

# *Riverside Fire Authority*

## **Governance Board Meeting**

**April 17, 2024**

### **Workshop Minutes**

In attendance:

*Board Members* – Buddy Lowrey, Mike Tomasheck, Joe Dolezal, Rick Mack, Mike Rossow

*Administration* – Chief Anderson, Chief Olson, Stephanie Slorey, Misty Henning, Laura Hanson

*Visitors* – Diane Kytta, Lt. Rick LeBoeuf

Chair Lowrey called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the agenda.

*Public Input* - None

#### **Levy Discussion**

Chief Anderson reviewed several different options regarding the amount of increase for the levy lid lift. Those options will be discussed throughout the workshop.

Chief Anderson displayed the property tax in the finance model and discussed fund balances that are anticipated through 2031. These balances correspond with the options he laid out at the beginning of the meeting.

*Discussion was paused to meet with RFA counsel, Eric Quinn, at 1:30 p.m. Counsel discussed levy lid lifts, commissioner participation (what can and can't be done by staff & commissioners), and ballot language.*

#### **Lid Lifts Options:**

*Single year lid lift (restore levy at its highest lawful limit).*

*Consecutive year lid lift (1% first year, 6% yrs 2-6. This must be documented in the ballot title).*

*CPI lid lift on consecutive year lid lift is also an option.*

#### **Ballot Language**

*Chief Anderson asked counsel to draft a ballot language resolution which the board would review. If approved, this would be submitted to the county prosecutor's office for their approval. The prosecutor has the right to change ballot language. Counsel stated that they would also draft an explanation that would go along with the ballot language.*

#### **For/Against Committee**

*Counsel stated that the RFA must advertise letters of interest to participate on the committee. This can be advertised on the RFA website. If there are no submittals, the county would advertise and appoint the committee if they receive any submittals.*

*Meeting with counsel ended at 2:20 p.m.*

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After a short break, discussion resumed on reviewing the finance model with several different options being used.

**Adjourned 4:32 p.m.**

Minutes submitted by: Beverly Lowrey, Chair Lowrey  
Stephanie Storey, Board Secretary