

**CLOVERDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2010  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board President Giovanatto at Cloverdale Fire Station –451 S. Cloverdale Blvd., Cloverdale, CA**

**Date Posted: Pursuant to Government Code 54954.2, the agenda for this meeting was properly posted on February 5, 2010**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Board President Giovanatto

**ROLL CALL:**

Directors Present: Directors Giordano, Hill, Avansino, Green and President Giovanatto  
Directors Absent: None  
Others Present: Fire Chief, Brian Elliott, Clerk of the Board, Michelle Black

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Chief Elliott requested striking Resolution 12-10 regarding fund transfer from the agenda. We received strike team reimbursements and will transfer the money to the building fund to cover building expenses.

Director Giordano moved and Director Avansino seconded the motion to approve the Agenda as amended striking Resolution 12-10 from the agenda.

Motion carried: Aye 5 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent 0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS-GENERAL INTEREST:** None

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

1. Approval of Minutes for January 11, 2010 Regular meeting

Director Giordano moved and Director Hill seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of January 11, 2010 Regular Meeting without change.

Motion carried: Aye 5 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent 0.

**PUBLIC HEARING: Public Hearing:** Discuss and approve Resolution 11-10 authorizing an agreement with the City of Cloverdale consenting to a property tax exchange with the City of Cloverdale reducing the City's property tax allocation rate by .04438 and increasing the Cloverdale Fire Protection District's property tax allocation rate by .04438 in tax rate areas 001-000, 001-001, 001-007, 001-011, 001-012, and 001-013 pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 99.02 and authorizing execution of a settlement agreement and release of all claims to fully and finally resolve any disputes between the Fire Protection District and the City concerning City funding of the Fire Protection District

Called public hearing to order at 6:02 pm.

Attorney Larry McLaughlin is present this evening and reported he met with the Fire Chief and City Manager to finalize the language for the settlement agreement. Resolution to approve the settlement agreement is presented under Discussion/Action Items.

Adjourned to regular session at 6:04 pm

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

1. By Resolution 11-10 settlement agreement.

Director Giordano expressed he was happy to see this issue come to an end. President Giovanatto gave thanks to the Fire Chief and Attorney Larry McLaughlin for their diligence in bringing this issue to an end. Chief Elliott stated the new tax calculation will begin with the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

Director Giordano moved and Director Avansino seconded the motion to approve Resolution 11-10 authorizing an agreement with the City of Cloverdale consenting to a property tax exchange with the City of Cloverdale reducing the City's property tax allocation rate by .04438 and increasing the Cloverdale Fire Protection District's property tax allocation rate by .04438 in tax rate areas 001-000, 001-001, 001-007, 001-011, 001-012, and 001-013 pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 99.02 and authorizing execution of a settlement agreement and release of all claims to fully and finally resolve any disputes between the Fire Protection District and the City concerning City funding of the Fire Protection District.

Motion carried: Aye 5 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent 0.

**1. Bookkeeper Report:**

- a.) Financial Report
- b.) Approval of Claims

Chief Elliott reported we received strike team funds. Expenses are at 58%. We were going to apply for a line of credit during the dry funding period but received the strike team funds to cover expenses. We have always had money in our building fund to cover during dry funding period but now that we have depleted those building funds with the construction of the new station, we will be applying for a line of credit in the future.

Director Hill moved and Director Avansino seconded the motion to approve the claims as presented.

Motion carried: Aye 5 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent 0.

**REPORTS:**

- 1. President's Report – President Giovanatto thanked those who participated in the open house; staff and volunteers.
- 2. Subcommittee Reports
  - a. Budget – Chief Elliott reported we will be meeting with staff on the 16<sup>th</sup> regarding preliminary budget and will present prelim budget in March. The Chief requested a report from the County of Sonoma reflecting the new tax formula applied to 2009-2010 to see results had the tax formula been in place for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.
  - b. Apparatus – none
  - c. Building – Chief Elliott – the building is not yet finalized. It is great to be here!
  - d. Liaison – Director Avansino reported they will meet quarterly.
- 3. Volunteer Reports – The awards dinner will be held on February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Citrus Fair at 6:00 pm. Stipend program schedule is full.
- 4. Fire Chief's Report – See attached. Regarding the Casino project, we requested a scope of the project. The next meeting will include Tom Hinrichs from the Cloverdale Health Care District.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** President Giovanatto asked the board if they would like to receive a scanned version the board packet on the Friday before the regular meetings. Board agreed to receive the board packet via email and printed versions will be available at the meeting to those Board Members who request it.

Chief Elliott verified that he will not be running for Sonoma County Board of Supervisors.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Public Employee Performance Evaluation  
Fire Chief  
Government Code 54957

Adjourned to closed session at 6:35 pm  
Reconvened to open session at 7:31 pm  
President Giovanatto reported no action was taken.

Roger Fletcher announced the volunteers wanted to say happy birthday to Michelle and thank you for all she does for the department.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Regular Meeting March 8, 2010 at the Cloverdale Fire Station, 451 S. Cloverdale Blvd., Cloverdale, CA