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Amended

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING BEXAR COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 5 AUGUST 26, 2021

In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, the Board of Commissioners of Bexar County Emergency Services District No. 5 conducted a PUBLIC HEARING followed by a REGULAR MEETING at 7120 E. 6th Street, Somerset, TX 78069 on August 26, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 1) **Public Hearing regarding the proposed 2021 Tax Rate of 0.10 per \$100 of property valuation as noticed in the Express News on 8/18/2021 as well as on the District's website www.bexarcountyesd5.com.**

A quorum was established at 6:00 pm with all 5 commissioners in attendance.

A) Citizens to be heard.

There were no citizens wishing to speak. Public Hearing was left open for 5 minutes.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing closed.

- 2) **Call the Bexar County Emergency Services District 5 meeting to order and establish a quorum.**

Meeting was called to order and a quorum was established. Board members in attendance were Herschel Postert, Howard Dalros, Andrew Flores, Becky Schneider, and Robert Pierce.

- 3) **Invocation: Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.**

Commissioner Dalros led the Pledge.

- 4) **Citizens to be heard: This item will be open for a maximum of 30 minutes with 3 minutes per speaker. (If there are more than 10 speakers, each will be given 2 minutes.)**

There were no citizens to speak.

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5) The Board will hear a brief presentation from R4 Strategies, Rudy Rodriguez, with action taken, if necessary

Rudy Rodriguez gave the board a brief legislative update. He also said the county had received money through the American Rescue Plan and the District might want to try to apply for some of that. As far as getting the City to raise the debt ceiling for the district, he said the finance committee has not yet met but the City does have all the paperwork they have asked for so far.

6) Consent Agenda:

a) Minutes from the Regular Meeting on July 15, 2021 and Special Meeting August 12, 2021

Motion by Commissioner Dalros to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Pierce. Motion carried.

b) Review and approval of financials

Motion by Commissioner Dalros to approve the financials as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Flores. Motion carried.

7) Reports, presentations, and funding requests with action taken as appropriate:

(Reports should include: Financial reports (revenue and expenditures), Run Reports, Training Reports and Hours, Volunteer Hours)

a) Bexar County ESD 5 Fire and Rescue

Chief Estep will make his report in the following Fire Rescue meeting. Commissioner Postert noted the District will be switching insurance companies to save about \$7000 but will keep the same agent.

b) Lytle Volunteer Fire Dept.

Chief Dear had nothing to report. Monthly paperwork reflected 65 calls for the month of July with an average response time of 8:07.

8) Action items: Consider, discuss, and action as appropriate.

a) Discussion with action as appropriate to adopt the tax rate for FY2021

Motion by Commissioner Schneider to adopt a tax rate for FY2021 of 10 cents per \$100 of property valuation and approve the Resolution as read. Seconded by Commissioner Flores. Motion carried with all 5 Commissioners voting in favor.

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b) Discussion with action taken as appropriate regarding financing the future fire station in the Montgomery Road area

No action taken on this item. Chief gave the board a status update from the architect. Commissioner Dalros noted that if the debt limit gets lifted with the City of San Antonio, they need to go out for bids for financing again.

c) Personnel issues: Including but not limited to hiring, terminations, discipline, suspensions, and compensation, and any other related matters

It was noted that Sheila's and Chief's evaluations are due. No action taken.

d) Discussion with action taken if necessary, regarding the SAFE-D Convention, September 16, 2021 through September 18, 2021

No action taken on this item.

e) Discussion and action to set the date for the September Regular Monthly Meeting
The regular meeting will be held 9/23/2021.

f) Discussion and possible action regarding the litigation with the City of San Antonio in reference to Cause No. 2019-CI-26125 and Cause No. 2020-CI-24975
This item was taken in Executive Session.

g) Discussion with action taken if necessary, regarding the meeting with Commissioner Clay-Flores, Pct. 1

This item was taken in Executive Session.

Meeting called into Executive Session at 6:34 pm citing Texas Government Code 551.071 Consultation with Attorney on items 8f and 8g.

Meeting resumed in Open Session at 7:00 pm.

No action taken.

9) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Schneider. Seconded by Commissioner Dalros. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

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