



SOUTH METRO FIRE RESCUE
Special Board of Directors' Meeting
September 21, 2020
9195 East Mineral Avenue, Centennial, CO

I. SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – Board Room

A. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Conduct at Meetings. Comments by members of the public shall be made only during the “Public Comment” portion of the meeting or a specified “Public Hearing,” and shall be limited to three minutes per individual and five minutes per group spokesperson unless additional opportunity is given at the Board’s discretion. Each member of the public wishing to speak shall identify themselves by name, address, and agenda item, if any, to be addressed. Disorderly conduct, harassment, or obstruction of or interference with meetings by physical action, verbal utterance, nuisance or any other means are prohibited. Such conduct may result in removal of person(s) responsible for such behavior from the meeting, a request for assistance from law enforcement, and criminal charges filed against such person(s).

E. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items are provided for study in the Board packets and introduced in the General Session for the Board's review. They can be adopted by a single motion. All resolutions and proposed actions must be read by title prior to a vote on the motion. Any Consent Agenda items may be removed at the request of a Director and heard separately or tabled.

N/A

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. SMFR Resolution No. 2020-11 Support of Amendment B – Dell’Orfano

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Strategic Plan Overview - Swindall
2. Compensation Study Overview – Dell’Orfano

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION (upon motion)

1. Consult with Legal Counsel Pursuant to §24-6-402(b), C.R.S. for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions regarding the collection of abatements.

J. NEXT MEETING

Regular Board of Directors’ Meeting to be held on October 5, 2020, 6:00 p.m. at 9195 E. Mineral Avenue, Centennial, CO.

K. ADJOURNMENT

SOUTH METRO FIRE RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

BOARD AGENDA

MEETING DATE: 9/21/2020

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: ACTION ITEM

SUBJECT: Resolution in Support of Amendment B

BACKGROUND: Per board direction, staff has prepared a resolution in support of the November 3, 2020 ballot measure that would amend the Colorado constitution by repealing the property tax rate methodology established by the Gallagher Amendment (Amendment B). Staff has previously provided recordings of presentations through SDA on the topic and attached are additional summary documents. Additional edits have been provided per the feedback received at the 9/14/20 board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: The board can take action on the resolution or provide additional input and modifications.

SUBMITTED BY: Mike Dell'Orfano

APPROVED BY: Vince Turner

SOUTH METRO FIRE RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH METRO FIRE RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ADVOCATING VOTER APPROVAL OF THE GALLAGHER AMENDMENT REPEAL AND PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT RATES MEASURE DURING THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 ELECTION

WHEREAS, the South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District (“District”) is a quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Colorado operating pursuant to Article 1, Title 32, C.R.S., for the purpose of providing fire protection and rescue services; and

WHEREAS, the Gallagher Amendment Repeal and Property Tax Assessment Rates Measure (the “Gallagher Amendment Repeal Measure”) will appear as Amendment B on the state ballot in the November 3, 2020 Colorado election, as set forth in Senate Concurrent Resolution 20-001; and

WHEREAS, if the Gallagher Amendment Repeal Measure passes, Senate Bill 20-223 of the Colorado General Assembly will take effect freezing property tax assessment rates at the current rates (7.15% for residential property and 29% for non-residential property); and

WHEREAS, previous adjustments required by the Gallagher Amendment have reduced the residential property tax rate from 21% to 7.15%, resulting in significant reductions in residential property tax revenue to the District necessary to provide fire, ambulance, emergency medical and other emergency and life safety services; and

WHEREAS, if the Gallagher Amendment Repeal Measure does not pass, the Residential Assessment Rate is anticipated to drop from 7.15% to 5.88% in 2021, representing nearly an 18% drop in residential property tax revenue to be received by the District; and

WHEREAS, the projected reduction in the Residential Assessment Rate will have a significant impact on fire service agencies throughout Colorado, some of which are neighbors and mutual aid partners of the District, which limits the ability to provide the most effective, regional response to wildfires and other significant emergency incidents; and

WHEREAS, while the District has taken previous bold actions through the unification of several fire agencies to improve service and support long-term financial stability, the projected reduction in the Residential Assessment Rate, coupled with projected decreases in non-residential property values, results in unsustainable losses in

revenue that may necessitate cuts to spending on essential emergency and life safety services; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Fair Campaign Practices Act authorizes local governments to adopt resolutions in support of or opposition to ballot issues, and it is the desire of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the District to express its overwhelming and strongest possible support of the Gallagher Amendment Repeal Measure; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Fair Campaign Practices Act also authorizes local governments to distribute in normal fashion an adopted Resolution regarding any ballot issue of importance to that local government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District affirmatively supports the ballot question regarding the Gallagher Amendment Repeal Measure and urges District electors to vote YES on Amendment B.

ADOPTED this 21st day of September 2020

SOUTH METRO FIRE RESCUE FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT

By: _____
Jim Albee, Chairman

Attest:

Hank Eng, Secretary