

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
COLORADO RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
PUBLIC HEARING ON 2024 BUDGET  
OCTOBER 10, 2023**

**STATION 64, 775 CASTLE VALLEY BLVD., NEW CASTLE, CO 81647**

The Public Hearing on the proposed 2024 Budget was called to order by Chairperson Lambert at 6:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Board Members Present:**

Alan Lambert, President  
Addy Marantino, Vice President (Via Conference Call)  
Dick Miller, Secretary  
Adria Milton-Baker, Treasurer  
Paige Haderlie, Director (Via Conference Call)

**Others Present:**

Leif Sackett, Fire Chief  
Scott Van Slyke, EMS/Training Division Chief  
Orrin Moon, Prevention Division Chief  
John Gredig, IT Director  
PJ Tillman, Administrative Director/Budget Officer  
Dino Ross, Legal Counsel for the District (Via Conference Call)  
Bill Smith, Lieutenant (Via Conference Call)  
Eric Davis (Via Conference Call)

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:**

None.

**1. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – 2024 BUDGET:**

Chairperson Lambert opened the Public Hearing on the proposed 2024 Budget.

- a. Confirmation of Publication of Notice of Public Hearing
  - Administrative Director/Budget Officer Tillman confirmed publication of notice and provided copies of said notice.
- b. Confirm status of Public Comments received by Budget Officer
  - Administrative Director/Budget Officer Tillman confirmed that she has not received any public comments.
- c. Review of Draft 2024 Budget – General Fund and Capital Projects Fund
  - Chief Sackett stated that since 2017 the District’s annual budget process has been focused on expense cutbacks and innovative ways to expend the District’s revenues with those cutbacks.

- 2024 will be the first year the District is budgeting to put money back into reserves. This will bolster the funds needed to replace Station 61.
- Chief Sacket indicated that part of the budgeting work involves understanding the implications of Proposition HH and the differences in the projected reserves should it pass.
- The 2024 budget includes hiring six new recruits. There will be no requirement to have firefighter certifications, as they will be put through a 12-week academy to obtain those certifications.
- The 2024 budget includes making the current part-time facilities maintenance position a full-time position and adding an administrative support position.
- A new Training Captain position will be presented in the regular Board meeting following this hearing and the salary and benefits are included in the proposed 2024 budget.
- The 2024 budget reflects a promotional testing process for Lieutenants and Battalion Chiefs, which has not been done since 2020.
- Director Haderlie challenged fellow Board members to help create the vision and direction of the department. She stressed that the money needs to be well spent since it is coming from the taxpayers.
- Discussion ensued regarding the new Training Captain position and whether it was necessary. Chief Sackett stated that the position is necessary to expand the training division and succeed with the recruit academy.
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- Vice President Marantino requested to see a lean, moderate, and extra bells and whistles options for the 2024 budget.

She stated that it would be helpful to see something that projects a more conservative growth rather than an aggressive approach for comparison purposes. She suggested that this would provide an opportunity to talk about those funds and the opportunity to make some projects sustainable long-term. She expressed her gratitude to Chief Staff for their work on the 2024 Budget.

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

## **3. MOVE TO CONTINUE PUBLIC HEARING – 2024 BUDGET TO NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

Secretary Miller moved to continue the budget hearing to November 14, 2023, Treasurer Milton-Baker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no other business to come before the Board, Chairperson Lambert adjourned the Public Hearing on the proposed 2024 budget at 6:32 p.m.

**APPROVAL:**

The foregoing Minutes, which have been approved by the affirmative majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Colorado River Fire Protection District, are a true and accurate record of the meeting held on the date stated above.

Date: 11/14/2023

*Shirley M. Lambert*

Date: 12/14/2023

*Richard Miller*