



Sedona Fire District

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SPECIAL JOINT BOARD MEETING

Station #1 – 2860 Southwest Drive – Sedona – Multipurpose Room
Wednesday, December 18, 2024 / 1:00 PM

~ MINUTES ~

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Pursuant to notice, a special meeting of the Sedona Fire District (SFD) and the Sedona City Council was called to order by Chair Helen McNeal at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, December 18, 2024. Executive Assistant, Kim Smathers, recorded the minutes. A quorum was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

Board Present: Helen McNeal – Chair; Corrie Cooperman - Clerk, Scott Springett, Diana Christensen, and Lance Waldrop – Members. Others Present: Fire Chief Ed Mezulis; Bill Whittington, Attorney; and Executive Assistant Smathers - Recorder. Representing the Sedona City Council were Mayor Scott Jablow; Vice-Mayor Holly Ploog; Pete Furman, Derek Pfeff, Melissa Dunn, and Brian Fultz – City Councilors; Annette Spickard – City Manager; Cynthia Lovely – Principal Planner; Steve Mertes – Director of Community Development; Kurt Harris-City Engineer; Lance Lunsway – City Parking Manager; and Kurt Christianson – City Attorney.

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Chair McNeal called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Welcome and Comments by Board Chair.

The Chair welcomed the city visitors and asked that everyone introduce themselves. The Chair then stated that she hoped that all could come to a resolution that worked for everyone and created a positive place to build upon and move forward. Mayor Jablow stated that he appreciated the open dialog and hoped that a resolution could be decided upon as soon as possible.

3. Presentation by the Fire Chief.

Chief Mezulis thanked everyone for attending, noting that everyone should have received the appraisals. He noted that there have been preliminary conversations with contractors and architects, and that one resident of the discussed property in Uptown near the existing Station 4 is adamant regarding not selling his property and trying to eminent domain it would add years and expense to the process.

4. Special Business

A. AB3077 Discussion/Possible Direction regarding location of future Fire Station 4

Clerk Cooperman noted that SFD has a desire for the 401 Jordan Road property as it allows better access out of the station for apparatus and will not require personnel to direct traffic and pedestrians while responding to incidents. The flat lot on the property also allows for a lower cost for construction. Mayor Jablow asked about the existing station and land and SFD plans for those areas. Chief Mezulis noted that SFD will not be able to relocate the tower and the necessary easement, he feels that it will not

hazardous condition in one of their patrol vehicles. Member Christensen asked about paying bills and when they would receive training.

Chair McNeal stated that the grant proposal from last month had been prepared and submitted. She also remarked that a change in protocol would happen in January with the Chair taking roll call at the start of each meeting.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Possible vote to go into Executive Session for real estate matters pursuant to ARS §38-431.03 (A)(7) and legal advice pursuant to ARS §38.431.03(A)(3) re: Station 4; possible transaction with the City of Sedona re: same; consideration of other properties.

Chair McNeal motioned to enter Executive Session to real estate matters pursuant to ARS §38-431.03 (A)(7) and legal advice pursuant to ARS §38.431.03(A)(3) re: Station 4; possible transaction with the City of Sedona re: same; consideration of other properties. Clerk Cooperman seconded the motion, there was no further discussion and the motion was approved.

VII. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

- A. Reconvene to public session with possible direction from Board Chair to Fire Chief regarding follow up meeting with City of Sedona regarding Station 4 relocation/re-build alternative sites.

Chair McNeal noted that no direction was given to the Fire Chief regarding negotiations with the City Council at the next Board meeting/City Council meeting held at Sedona Fire District on December 18, 2024.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Chair McNeal adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.


Corrie Cooperman, Clerk of the Board