The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners convened at 9:06 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 Andrew Friedman and Jill Furillo; Fire Chief Douglas Barry and Assistant City Attorney Carlos De La Guerra. Absent: Commissioner Diana Bontá

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— None.

2. COMMISSION BUSINESS

   A. Approval of Minutes - regular meeting of April 22, 2009 [BFC 09-068].

   MOTION (Tolentino/Friedman): That the Board approves the minutes as submitted.

   ADOPTED: AYES – 4  (Absent: Bontá)

   B. Announcements/Meetings/Events.

   Considered jointly with Item 3.B.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

   A. Announcements/Meetings/Events.

   Considered jointly with Item 3.B.

   B. [BFC 09-063] – Calendar of Events.

   Recommendation: Receive and File

   Items 2.B., 3.A. and 3.B. considered jointly. Chief Barry reported on the June 4th Hope for Firefighters event and announced the upcoming events. Commissioner Friedman thanked Chief Barry for representing the Department at the Bais Naftoli Breakfast on May 17th.

   C. Significant Incidents/Activities:


   Chief Rueda reported on Laker Parade deployment activities. The Board inquired on the budgetary impact of the additional resources allotted for the parade; the matter was discussed.

   2. [BFC 09-075] - Significant Incident Summary report for the period of May 3 through June 8, 2009.

   Recommendation: Receive and File

   MOTION (Friedman/Tolentino): That the Board receives and files the report.

   ADOPTED: AYES – 4  (Absent: Bontá)
D. Verbal report on the disposition of LAFD matters considered by or referred to City Council/Committees during the period of May 21 through June 16, 2009.

Recommendation: That the Board provides instruction to staff and adopts any necessary action relative to the LAFD matters considered by or referred to City Council/Committee during the reporting period.

Chief Barry indicated that there were no significant LAFD matters before Council for the reporting period.

4. OLD BUSINESS


Postponed.

B. Verbal update of Fire Department Budget Fiscal Year 2009-10.

Chief Barry reported that the budget deficit would have significant impact on civilian staff. He noted that Department is conducting meetings with civilian staff to discuss the furlough program and potential lay off procedures. Meetings with sworn labor units to discuss the field resource reduction plan will be completed this week.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Pat McOsker, UFLAC, commented on public safety issues relating to potential company closures.

The issue was discussed in detail. Commissioner Furillo discussed her concerns relative to EMS Captain and Educator positions and budget crisis impact on public safety. President Hudley-Hayes indicated that the Board shares the budgetary and public safety concerns of the Department, UFLAC and COA; they will continue to work towards a resolution.

C. Verbal update on the Fire Independent Assessor Classification Specification.

Bea Lopez, Sr. Personnel Analyst II, reported that the Personnel Department received 34 resumes and that President Hudley-Hayes and Commissioner Tolentino were part of the resume review panel. Commissioners Hudley-Hayes and Friedman are to represent the Board on interview selection panel.

D. Verbal report and consideration of City policy compliance relative to the LAFD Explorer Program annual re-charter activities with Learning for Life and the revised youth development program.

Recommendation: That the Board provides instruction to staff and adopts any necessary action relative to services, programs and association with Learning for Life, other organizations, entities or affiliates to ensure that LAFD programs and services are in compliance with City policy.

President Hudley-Hayes indicated that ample time had been given to resolve the contracting process relative to compliance and would like Learning for Life (LF) to satisfy all the contract compliance requirements within 90-days. She said that if contract compliance cannot be achieved, the Department’s own program should be implemented. The matter was opened for discussion.

MOTION (Hudley-Hayes/Tolentino) that Learning for Life be provided 60-days to demonstrate contract compliance of the City’s ordinances and that the Department provide a written report (to the Board) within 30-days on how it will continue the Fire Explorer Program with or without Learning for Life. ADOPTED: AYES - 4 (Absent: Furillo)
5. NEW BUSINESS

A. [BFC 09-055] – Approval of Trademark License Agreement with the Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation.
   Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations.
   ACTION: Report was withdrawn.

6. NEW BUSINESS – CONSENT ITEMS
Item 6.B. was called special. MOTION (Furillo/Tolentino): That the Board adopts Consent Items 6. A. C. D. and E. as recommended. ADOPTED: AYES - 4 (Absent: Bontá)

A. [BFC 09-069] - Acceptance of equipment donation from Battalion 17 staff. Donation consists of one HP Office Jet Pro Printer valued at $200.00; equipment will be assigned to Battalion 17 office.
   Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations.
   ACTION: Considered special.

B. [BFC 09-070] – First Amendment to Weed and Refuse Abatement Agreements with the following contractors:
   Avalon Landscape, Inc.
   BC Tree Service
   Brian Walsh Brush Clearance
   Eccono Tree Care
   Four Seasons Landscape
   Green Leaf Tree, Inc.
   International Environmental Corporation
   JN Landscaping & Maintenance, Inc.
   Pan American Landscaping
   Pepo Weed Abatement, Inc.
   Ray Byers & Company
   Sierra Landscape Development
   Silent Fire, Inc.
   Thrifty Tree Service, Inc.
   Tree Elements, Inc.
   Waste Unlimited
   Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations.
   ACTION: Considered special.

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E. [BFC 09-076] - Corrective Action Summary - Notice of Discharge, Suspension, or Probationary Termination reports filed with the Board of Fire Commissioners during the period of May 13 through June 8, 2009.
   Recommendation: Receive and File
7. **ITEMS CALLED SPECIAL**

6.B. [BFC 09-070] – First Amendment to Weed and Refuse Abatement Agreements. Captain Knight, Brush Clearance Unit reported that there was an error on the report; it should indicate that there are 16 contractors and requested that the correction be reflected accordingly. He also noted that further clarification would be necessary on two company names (Eccono Tree Care and Pan American Landscaping); the correct names to be forwarded to the Commission Executive Assistant II for corrections to the report as necessary.

**MOTION** (Furillo/Friedman): That the Board approves the necessary corrections and adopts the report as amended. **ADOPTED:** AYES - 4 (Absent: Bontá)

8. **ITEMS REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARING**

A. [BFC 09-071] - Fiscal Year 2009-10 Annual Cost of Special Services Fee Adjustment report. Change of the following fees*:

1. Division 4 – Continuing Permits (L.A.M.C., Section 57.04.12C - Attachment A).
2. Division 5 - Non-Continuing Permits and Emergency Inspections (L.A.M.C., Sections 57.05.31 and 57.05.32 - Attachment B).
3. Miscellaneous Fees (L.A.M.C., Sections 57.01.28, 57.01.30, 57.05.14, 57.05.15 and 57.06.15 - Attachment C).
4. Construction and Plan Review Inspection Services (L.A.M.C., Section 57.15 – Attachment D)
5. Brush Administrative Cost Fee (L.A.M.C., Section 57.21 – Attachment E)
6. High Rise Building Annual Inspection and Permit Fees (L.A.M.C., Section 57.119 – Attachment F)
7. Unified Program Fees (L.A.M.C., Section 57.14.10C – Attachment G)

*Note: Please refer to the report for detailed fee changes.

**Recommendation:** The Board directs the Commission Executive Assistant to schedule a Board of Fire Commissioners public hearing and publish the required notices relative to the proposed fee enactment.

**MOTION** (Furillo/Friedman): That a public hearing be scheduled for July 21st and that the necessary notices be published as recommended. **ADOPTED:** AYES - 4 (Absent: Bontá)

9. **REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioner Friedman indicated that he was saddened that Chief Barry announced his retirement and wished him success in his future endeavors. The Board thanked and acknowledged Chief Barry’s for his accomplishments during his service as Fire Chief.

- Overtime – monitory impact on salary and benefits (Friedman)
- Recover fees on treatment without transport (Friedman)
- Preliminary report on the Arson Audit – on July 21 agenda. (Hudley-Hayes)
- Change in Board Meeting schedule due to budget and staffing shortage (Hudley-Hayes)
9. **ADJOURNMENT**  
The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 a.m. in memory of Firefighter III Andrew Salceda (Tolentino/Friedman)

ATTEST BY:

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GENETHIA HUDLEY-HAYES  BLANCA GOMEZ-REVELLES  
President      Commission Executive Assistant II  
Date:   September 1, 2009

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.