



**Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department
Joint Powers Authority**

**MINUTES
May 23, 2008**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Board Member Hosterman called the Joint Powers Authority meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

Present: Pleasanton Board Members Hosterman, Sullivan
Livermore Board Members Horner, Marchand

2. Selection of Chairperson

Staff advised that based on a rotating schedule, Board Member Hosterman would be next to serve as Chairperson.

3. Meeting Open to the Public: None

4. Approve Minutes of July 16, 2007

It was m/s by Sullivan/Horner to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

5. Review and Consider the update to the 2008-09 Consolidated Operating Budget:

Chief Cody presented the update, and specifically highlighted: labor-related increases due to MOU changes as approved, August 2007; Retirees' Medical Reserve Fund; Worker's Compensation Fund; and Grant Funding.

Board Member Horner asked if overtime backfill will cost more than leaving the positions vacant. Chief Cody explained that the difference is incremental, but that there is still realizing a net cost savings by temporarily holding the positions vacant.

The Chief advised that Staff is evaluating the recent move to a 2x4 schedule, and will report back to the Board on results. Management has been monitoring fatigue, injuries, accidents, and near misses resulting from fatigue.

Pleasanton Assistant City Manager, Julie Yuan-Miu, asked if the \$170,000 salary savings is for the three (3) firefighters and Fire Inspector position. Chief Cody advised that was correct, and that overtime backfill required was factored into the net savings.

Livermore Human Resources Director, Steve Harmon, asked if the Union is concerned with the vacancies. The Chief explained that management is working closely with the bargaining unit, and that the Department can handle the vacancies for the short-term.

Pleasanton City Manger, Nelson Fialho, pointed out that the firefighter positions are anticipated to be filled in March 2009. Chief Cody also reported that the current Fire Academy is in session, and that another firefighter announced retirement.

Livermore City Manager, Linda Barton, reported that Julie Yuan-Miu and Steve Harmon worked together for a creative benefit solution, specific to LPFD, which was accepted by the bargaining unit and created a cost savings for both cities.

There were no other questions specific to the budget update.

It was m/s by Hosterman/Sullivan to adopt/approve the update to the 2008-09 Consolidated Budget. Motion carried.

6. Review and Consider the 2007 Annual Report

Chief Cody presented the 2007 Annual Report: activities in relation to Council Goals, call volume/types, response times, and Strike Team deployments.

Board Member Marchand inquired about the frequency of false alarms and if fees have been considered. Chief Cody advised there are false alarm calls received, but fees have not been considered yet. Some calls are false alarms in that there is no fire to be extinguished, but if sprinkler systems have triggered then firefighter assistance is required to stop the water flow.

It was m/s by Hosterman/Horner to receive the 2007 Annual Report. Motion carried.

7. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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