

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SIERRA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING**

MONDAY

10:00 A.M.

MAY 21, 2007

PRESENT:

Bob Larkin, Chairman
Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairman
David Humke, Commissioner*
Pete Sferrazza, Commissioner

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

ABSENT:

Jim Galloway, Commissioner

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:

**07-23SF PUBLIC HEARING ON TENTATIVE BUDGET – ADOPTION OF
FISCAL YEAR 2007-08 FINAL BUDGET**

10:00 a.m. This was the time set in a Notice of Public Hearing, published in the *Reno Gazette-Journal* on May 11, 2007 to consider the tentative budget for fiscal year 2007-08, as well as possible changes to adoption of the final budget for fiscal year 2007-08.

10:41 a.m. Commissioner Humke arrived at the meeting.

Chief Michael Greene indicated that the proposed final budget contained some minor adjustments but was essentially the same as that discussed at the last regular Board meeting. Mary Walker, District Financial Consultant, pointed out that minor adjustments included the final budget number for the Fire Services Coordinator position, which was shared between Sierra Fire Protection District (SFPD), Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and Washoe County. The cost was apportioned based on the number of fire stations, resulting in approximately 32-33 percent to SFPD, about 8-9 percent to Washoe County, and the remainder to TMFPD.

Ms. Walker explained there were two funds budgeted, the General Fund and the Pre-Funded Retiree Health Benefits Fund. She reviewed the tiered fire emergency reserves. Ms. Walker indicated the property tax rate for SFPD would remain

the same. She summarized provisions in the budget for employee salaries, capital outlay and a fuels management program. Volunteer funding had been increased compared with past years, including an additional \$10,000 per volunteer fire department for operational and capital costs. Ms. Walker stated that SFPD was financially sound overall, with all operational and capital funding requirements having been met.

In response to a question by Chairman Larkin, Chief Greene indicated he was satisfied with the proposed 2007-08 budget.

Commissioners Weber and Humke expressed concern that the proposed budget had not been received in advance of the meeting. Although budget items had been discussed at previous meetings, they did not believe it was appropriate to adopt the budget until they had an opportunity to read the final version in detail. Commissioner Sferrazza stated that he had reviewed the budget prior to the meeting.

Chairman Larkin opened the public hearing.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Galloway absent, it was ordered that the public hearing and adoption of the final budget for fiscal year 2007-08 be continued to May 22, 2007.

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10:52 a.m. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

ROBERT M. LARKIN, Chairman
Sierra Fire Protection District

ATTEST:

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

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