenance, Inc.
Pan American Brush Clearance, Inc.
Pepo Weed Abatement, Inc.
Public Health Enterprise, Inc., Aztec Fire Crew
Ray Byers & Company
Sierra Landscape Development
Silent Fire, Inc.
Thrifty Tree Service, Inc.
Town & Country Tree Service
Tree Elements, Inc.
Van Gogh Landscaping, LLC
Waste Unlimited

Recommendation: Approve the Department's report and recommendations.

2. [BFC 08-022] - Fire Chief's transmittal dated February 2, 2008, submitting the Fire Department Statistics for Third Quarter 2007.

Recommendation: Receive and File

5. ITEMS CALLED SPECIAL

None.

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6. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m. (Bontá/Furillo)

ATTEST BY:

GENETHIA HUDLEY-HAYES
President

BLANCA GOMEZ-REVELLES
Commission Executive Assistant II

Date: March 18, 2008

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.