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M-I-N-U-T-E-S Special Workshop Meeting April 8, 2015

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mission Hills Community Services District was called to order by President Mac Kenzie at 5:37 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at the District Meeting Room, 1550 East Burton Mesa Boulevard, Lompoc, California.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

By roll call: Walter Fasold, Danny Hayes, James Mac Kenzie, Tim Naughton, and Bruce Nix

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Michael Riley, Melissa Stevens, and Casey Fowler

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ron Herbig, Darel Matthews, Kim Dickerson, Grace Olsen, and Autumn Glaeser

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC FORUM:

Mr. Matthews asked about the work that has been done with the lines on Harris Grade. Director Mac Kenzie explained that those were high pressure gas lines that were being replaced and had nothing to do with the District. Mr. Matthews went on to ask about the new homes that are going to be developed by the "Y" intersection and wanted to know why we are providing services to them; won't this effect the district negatively and who decided that we would provide the service? Director Mac Kenzie commented that the Board decided long ago when the development was first discussed that we could provide service without a huge impact on our water supply or wastewater treatment facility. He went on to say that many of the upgrades to the District will be accomplished through these developers as part of the agreement. A few that were mentioned were upgrades to the lift station, sewer line replacement on Calle Primera, and two new water storage tanks. Director Fasold explained the aquaphere, who draws from this water supply, and how the Districts water supply far exceeds the demand and a brief overview of the changes from year to year. He reiterated that we are following the Governor's mandate to conserve water however the supply the District has is sufficient and will last us a very long time.

Mr. Dickerson wanted to express concern about the street sweeping company in the Mesa Oaks area. He wants to know why we are paying for this when it should be the responsibility of the County of Santa Barbara. Administrative Assistant Fowler asked for Mr. Dickerson to call the office the day of the service if he is not happy this way we can go out and photograph the area to explain the exact problems to the sweeping company. They have been great to work with and came back many times from complaints in the past.

5. DISCUSSION:

Agenda Item 5a. Autumn Glacier from Stantec was here to discuss the Bid Tabulation for the Sewer Line Replacement Project, answer questions and provide a recommendation for contractor selection. Mrs. Glacier focused her discussion on the three main discrepancies: line item 1, Mobilization, Demobilization, Bonds, Insurance and Management; Line Item 10, 16-inch HDPE DR 17 Sewer; and Line Item 14 Directionally Drilling. It was suggested that line item 10 be removed from the contract and go out for a re-bid. Based on Contract law we are allowed to change up to 25% without adjusting the unit prices on the rest of the line items, which for this project is about \$148,000. The Board Members all addressed their concerns and frustrations with Stantec performance regarding the Engineer's Estimate being so far off from the actual contractor's numbers. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to move forward with Tierra Construction Inc. but work on these three issues and validate the numbers. This item will be brought back to Aprils Regular Meeting with all the updated information and to have the Board of Directors Award the Contract.

Public Comment: Mr. Matthews asked why this project has been going on for a year if we are aware of the poor state of the pipe. Director Fasold and Director Mackenzie explained how a year ago there was a meeting to determine if this needed to be done as an emergency and at that time our District Engineer determined that even though we can see the pipe is deteriorating he did not believe it was classified as an emergency. To add to that, the District had two very large previous emergency jobs and a concern was the perception that these emergencies were being declared to avoid going out to bid. Once the Board of Directors decided this was not an emergency based on the information provided District Staff immediately started the process of planning this project.

A BREAK WAS CALLED AT 6:37
THE MEETING WAS RECONVENED AT 6:55

Agenda Item 5b. Review and Discussion of the second draft budget for FY 2015-2016. This agenda item began by Director Fasold explaining a spreadsheet that he asked staff to complete showing the Operating Revenues, Operating Spending, and the water and wastewater volume from FY 2009/2010 to the projected FY 2016/2017.

A BREAK WAS CALLED AT 7:25
THE MEETING WAS RECONVENED AT 7:30

The Board of Directors reviewed and discussed the second draft of the 2015-2016 FY Budget. All aspects of the budget were reviewed covering; income, wages, general expenses, water expenses, water capital, wastewater expenses, and wastewater capital. After discussion and concerns of the deficit it was decided to look into the possibility of beginning the Proposition 218 rate study and look into doing a midyear budget amendment. In the meantime, it was decided to move forward with the 15-16 FY budget and bring it back to the next Regular meeting for approval of the preliminary budget.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting to be held April 15, 2015 at the District's meeting room beginning at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Casey Fowler
Secretary, Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

James Mac Kenzie
President, Board of Directors