JOINT UNIFIED FIRE SERVICE AREA AND LOCAL BUILDING AUTHORITY OF THE UFSA
Meeting Minutes

Meeting held at UFA Headquarters and electronically via ZOOM

Board Members Present

Council Member Tyler Huish
Council Member Trish Hull
Mayor Dan Knopp
Surveyor Reid Demman
Council Member Kathleen Bailey
Council Member Catherine Harris
Mayor Jeff Silvestrini
Council Member Chrystal Butterfield
Mayor Kristie Overson
Mayor Marcus Stevenson
Mayor Tom Westmoreland

Board Members Absent

Council Member Sheldon Stewart
Mayor Roger Bourke

Staff

Chief Dominic Burchett
Tony Hill, UFA CFO
Rachel Anderson, UFSA Legal Counsel/District Administrator
Cyndee Young, UFSA Clerk

Guests

AC Dern
AC Pilgrim
OC Russell
Anthony Barker
Bill Brass
Brad Larson
Brian Anderton
Brian Buckhout
Calogero Ricotta
Casey Bowden
Chandler Kingsbury
Chris Cawley
Courtney Samuel
Debbie Cigarroa
Embret Fossum
Erica Langenfass
Erik VanDuren
Jared Gerber, CWH
Jay Torgersen
Jill Tho
Jon Wilde
Kate Turnbaugh
Kelly Bird
Kiley Day
Kiyoshi Young
Lana Burningham
Mike Bagley
Mike Greensides
Mike Swenson
Molly Swenson
Nate Bogenschutz
Nile Easton
Patrick Costin
Paul Story
Priscilla Nielsen
Richie Rich
Rob Ayres
Shelli Fowlks
Steve Prokopis
Steve Quinn
Tara Behunin
Tua Tho
Val Greensides

Chair Trish Hull Presided

Called to Order

Chair Hull called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Quorum present.

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Public Comment

None.
Public comment was available live and with a posted email address.

Approval of Joint UFSA and LBA Minutes – Chair Hull

Mayor Overson moved to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2024, Joint UFSA LBA Board Meeting as submitted.
Mayor Stevenson seconded the motion.
All voted in favor, none opposed.

Finance Committee – Chair Hull

Next meeting 10/3/24

Recommendations for the 2025 Tentative Budget were reviewed at a meeting held August 26, 2024.

With the intent of addressing the structural balance of the General Fund, the Board approved a 12% increase in 2024 with the intent of another tax increase in 2025. In order to reach the 15% minimum fund balance, a tax increase of 9.9% is needed.

CFO Hill explained that the UFSA Finance Committee reviewed budget needs and expenditures. Different options were discussed, and it was determined that a 10.2% increase in 2025 would balance the fund through 2026.

The future budget needs for 2025 and beyond were presented and discussed. Amongst those were the temporary Station 112 home, staffing at Kearns Stations 107, and Eagle Mountain Station 253, and 4 handed crews at Stations 115, Copperton, and 119, Emigration, the rebuild of Station 112, and two new stations in Eagle Mountain.

The Committee recommends that the temporary Station 112 home be retained until options to rebuild Station 112 are determined. They also recommend retaining three handed staffing at Stations 115, Copperton, and 119, Emigration, and increase staffing at Stations 107, Kearns, and 253, Eagle Mountain with 4 handed crews in 2025.

CFO Hill explained that the Committee discussed asking for the full 23% and the possibility of asking for less and then conducting another tax increase in 2026. The final decision was that the 23% tax increase would be pursued. Mayor Silvestrini agrees that it is smart to do the whole increase this year as there is a need to be flexible to meet the market demands on wages and benefits. CFO Hill pointed out that the 23% results in an average of $93.00 per year for residents, $7.70 per month. Council Member Hull noted that we run a lean organization, and it is important that it be presented to the councils as the monthly average rather than the percentage.

Council Member Bailey is concerned that we told the residents last year that it would be 12% last and 12% this year, there is no guarantee that that this won't happen again next year, and we are asking for more than we need now.

Education outreach currently planned is to post the slideshow on the UFSA website, attend municipality council meetings, and postcards to all residents. Mayor Silvestrini is interested in how the council meetings will go and that they should help provide direction for this Board's final decision.

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Further discussion was had regarding insurance rates and the costs to move to four handed crews.

Intent to Pursue a 2025 Property Tax Increase – DA Anderson

a. The approximate amount of the increase is 23% or $11,473,218
b. The purpose of the increase is to continue to appropriately fund the fire service including 4-handed crews, upgrade aging fire stations, maintain the Board approved minimum fund balance, and additional engine companies at Kearns, Station 107, and Eagle Mountain, Station 253

Mayor Silvestrini moved to approve the pursuit of a 23% property tax increase for 2025 as discussed.
Mayor Knopp seconded the motion.
Roll call vote taken.

Bailey	NO	Knopp	Y
Bourke	-	Overson	Y
Butterfield	Y	Silvestrini	Y
Demman	Y	Stevenson	Y
Harris	Y	Stewart	-
Huish	Y	Westmoreland	Y
Hull	Y		

Consider the Date of December 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. for a Public Hearing to Receive and Consider Comments on a 2025 Property Tax Increase – CFO Hill

Mayor Silvestrini moved to set the date of December 10, 2024, for a Public Hearing to receive and consider comments on a 2025 property tax increase.
Mayor Overson seconded the motion.
All voted in favor, none opposed.

Consider the Date of December 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. for a Public Hearing to Receive and Consider Comments on – CFO Hill

a. Proposed Amendments to the 2024 Budget
b. The Final Budget for 2025

DA Anderson clarified that last year the Public Hearing was held the evening before the December Board Meeting, however, this year they will be held together. All Board Members are encouraged to attend and if attending via Zoom, please remember to keep cameras on for the public.

Mayor Silvestrini moved to set the date of December 10, 2024, for a Public Hearing to receive and consider comments on proposed amendments to the 2024 Budget and on the final budget for 2025.
Mayor Overson seconded the motion.
All voted in favor, none opposed.

District Administrator Report – Rachel Anderson

Nothing to report.

Closed Session

None

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Motion to Adjourn – Chair Hull

Mayor Silvestrini moved to adjourn the September 17, 2024, Joint UFSA/LBA Board Meeting.
Mayor Knopp seconded the motion.
All voted in favor, none opposed.

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