

**BOARD OF FIRE DIRECTORS, SIERRA FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT**

MONDAY

10:00 A.M.

MAY 19, 2008

PRESENT:

Bob Larkin, Chairman
Jim Galloway, Director
David Humke, Director
Kitty Jung, Director

Amy Harvey, County Clerk
Katy Singlaub, County Manager
Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel
Michael Greene, Fire Chief

ABSENT:

Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairman

The Board met in special session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, and conducted the following business:

08-23SF AGENDA ITEM 3

Agenda Subject: “Discussion and possible action regarding the Sierra Fire Protection District Tentative Budget as well as possible changes before adoption of the Final Budget for fiscal year 2008/09. Note: The Budget hearing may be continued until May 20, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

Fire Chief Michael Greene said the final budget was compiled using the 52 cent tax rate. He stated after receiving Board direction to reduce the budget by \$200,000, staff deducted \$150,000 from Capital Improvements and the remainder would be reduced in salaries. He explained the total budget expenditures for fiscal year 2008/09 was \$9,839,380. Chief Greene said in order for the District to remain financially viable the budget included the contingencies outlined in the State Forester determination of feasibility. He indicated staff met with the Finance Director to update the final ad valorem revenue projection, which was used in the final budget. He said in developing the tentative budget the District Fire Prevention position remained vacant in order to keep the tax rate to a minimum, but after the numbers were received from the Finance Director it was determined there was enough revenue to fund that vacant position. Chief Greene indicated the final budget presented was balanced and financially sound.

Director Humke asked if a wage increase was built into the budget. Chief Greene replied the wage increase was approximately 15 percent, which brought the District to 96 percent of regional parity.

Mary Walker, Walker and Associates, explained the regional parity included all of the fire departments and districts in Washoe County, Carson City and Douglas County.

In response to Director Humke, Chief Greene replied there was a long list of Capital Improvement Projects and stated a priority was the update of cardiac monitors and auto extrication equipment. He said there was also a fire engine replacement program being put into place with that money going toward the ongoing refurbishment of the Mt. Rose Fire Station.

Director Galloway asked how capital outlay could help with the renovation of the Mt. Rose Station. Chief Greene remarked there were funds to accommodate the office portion renovation at an estimated cost of \$200,000; however, there were no funds to address the remaining needs of the Mt. Rose Station.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Director Galloway, seconded by Director Jung, which motion duly carried with Director Weber absent, Chairman Larkin ordered that the final budget of the Sierra Fire Protection District for fiscal year 2008/09 be adopted.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

ROBERT M. LARKIN, Chairman
Sierra Fire Protection District

ATTEST:

AMY HARVEY, Washoe County Clerk
and Ex Officio Clerk, Sierra
Fire Protection District

*Minutes Prepared by
Stacy Gonzales, Deputy Clerk*