

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2011

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[Due to a recording error, the meeting was not recorded. Therefore, only minimal notes and actions are included.]

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, Room 1820, Los Angeles.

▪ **ROLL CALL**

Present: President Genethia Hudley-Hayes
Vice President Casimiro Tolentino
Commissioner Andrew Friedman
Fire Chief Millage Peaks
Deputy City Attorney Julie Raffish

Absent: Commissioner Diana Bontá
Commissioner Jill Furillo
Deputy City Attorney Janet Jackson

▪ **FLAG SALUTE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

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. Fire Chief Peaks asked that special recognition be observed for a firefighter in Pasadena and two firefighters in San Francisco who were killed in the line of duty.

I. ITEMS NOTICED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Clyde Williams, LA-32 Neighborhood Council, commented regarding various Brush Clearance issues.

2. [BFC 11-058] - Fiscal Year 2011-12 Annual Cost of Special Services Fee Adjustments 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. Final Clearance Inspection Fee (L.A.M.C., Section 57.113.16B – Attachment G)

*Note: Please refer to report for complete details.

Recommendation: That the Board approve the report and recommendations.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dr. Clyde Williams, LA-32 Neighborhood Council, provided written comments. Copies of which are available at the Commission Office.

MOTION (Friedman/Tolentino): That the Board approve the report and recommendations.

ADOPTED: AYES – 3 (Absent: Bontá, Furillo)

II. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Clyde Williams, LA-32 Neighborhood Council, commented that CERT should be more informed regarding monies/options available to Neighborhood Councils. He stated his Neighborhood Council recently purchased radios.

2. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. Announcements/Meetings/Events
Considered jointly with Item 3.A.

B. [BFC 11-074] - Approval of Meeting Minutes for May 17, 2011
MOTION (Tolentino/Friedman): That the Board approve the minutes as submitted.
ADOPTED: AYES – 3 (Absent: Bontá, Furillo)

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Announcements/Meetings/Events
Items 2.A., 3.A. and 3.B. considered jointly. Fire Chief Peaks noted the events he attended since the last Commission meeting: Pacific Coast Fire Academy, LAPD Medal of Valor – Grand Ballroom, Hollywood/Highland, and Hope for Firefighters – Hope Street.

Fire Chief referenced the Calendar of Events provided, and highlighted the following upcoming events: Anti-Fireworks Campaign – Month of June, Fallen Firefighters Memorial Golf Tournament, BET Awards, Venice High Centennial Parade/Festival, SAFE 2011 Summer Tip-Off, 4th of July Safety Press Conference, Swimming Pool & Water Safety - Month of July.

B. Calendar of Events
Considered jointly with Item 3.A.

C. Significant Incidents/Activities:

1. [BFC 11-075] – Significant Incident Summary report for the period of May 2 through May 8, 2011.

Recommendation: Receive and file.
ACTION: RECEIVED AND FILED.

2. [BFC 11-076] – Significant Incident Summary report for the period of May 9 through May 15 2011

Recommendation: Receive and file.
ACTION: RECEIVED AND FILED.

3. [BFC 11-077] – Significant Incident Summary report for the period of May 16 through May 22, 2011

Recommendation: Receive and file.
ACTION: RECEIVED AND FILED.

Deputy Chief Rueda reported on two recent incidents, a Natural Gas Leak which occurred on June 6 in North Hollywood, and the upcoming 53-Hours Closure of I-405

Freeway between U.S. 101 and I-10 planned in mid-July for Mulholland Bridge demolition work.

- D. Verbal report on the disposition of LAFD matters considered by or referred to City Council/Committees during the period of May 4 through June 7, 2011.
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 Brian Cummings reported on the Mayor's Budget process, PSD Staffing which was approved on June 1st and regarding the freeze on retirement healthcare subsidies for civilian employees.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. [BFC 10-045] – Fire Department response to the Assessment of the Department Disciplinary Process and Professional Standards Division conducted by the Office of the Independent Assessor [BFC 10-027]

1. [BFC 10-091] – LAFD Implementation Action Plan (IAP) – Department's response to the 2010 Independent Assessor Audit (Revised 08/31/2010; Supersedes BFC 10-085)

Battalion Chief Trevor Richmond reported that due to PSD staffing approval, staff is looking to address space and equipment issues. President Hudley-Hayes asked if staff is still working on moving PSD. Fire Chief Peaks stated first they are reorganizing with current space because of space openings due to retirements. Battalion Chief Richmond stated that the item is tentatively schedule to come before the Civil Service Commission on June 23, after which job offers can begin to be made in late August or early September.

President Hudley-Hayes suggested that Mr. Stephen Miller, Independent Assessor, be involved, as appropriate, regarding obtaining qualified candidates to fill the positions. Mr. Miller stated PSD is in the process of attempting to recruit candidates. Fire Chief Peaks stated that stakeholder group would meet to discuss hiring strategies.

Battalion Chief Richmond reported that regarding Action Item 7, PSD Manual, the introduction was completed, and the complaint and investigation procedures draft was done.

- B. Verbal report from Department on status of the Modified Coverage Plan (MCP), including discussion of introduction of policy changes regarding hard closures, seasonal variances and temporary suspensions based on departmental needs.

Captain Al Ruiz, Planning Section, reported we are on day 341 of the Modified Coverage Plan; actual savings to date is \$37.6 million, and the modified coverage plan has been suspended for 55 days since July 2010. Captain Ruiz reported regarding policy changes and he was prepared to note any questions Commissioner's may have regarding the implementation of the deployment plan.

President Hudley-Hayes suggested that this process be done after the Deployment Plan is effect, after July 5th. Fire Chief Peaks agreed.

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Commissioner Friedman requested this item, in its new form, be agendized for the July 19 Commission meeting. Fire Chief Peaks agreed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dr. Williams commented that a written report on seasonal variances should be available to the public.

5. NEW BUSINESS

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS – CONSENT ITEMS

A. [BFC 11-078] – Corrective Action Summary – Notice of Discharge, Suspension, or Probationary Termination reports filed with the Board of Fire Commissioners – May 5 through May 18, 2011.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

ACTION: RECEIVED AND FILED.

7. ITEMS CALLED SPECIAL

None.

8. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- That the new Deployment Plan implementation and progress be agendized for the July 19 meeting – See Item 4.B. (Friedman)

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m. (Friedman/Tolentino).

ATTEST BY:

GENETHIA HUDLEY-HAYES
President

LETICIA GOMEZ
Commission Executive Assistant

Date: June 8, 2011

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.