



UNIFIED FIRE AUTHORITY BOARD MINUTES

June 20, 2023, 7:30 a.m.

Electronically Via ZOOM Webinar/UFA Headquarters – 3380 South 900 West SLC, UT 84119

1. Call to Order
Quorum present
Chair Weichers called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.
2. Public Comment
None
Public comment was available live and with a posted email address
3. Approval of Minutes
Council Member Perry moved to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2023, UFA Board Meeting as submitted
Mayor Overson seconded the motion
All voted in favor, none opposed
4. Consent Agenda
 - Review of May Disbursements
 - No discussion

Mayor Silvestrini moved to approve the May disbursements as submitted
Council Member Hull seconded the motion
All voted in favor, none opposed
5. Committee Updates
 - Benefits & Compensation Committee – Chair Dahle
 - No meeting held
 - Governance Committee – Chair Silvestrini
 - No meeting held
 - Finance Committee – Chair Henderson
 - No meeting held
6. Public Hearing to Receive and Consider Comments on Proposed Amendments to the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year Budget
Mayor Silvestrini moved to open the Public Hearing to receive and consider comments on proposed amendments to the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year Budget
Mayor Overson seconded the motion
Roll call vote taken

Bailey	Y	Knopp	Y
Bourke	Y	Overson	Y
Buroker	-	Perry	Y
Butterfield	Y	Silvestrini	Y
Dahle	Y	Stevenson	Y

Harris	Y	Stewart	-
Henderson	Y	Weichers	Y
Hull	Y	Westmoreland	-
Hartman	Y		
Hartman	Y		

No public comments

Council Member Hull moved to close the Public Hearing to receive and consider comments on proposed amendments to the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year Budget

Mayor Overson seconded the motion

Roll call vote taken

Bailey	Y	Knopp	Y
Bourke	Y	Overson	Y
Buroker	-	Perry	Y
Butterfield	Y	Silvestrini	Y
Dahle	Y	Stevenson	Y
Harris	Y	Stewart	-
Henderson	Y	Weichers	Y
Hull	Y	Westmoreland	-
Hartman	Y		
Hartman	Y		

Mayor Westmoreland, Council Member Buroker, and Council Member Stewart joined the meeting

7. Consider Resolution 06-2023A to Approve a Budget Amendment for the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year
- CFO Hill provided an outline of amendments
 - Mayor Weichers asked as to the investment strategy to take advantage of the high interest
 - CFO Hill explained that a few months ago the bank began sweeping (their term) monies to obtain interest daily, rather than at months end
 - This is a more aggressive strategy, and while it costs more in bank service fees, interest is gained daily

Council Member Perry moved to approve Resolution 06-2023A amending the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year Budget as presented

Council Member Stewart seconded the motion

Roll call vote taken

Bailey	Y	Knopp	Y
Bourke	Y	Overson	Y
Buroker	Y	Perry	Y
Butterfield	Y	Silvestrini	Y
Dahle	Y	Stevenson	Y
Harris	Y	Stewart	Y
Henderson	Y	Weichers	Y
Hull	Y	Westmoreland	Y
Hartman	Y		
Hartman	Y		

8. FY23/24 URS Contribution Rates

- Chief Burchett explained that while working through URS on the recent death of Captain Hambleton, it was found that a bill passed in 2018 only allowed Tier I Division B Firefighters a 20-year benefit even if they worked beyond that time frame
- This resulted in a significant amount of money for family
- UFA worked with state fire chiefs and lobbyists to get this bill into the special session
- This was the right thing to do for not only Captain Hambleton’s family, but for all Division B Firefighters, as anyone with over more than 20-years would feel they were at risk if they passed away
- This was approved in the session, but has resulted in a slight increase to the UFA URS rates
- CFO Hill clarified that the cost would increase \$30,000
 - Staff is confident in the ability to cover this cost in the tentative budget
 - CFO Hill noted that there is a savings in the Tier 2, as new retirements go and with the addition of new hires, this increase rate and cost will be covered

9. Public Hearing to Receive and Consider Comments on the Final Budget for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year

- Before opening the public hearing, CFO Hill pointed out that there will be four exhibits to this resolution
 - The main item is the budget which contains Chief Burchett’s budget message
 - Each Division budget with detailed expenditures
 - Member Fee Charts
 - Capital Replacement Fund
 - Note that the canyon contribution has been extended for 18 months
- There are four different pay plans within the budget; Sworn, Civilian, PT-EMS, Wildland
- Also listed are the benefits offered to personnel, with the only change being the switch from PEHP to SelectHealth for dental
- The final exhibit is the fee schedule for next year which has no changes

Council Member Hull moved to open the Public Hearing to receive and consider comments on the Final Budget for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year

Mayor Knopp seconded the motion

Roll call vote taken

Bailey	Y	Knopp	Y
Bourke	Y	Overson	Y
Buroker	Y	Perry	Y
Butterfield	Y	Silvestrini	Y
Dahle	Y	Stevenson	Y
Harris	Y	Stewart	Y
Henderson	Y	Weichers	Y
Hull	Y	Westmoreland	Y
Hartman	Y		
Hartman	Y		

No public comments

Mayor Silvestrini moved to close the Public Hearing to receive and consider comments on the Final Budget for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year

Council Member Hull seconded the motion

Roll call vote taken

Bailey	Y	Knopp	Y
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Bourke	Y	Overson	Y
Buroker	Y	Perry	Y
Butterfield	Y	Silvestrini	Y
Dahle	Y	Stevenson	Y
Harris	Y	Stewart	Y
Henderson	Y	Weichers	Y
Hull	Y	Westmoreland	Y
Hartman	Y		
Hartman	Y		

10. Consider Resolution 06-2023B to Adopt the Final Budget for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year

Mayor Silvestrini moved to approve Resolution 06-2023B approving the Final Budget for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year

Mayor Stevenson seconded the motion

Roll call vote taken

Bailey	Y	Knopp	Y
Bourke	Y	Overson	Y
Buroker	Y	Perry	Y
Butterfield	Y	Silvestrini	Y
Dahle	Y	Stevenson	Y
Harris	Y	Stewart	Y
Henderson	Y	Weichers	Y
Hull	Y	Westmoreland	Y
Hartman	Y		
Hartman	Y		

11. Fire Chief Report

- Flood Update – DC Mecham/Tara Behunin
 - City Creek, Millcreek, Parleys, and Emigration are in recovery mode
 - Sandbags are being gathered and demobilization will take place at Wheeler Farm
 - Monitoring of Big Cottonwood and Little Cottonwood creeks will continue
 - SLCo has estimated costs for reimbursement at just over \$6M, most of this being mitigation and debris removal costs
 - SLCo EM will now turn their focus to wildland season
 - Mayor Silvestrini expressed his thanks to SLCo EM and SLCo for their support and preparation and to all volunteers and residents

- EM Changes
 - Division Chief Mecham will be retiring, moving to Florida, and accepting a similar position for Dayton County
 - Associate Director Behunin will act-in until a new Director has been found

- Strategic Plan
 - The process has begun for the next Strategic Plan
 - Mayor Stevenson, Council Member Harris, and Council Member Buroker have agreed to take part on the Committee
 - Chief Burchett is hoping someone else from the Board would be interested in taking part

- Fireworks Plan
 - Updated restricted area map is complete and posted on the website
 - Citizens can input their address to see if they are in a restricted area
 - Also posted on the website are dates of sale, time for discharge, and safety tips
 - AC Dern stated that there will be extra apparatus and staffing for both the 4th and 24th
 - An Operations Chief will be staged at VECC to help screen incoming calls
- Recruit Graduation/Lateral Hire Update
 - 31 members of Class 56 are at the stations and serving your communities
 - A Lateral Hiring Process is complete, and 8 more Firefighters have been hired
 - These 8 will attend a 4-week orientation and then ride-along before station assignments the end of August
 - This should help with mandatory staffing issues
 - Also, diversity is improving as there are 8 women in Class 56
- Bluffdale Update
 - Chief Burchett stated that UFA is still responding to 1-1.5 calls per week according to data collected this past 6-months
 - Chief will continue to monitor the data, but will no longer provide a monthly update unless there are changes
 - Mayor Silvestrini asked as to how this compares with other mutual aid areas
 - Chief Burchett explained that the system works, and UFA is pretty much whole
 - If interested, Chief will provide an overall report next month
 - Mayor Silvestrini would like to keep an eye on it
 - Mayor Dahle thought that the whole intent was for Bluffdale to resolve this issue and if this is not the case, UFA is supplementing Bluffdale because Bluffdale residents do not want to fund their public safety
 - Chief assured the Board that they are hiring Captains and working on a different taxing model to carve out fire service
 - Changes are being made, it takes time
 - Mayor Dahle wants to make sure UFA is not permanently subsidizing their fire service

12. Closed Session

None

13. Adjournment

Council Member Stewart moved to adjourn the June 20, 2023 meeting

Mayor Silvestrini seconded the motion

All voted in favor, none opposed

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Council Member Kathleen Bailey

Council Member Chrystal Butterfield

Council Member Catherine Harris

Mayor Robert Dahle

Council Member Trish Hull

Mayor Marcus Stevenson

Mayor Dan Knopp

Mayor Kristie Overson

Mayor Mike Weichers

Council Member Allan Perry

Council Member Tish Buroker

Mayor Jeff Silvestrini

Mayor Roger Bourke

Council Member Sheldon Stewart

Mayor Tom Westmoreland
Council Member Jared Henderson

Assoc. Dep. Mayor Lisa Hartman, SLC_o Alternate

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Catherine Kanter

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Dominic Burchett
CFO Tony Hill

CLO Brian Roberts
Cynthia Young, Clerk

OTHER ATTENDEES:

AC Dern
AC Pilgrim
AC Robinson
Aaron Whitehead
Amanda Lawrence
Anthony Widdison
Bill Brass
Brian Anderton
Chad Simons
Chet Ellis
Cliff Burningham
Clint Mecham
Courtney Samuel
Danny Egbert

David Chipman, public
Debbie Cigarroa
Embret Fossum
Erica Langenfass
FM Larson
Jay Torgersen
Jill Tho
Kate Turnbaugh
Keith Zuspan
Kimberly Ruesch
Kiyoshi Young
Krystal Griffin
Kyle Maurer, Herriman
Lee Ascarte

Mike Greensides
Nathan Kay
Nile Easton
Rachel Anderson
Richard Rich
Rob Ayres
Scott McNeil
Shelli Fowlks
Steve Ball
Tara Behunin
Tim Tingey, CWH
Tua Tho