



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FINANCE COMMISSION**

Wednesday, March 23, 2016
5:00 p.m.

City of Huntington Beach
Civic Center – Lower Level Room B-7
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648-2702

Chair Bunten called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Berge; Bunten; Hart; Hreish; Romero; Woodworth

MEMBERS ABSENT: Small (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Eric Engberg; Chief Bill Reardon; Chief Michael Baumgartner; Kevin Justin; Lori Ann Farrell Harrison; Mary Loadsman

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

MINUTES

Motion: Moved by Hreish and seconded by Berge to approve the Finance Commission Minutes dated February 24, 2016 as presented.

Ayes: Berge; Bunten; Hart; Hreish; Woodworth

Noes: None

Abstain: Romero

Absent: Small

Motion Passed: 5-0 (1 Abstain)

DIRECTOR UPDATE - Farrell Harrison explained the auditors are currently wrapping up the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) that will be issued by March 31, 2016, noting it is anticipated the City will receive a clean audit opinion. Farrell Harrison also reported the Budget Kick-Off took place in March with a “No Growth” budget planned for Fiscal Year 2016-17.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Fire Department –Interim Fire Chief, Eric Engberg, introduced Division Chief, Bill Reardon, Marine Safety Chief, Michael Baumgartner, and Fire Department Analyst, Kevin Justen, noting the new Fire Chief, David Segura’s start date is April 4, 2016. He reviewed the presentation noting out of the 37,000 fire departments in the United States, only 132 are rated Class 1, 16 in California total. He explained that obtaining the Class 1 rating is the highest rating possible as established by the ISO for protecting the public. He reviewed the Fire Department Profile providing an overview on the revenue, expense and services for Administration, Fire Prevention, Emergency Response and Marine Safety as well as details of the Fire Med Program. He explained the City is currently involved in a Community

Paramedic Pilot Study to help provide added service options to the community for emergency medical incidents. Chief Engberg reported the total calls for service in 2015 included nearly 18,000 Fire emergency responses with 83% being emergency medical responses. He reported that the Marine Safety Division conducted over 5,300 rescues, over 1,600 medical aid incidents, nearly 77,000 law enforcement contacts and close to 220,000 total preventative actions.

Chair Bunten and Commissioners thanked the Interim Fire Chief and his staff for the information and for their excellent service to the community.

GASB 68 Implementation – Lori Ann Farrell Harrison provided a brief overview on GASB 68 Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, noting this is a nationwide change in reporting for all state and local government agencies. The primary objective of the statement is to improve transparency in financial reporting on pensions and will lead to a reduction in the City's Total Net Position on its balance sheet going forward.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioners again expressed their thanks to Chief Engberg and Lori Ann Farrell Harrison for their presentations and information.

ITEMS DISTRIBUTED TO COMMISSION

1. Huntington Beach Fire Department Presentation
2. GASB 68 Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Submitted by:

Lori Ann Farrell Harrison, Director of Finance

By: Mary Loadsman, Administrative Assistant, Finance Department