



Harris County Emergency Services District No. 20

A Political Subdivision of The State of Texas

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2021, REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: JOHNNIE PHOENIX ALDRIDGE, JODY PHAM TRUONG, JEANNET LOUNNIVONGSA, AND CARMON SMITH

MEMBERS ABSENT: JANE GUEVARA

GUESTS: See attached Sign-In Sheet (Addendum A)

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE POSTED AT:

Harris County Clerk's office, Houston, TX 77251
Station 41, 2950 Washington, Houston, TX 77038
Station 42, 5335 Green Pines Lane, Houston, TX 77066
Station 43, 7706 Fallbrook Dr., Houston, TX 77086
Station 44, 12820 TC Jester BLVD., Houston, TX 77038

AGENDA ITEM 1 - CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Board Vice President Carmon Smith, at 7:23PM

AGENDA ITEM 2 – TO DISCUSS STATUS OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 12, 2021.

Carmon Smith made a motion to accept the August 12, 2021, minutes as written; seconded by Johnnie Aldridge; passed 4-0.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – TREASURER'S REPORT:

Reviewed checks presented. (See attached) Carmon Smith made a motion to accept the financial report and to ratify and pay expenses and approve investments; seconded by Johnnie Aldridge; passed 4 - 0.

AGENDA ITEM 4 - FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Department report presented by Chief Wesley Cole. This report (please see attached) included information for August 2021, (See attached) Motion made to accept the report was made by Carmon Smith; seconded by Johnnie Aldridge; passed 4 – 0.

AGENDA ITEM 5 - TO RECEIVE AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION ON THE DEPARTMENT'S 2022 BUDGET:

NWVFD's 2022 budget was received by H.C.E.S.D. #20.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – TO RECEIVE AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING THE DISTRICT'S 2022 BUDGET:

Carmon Smith made a motion to approve H.C.E.S.D. #20 2022 Budget; seconded by Johnnie Aldridge; passed 4 – 0, prior to setting the District's 2021 tax rate.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – TO CONSIDER ASSESSED VALUES, TRUTH IN TAXATION CALCULATIONS, AND FUTURE EXPENSES, AND ESTABLISH PROPOSED 2021 TAX RATE:

District's Counsel advised the Board of the available options for setting the tax rate. **Commissioner Smith made the following motion: "I move that the proposed property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$.10000 per \$100 valuation, which is effectively an 8.79% increase in the tax rate;"** and **Commissioner Aldridge seconded the motion. A record vote was conducted with the following results:**

Carmon Smith	For
Johnnie Phoenix Aldridge	For
Jody Pham Truong	For
Jane Guevara	Not Present
Jeannet Lounnivongsa	For

A truth in taxation public hearing on the proposed tax rate was set for September 28, 2021 at 7:15pm. Attorney Callegari will post and publish the required notices related to the hearing.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION TO AMMEND THE NWVFD'S 2021 BUDGET:

Carmon Smith made a motion to allocate up to \$20,000.00 for remediation of Station 42; seconded by Jody Pham Truong; passed 4 - 0

AGENDA ITEM 9 – TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION TO AMMEND THE DISTRICT'S 2021 BUDGET:

Deferred.

AGENDA ITEM 10 – TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION CONCERNING STATION 42:

Chief Wesley Cole and District Chief JC gave an update on the status of Station 42 mold issues and the need to allocate further funds to continue with the remodel of station 42.

AGENDA ITEM 11 – TO SCHEDULE THE OCTOBER 2021 DISTRICT MEETING:

Meeting set for October 14, 2021, at 7:15pm.

AGENDA ITEM 12 – TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION CONCERNING DISTRICT PROPERTY:

Deferred.

AGENDA ITEM 13 – ATTORNEY'S REPORT: OTHER ISSUES AND MATTERS:

Discuss SAFE-D. Discussed electing officers. President -Carmon Smith, Vice President-Jody Pham Truong, Secretary-Johnnie Aldridge, Treasurer-Jeannet Lounnivongsa, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer-Jane Guevara. Records Retention Officer- Johnnie Aldridge. Investment Officer-Jody Pham Truong.

AGENDA ITEM 14 – COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No comments.

AGENDA ITEM 15 - EXECUTIVE SESSION: TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON PERSONNEL ISSUES PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.074, GOVERNMENT CODE TO DISCUSS DISTRICT'S POSSIBLE REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION:

No session.

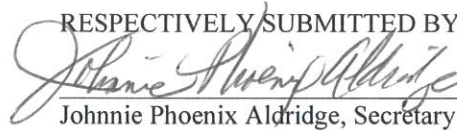
AGENDA ITEM 16 – TO TAKE ANY OTHER NECESSARY ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No actions taken.

AGENDA ITEM 17 – ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be considered, the meeting was adjourned by Carmon Smith; seconded Jody Pham Truong; passed 4-0 at 8:13PM.

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Johnnie Phoenix Aldridge".

Johnnie Phoenix Aldridge, Secretary