

**REGULAR MEETING OF
DIRECTORS OF BELMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Tuesday, January 8, 2019
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ONE TWIN PINES LANE**

(Note: Belmont Fire Protection District meeting held concurrent with the City Council Meeting.)

CALL TO ORDER 7:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Lieberman, Hurt, Mates, Stone

BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT: Kim

ITEM APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes of Regular Belmont Fire Protection District Meeting of December 11, 2018

ACTION: On a motion by Director Stone, seconded by Councilmember Mates, the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Wildland Fire Mitigation Program Report

San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department Fire Marshal Robert Marshall outlined the weed abatement program. Described phases of program and grants program, as well as the education and enforcement components.

Julia. How long is process?

In response to Councilmember Mates, Marshal Marshall clarified that the first phase will likely run through April, with enforcement the following year after ordinance is in place. He noted that the department is already seeking grants. He further clarified that the current process is still in place, and this new program is intended to augment that process.

Councilmember Stone pointed out that evacuation plans need to include evacuation options. In response, Marshal Marshall explained this would be a big component of the plan.

In response to Councilmember Hurt regarding abatement assistance to those on fixed incomes, Marshal Marshall stated that this can be included in risk assessment. He pointed out that the goal is mitigating risk and cost should not be a barrier.

Karen Shane, Belmont resident. Expressed concern regarding dead brush and debris along Ralston Avenue.

Councilmember Lieberman noted that the new joint fire department can help with resources.

Steve Morehouse, Belmont resident, questioned whether risk assessment will include PG&E.

Mary Morrissey Parden pointed out that the Belmont residential community is unique because of cul de sacs. She suggested that risk assessment should address potential red curb to provide for turnaround of fire apparatus.

Councilmember Lieberman stated that residential and open spaces will be included in the assessment. He pointed out that many undeveloped lots are owned by out-of-area owners.

Councilmember Mates expressed support for proactivity and requested continuing updates. She stated that education should be robust.

Councilmember Stone noted that people are taking fire safety seriously due to recent fires.

Mayor Hurt stated that everyone needs to work together as a community regarding this matter.

Verbal report from District Manager

City Manager Scoles stated that the Fire JPA will commence operations on January 13.

ADJOURNMENT at this time, being 8:40 P.M.

**Terri Cook
District Secretary**

Meeting audio-recorded and videotaped.