



STAFF REPORT

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BELMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Honorable Director and Agency Members:

Summary

This ordinance is proposed to supercede Belmont Fire Protection District Ordinance 1980-2 establishing the time, place and frequency of meetings of the District.

Background

The meeting schedule of the Belmont Fire Protection District is established by Ordinance. It was last amended in 1980, and still reflects the address of the old city hall of 1365 Fifth Avenue, and an 8:00 p.m. meeting time. Now that City Hall has moved and will have its address changed, it is appropriate at this time for the District to adopt an ordinance amending this information.

Discussion

City Hall address has changed to One Twin Pines Lane, which is reflected in the draft ordinance. Some of the other information contained in Ordinance 1980-2 relative to meeting and adjournment times are now addressed in the Council Protocols. The proposed ordinance eliminates that information.

In addition, staff is recommending that the quarterly meetings be changed to the second Council meeting of the month in order to spread out Council, Redevelopment, and BFPD meetings. Currently, in months when a BFPD meeting is held, all three agencies are scheduled, which sometimes loads up agenda items. By changing BFPD to the second meeting of the month, this may alleviate that schedule. Other (special) meetings may be called at any time, as necessary.

During the transition period for South County Fire, more frequent BFPD meetings have been scheduled to keep the Board up to date on this issue. While this may continue for the next few months, staff recommends maintaining a quarterly schedule for regular District meetings as set forth by the Ordinance. Once a long-term solution is reached regarding South County, the need for monthly meetings may no longer exist. If a monthly schedule is captured in an ordinance, a new ordinance will be necessary to reduce the number of meetings.

Fiscal Impact

No Fiscal Impact

Public Contact

This item was placed on the District Agenda. No other public contact is required.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board hold a Public Hearing, take testimony, close the hearing, and adopt the ordinance as proposed.

Alternatives

1. Keep the meeting schedule as is (1st meeting of the month).
2. Reduce or increase the number of regular meetings.
3. Continue this item for further discussion.
4. Take no action.

Attachments

- A. Draft Ordinance

Respectfully submitted,

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District Secretary

Daniel Rich
Interim District Manager

AYES, DIRECTORS: _____

NOES, DIRECTORS: _____

ABSENT, DIRECTORS: _____

ABSTAIN, DIRECTORS: _____

Secretary, Belmont Fire Protection District

ATTEST:

President, Belmont Fire Protection District