

**GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
BUDGET STUDY SESSION MINUTES
Wednesday, February 26, 2014 0900hrs
3885 East Golder Ranch Drive, Tucson, Arizona**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Fire Board Chairperson Vicki Cox Golder called the meeting to order on Wednesday, February 26th, 2014 at 9:02 a.m.

Members Present: Board Chairperson Vicki Cox Golder, Board Vice-Chair Steve Brady, Clerk David Dahl, Board Member Mark Clark, Board Member Richard Hudgins

Staff Present: Fire Chief Randy Karrer, Assistant Chief Tom Brandhuber, Assistant Chief Pat Abel, Attorney Donna Aversa, Brooke Painter

2. SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments made.

4. BUDGET STUDY SESSION

Chief Karrer provided a synopsis of how the session would go and what the goals were for the study session. He reviewed some key points from the Business and Strategic Plans.

Finance Manager Dave Christian presented version number one of the fiscal year 2014-2015 budget. He reviewed labor costs breakdowns, including retirement fees for both PSPRS and ASRS, salaries, and the large increase of the health insurance costs this year.

There were discussions about the new positions being proposed for the upcoming fiscal year. IT Manager Herman Rascon discussed the needs for an Applications Specialist position. Fire Marshal Loesche explained the request for the Fire Inspector I position. Chief Karrer explained that the Receptionist position is not a new position, but one that had been delayed and we would like to implement this fiscal year. Chief Brandhuber explained the reasoning for the need to hire three additional firefighters. Chief Karrer explained to the Board that he is looking at the possibility of capturing the funds from



Captain Schoon's retirement to fund a Community Relations position.

The Board took a short break at 10:21 a.m. They reconvened at 10:32. Clerk Dahl was excused from the rest of the meeting at the break.

Chief Karrer discussed an article that was in the Northwest Explorer this morning giving kudos to our crews on a call we responded to.

Legal Counsel Donna Aversa provided the Board and staff with information and insight about the effects of the current political atmosphere in the Town Council in Oro Valley, and Mountain Vista on Golder Ranch Fire District.

Chief Karrer and Sharron Lovemore presented the compensation survey that was compiled.

Dave Christian provided the Board information about the Capital Improvement Plan. The managers provided additional details about specific requests. He then presented information on the debt services for fiscal year 2014-2015. There was then an overview of each department's budget proposals reviewed with the Board.

The Board took a short break for lunch at 11:45 a.m. They reconvened at 12:09 p.m.

Dave Christian provided the Board with the revenue projections for fiscal year 2014-2015. Version number one of the budget is recommending an O&M Mil Rate of \$2.08 and proposing a total budget of \$21,013,486 for fiscal year 2014-2015. The Board stated that the positions that were asked for were warranted. Funding the capital improvement plan was made a priority as well.

The Chiefs and staff will take another look at the version one budget to see if any other adjustments can be made. The Board scheduled another study session for March 19th at 9:00 a.m. to review the findings.

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Board Member Hudgins: Motion to adjourn at 12:53 p.m.

MOTION SECONDED by Board Member Clark

MOTION CARRIED 4/0



David Dahl, Clerk of the Governing Board
Golder Ranch Fire District
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