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 and Commissioner Diana Bontá. Fire Chief Millage Peaks and Deputy City Attorney Janet Jackson. Absent: Commissioners Jill Furillo and Andrew Friedman.

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**– Non-agenda items within jurisdiction of the Board.
   1. Tim Walker, Mountain Center, CA, commented on the firefighter exam list expiration.
   2. Dr. Clyde Williams, LA-32 Neighborhood Council/LA Audubon Conservation Committee, commented regarding the need for protection of bird nests and California native plant brush. relative to the brush clearance program.
   3. Alice Goff, AFSCME Local 3090, commented against the EMS collection follow up contract that would displace AFSCME employees.
   4. Diana Kinney, LAFD employee, commented against the outsourcing of EMS collection unit work.
   5. Nora Bendimez, LAFD employee, commented against the outsourcing of EMS collection work and elimination of the unit.

Vice President Tolentino requested clarification on the expiration of the firefighter exam list. Fire Chief Peak indicated that the cancellation of recruitment classes was due to budget crises, noting that the civil service candidate list process is under the jurisdiction of the Civil Service Commission. **MOTION** (Tolentino/Bonta): That the Board sends a letter of support to the Civil Service Commission on extending the eligibility list beyond the two years. **ADOPTED**: AYES - 3 (Absent: Furillo and Friedman). Bea Lopez to write the letter for the President’s signature.

2. **COMMISSION BUSINESS**
   A. 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 10-018] – Calendar of Events.
D. Verbal report on the disposition of LAFD matters considered by or referred to City Council/Committees during the period of January 19 through February 16, 2010. 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.

Assistant Chief Frazeur reported that City Council had been meeting daily and created special committees to deal with the budget issues. He said that the City is looking at consolidating fleet and IT services; Council Smith presented a Motion to review the possibility of outsourcing LAFD helicopter services to other agencies. President Hudley-Hayes expressed concern with the possibility of citywide consolidation of fleet and IT services. She requested that the Board be kept informed. MOTION (Hudley-Hayes/Tolentino): That the Commission send a letter through Chief Frazeur to the Committee that is looking at fleet consolidation and a second letter through Ms. Mattera on IT consolidation, expressing the Board’s concerns for public safety. ADOPTED: AYES - 3 (Absent: Furillo and Friedman). Bea Lopez to write the letters for the President’s signature.

4. OLD BUSINESS
   A. Verbal update on Fire Department Budget Fiscal Year 2009-10. (Taken out of Order.) Georgia Mattera, Fire Administrator, provided a status of the EMS Field Data Capture and Billing Projects. The contracts are being reviewed by CAO and will be forward to Council for approval.
   B. [BFC 10-001/ BFC 09-142] - Proposed Fire Department Budget Fiscal Year 2010-11. Recommendation: Received and Filed
      Georgia Mattera, Fire Administrator, reported that the FY 2009-10 mid year budget adjustment indicates the City has a 208 million deficit and highlighted on CAO’s mitigation recommendations. Fire Chief Peaks discussed the proposed cuts to the LAFD budget. Ms. Mattera discussed the Three-year Fiscal Plan to Fiscal Sustainability impact on LAFD and high civilian position vacancy rate. The Board discussed public safety concerns. Deputy Chief Hill provided information on the ongoing review of Fire Prevention and Building & Safety to identify work that might overlap.
   C. Verbal update on the Fire Department Modified Coverage Plan (MCP).
      PUBLIC COMMENT: Dr. Clyde Williams, LA-32 Neighborhood Council, commented regarding the Brush Clearance Program, concern of potential brush fires and impact from the MCP.

Battalion Chief Butler, Planning Section, indicated that the MCP had been in operation 194 days and provided an impact status report. Discussion ensued on the need to scale back overtime.

5. NEW BUSINESS – CONSENT ITEMS
   MOTION (Tolentino/Bonta): That the Board considers item 5.F. Special and that it adopts the remainder Consent Items as recommended. ADOPTED: AYES - 3 (Absent: Furillo and Friedman).
      Recommendation: Receive and File
      ACTION: RECEIVED AND FILED
B. [BFC 10-012] – Acceptance of equipment donation from Mr. Steve Needleman to Fire Station 9. Donation consists of equipment and tools valued at $7,500.00. Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations. ACTION: APPROVED.

C. [BFC 10-013] - Acceptance of donations totaling $180.00 to the Urban Search & Rescue Canine Unit. Ten individual donations in acknowledgement of the recent dog “Vernon” rescue from a flood channel. Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations. ACTION: APPROVED.


G. [BFC 10-017] – Corrective Action Summary - Notice of Discharge, Suspension, or Probationary Termination reports filed with the Board of Fire Commissioners during the period of January 12 through February 8, 2010. Recommendation: Receive and File. ACTION: RECEIVED AND FILED

6. ITEMS CALLED SPECIAL

[BFC 10-016] – Nine uncollectible write off charges for standby Fire Safety Officer and High Rise Inspection services, Fiscal Years 2007-2009. Customer Names: El Circo, Horizons Scripted Tele, Columbia Pictures, Xenii Event, Hardball Production, Dask Productions, Symbolic Entertainment, Giant. Total delinquent amount $15,333.78. Commissioner Bontá requested information on uncollectible write off charges by large corporations. Sal Martinez, Chief Management Analyst, provided an overview of the City’s collection process. Given the City’s financial crisis, the Board would like to see enhanced collection efforts. MOTION (Bontá/Tolentino): That the report be returned for follow up and the Board directs the Department to go back and look at alternative collection options and prepaid services. ADOPTED: AYES - 3 (Absent: Furillo and Friedman). ACTION: The report was returned for follow up.
7. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
   • Status of extending the Firefighter civil service eligibility list

8. ADJOURNMENT
   The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. (Bontá/Tolentino)

ATTEST BY:

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CASIMIRO TOLENTINO  BLANCA GOMEZ-REVELLES
Vice President      Commission Executive Assistant II

Date:   June 1, 2010

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.