

Minutes of the **April 28, 2016** Commissioners Meeting

1. Meeting was called to order at **6:37** P.M.
2. Pledge of allegiance was recited
3. Quorum present, Commissioners Shoppach, Gelasco, Sanchez and Bonneau-Montoya. Commissioner McLellan not in attendance.
4. Presentations: Guillermo Zubia of Colonial Life presented a benefits package that we would like to offer the firefighters. The program would be at the employee's expense and will be presented to the firefighters soon. Gloria Sanchez and Raquel Perez of Sparks Community and Development appeared before the Board to ask for a variance on the building being constructed in Sparks. They are adding on a room to conduct computer classes. The computers were obtained through a grant and this is a non-profit corporation. The Board allowed them to continue construction on the outside of the building until next Board meeting when the item will be an agenda item and action will be taken then. The Board also informed them that even if given the variance the building will still have to be built to code including the use of certified electricians and plumbers.
5. Minutes were reviewed.
6. Quarterly report presented. We have \$1,823,337 in investments at this time but that also includes the taxes from this year that were invested.
7. Tax income reviewed. Collections are at over 90% which is early in the fiscal year this time around.
8. Accounts payable reviewed.
9. None
10. Chief's report: 247 calls for March and 849 year to date. March stipend \$18,809.57. Maintenance; some regular maintenance issues and finishing up on Quint controls and Pumper 401 valves. The new trucks are in but are already on their way back to the dealer. Numerous issues that were not correct so dealer elected to have transport company take the trucks back to them rather than repairing locally. Fire Marshal vehicle is in awaiting lights, siren, and graphics installation. Conducted training at EPFD training academy. Rookies learned how to attack fires and move to second floor with no visibility. HFD search and rescue team conducted navigational training with EPFD. Both trainings were 8 hours each. MCT's are in and are being programmed. We had one firefighter back on the roster after being on deployment for a year. We have one firefighter who is resigning to pursue his residency to become a doctor. We will have a going away get together for Hugo Rivas on Wednesday May 4. All personnel and staff are invited. Motion to accept Chief's report made by Commissioner Gelasco and seconded by Commissioner Shoppach. Report accepted.
11. Fire Marshal's report: 70 permits issued so far this year. The new Sierra/Providence hospital has been put on hold along with the Murphy's gas station going in at Wal-Mart. Horizon High School and Carol T. Welch Elementary School are both undergoing expansions this summer. We will

begin interviews for Tami's position hopefully next week. We may lose our Deputy Fire Marshal Carlos Ornelas. He is possibly going to go to work full time for EPFD Fire Marshal Office and the work schedule would not allow him to work with us. FM402 new truck is in. We still need to have graphics, lights, siren and radio installed. Fire Marshal is asking for a resolution with ESD#2 to be able to conduct fire investigations in our district and make arrests if necessary. Motion to accept Fire Marshal's report made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Shoppach. Report accepted.

12. EMS report: Captain Ames is in a meeting with Dr. Berumen tonight to discuss ALS protocols. Nothing else to report. Motion to accept EMS report made by commissioner Bonneau-Montoya and seconded by Commissioner Gelasco. Report accepted.
13. Communications report: Sheila from Communications reports 321 calls for ESD#1 in March. ESD#1 accounts for 11% of all calls and 10% of all radio traffic. We received a letter from Chief McConnell showing the cost of communications for next year adding one more dispatcher. Motion to accept Communications report made by Commissioner Gelasco and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Report accepted.
14. Fire Marshal Guillen is asking the Board if they would support a full time Fire Marshal position. The need is there now. With the Deputy Fire Marshal possibly leaving it may become a real need. Motion to table made by Commissioner Bonneau-Montoya and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Item tabled.
15. Motion made by Commissioner Gelasco to allow \$1,600 for the purchase of a new lap-top for the Fire Marshal's Office. The current one is now 5 years old. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Motion carried unanimously.
16. Motion to table AED contract made by Commissioner Bonneau-Montoya and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Item tabled.
17. Motion made by Commissioner Gelasco to accept the Argyle Contract for the supply of medical oxygen for the station. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Motion carried unanimously.
18. Motion made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Gelasco to allow \$10,339.50 for the purchase of emergency lights and siren for the new Fire Marshal vehicle (FM402). Motion carried unanimously.
19. Motion to table church land made by Commissioner Gelasco and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Item tabled.
20. We received our preliminary rating from I.S.O. The District will now be a 2/10. Anything within 5 road miles from the station with fire hydrants will be a 2. Outside of 5 miles will be a 10. The area around the SAC will be a 2 if we can get an automatic aid agreement from the city for that area only. EPFD would respond first and we would take over the scene as soon as we can get there. The difference between a 5 (which is what we are now) and a 2 will be a 375 savings for homeowners on their fire insurance. The Board will have to accept the rating so that we may move forward. Motion to

accept I.S.O. rating made by Commissioner Gelasco and seconded by Commissioner Bonneau-Montoya. Motion carried unanimously.

21. Motion to delete made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Gelasco. Item deleted.
22. The appraiser for the County of El Paso came out and said that R403 is worth between \$3,500-\$4,500 as is with transmission blown. We have a Fire Department from Culberson County that is interested in it for a search and rescue vehicle. Commissioner Gelasco stated that he used to patrol Culberson County when he was with DPS and knows they have very little money to work with. Motion made by Commissioner Gelasco to sell them the truck for \$3,500. Commissioner Bonneau-Montoya stated that he would like to see us get \$4,500. Commissioner Sanchez is for \$4,500 while Commissioner Shoppach stated he would go \$3,500. Consensus was a tie, however after more discussion the Board agreed to take \$3,500 for the truck. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bonneau-Montoya. Motion carried unanimously.
23. Motion to table air lines made by Commissioner Bonneau-Montoya and seconded by Commissioner Gelasco. Item tabled.
24. For the Good of the District: Administrator Larson informed the Board that he was approached by the Horizon Police Department asking for possible use of the classroom 2-3 times a year for law enforcement training. The board has no problem with this as long as the Fire Department has nothing planned for it's use. The Clint 4H Club is asking for permission to use the classroom for a meeting this Sunday (May 1, 2016) Permission granted. Commissioner Bonneau-Montoya informed the Board that this will be his last meeting. He is resigning as he is moving into El Paso city limits and as per State Statute 775 he no longer qualifies to be a Commissioner in our District.
25. Next meeting: May 26, 2016 at 6:30 P.M.
26. Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Gelasco at 8:46 P.M. Meeting adjourned.