

**KENWOOD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June 25, 2020**

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MEETING: Meeting called to order at 10:00 am. Directors Cooper, McIntosh, Doss and Chief Bellach were present. Consultant Dennis Rosatti was also present. Directors Kempers and Moretti were present by conference call.

PUBLIC WHO WERE PRESENT: Denise Benguerel, Bob Uboldi, Joe Platt, Jay Gamel, Bob Molesworth and Scott Meyer.

OLD BUSINESS: To determine moving forward with a Benefit Assessment Measure for the District with Consultant Dennis Rosatti. He spoke to the Ad Hoc committee, which consists of Chief Bellach, Bob Uboldi, John Cooper and Jim Kempers, regarding having a measure on the November Ballot for an increase in our Benefit Assessment. Mr. Rosatti stated right now is an unknown as far as how voters will vote, given the current situation we are in with Covid-19 and the economy. He suggested that the District start a Public Affairs Campaign and do a polling to see where we stand with the voters and to make our case to the public and educate them. We would then have to create a Citizen Ballot Measure Campaign with the members of the Kenwood Firefighters Association to get the voters support. Director Kempers spoke in the middle of the presentation and stated his feeling that we were wasting our time and should wait until March 2021, due to coming up against so many items on this next election ballot and made a motion to suspend this Benefit Assessment Measure until March. The motion was 2nd by Director Cooper. Chief Bellach made a suggestion that a withdrawal of the motion happen, so that Mr. Rosatti could continue his presentation and then open it up for discussion. Director Doss directed for the continuation of the presentation and comments keeping the motion and 2nd on the floor. Director Kempers stated that he felt there was nothing more to discuss in regards to his motion. Mr. Rosatti continued to speak about the timing versus a special election. This year's Presidential election will have the largest turn out, maybe ever. This year everyone will be receiving a mail-in ballot. 100% of the voters will be receiving a ballot. We could be looking at a 95% voter turnout. With a special election, we would have a lower turn out and a higher cost to get the measure on the ballot. Director Doss asked what is the first date past 2021 that an election could be available? March, May, August and November would be the next elections. Chief Bellach stated that in 2021, we could be looking at a new version of the Measure G that could cause us not to have a measure then. Director Doss stated that Measure G did pass by 77% for just Kenwood. This in fact, was a poll for us. Mr. Rosatti stated that the costs for polling via a phone survey would cost the District around \$8,000.00. Mr. Rosatti passed around some examples of mail out postcards and flyers to look at.

Denise Benguerel, from the public, had a question in regards to the amount of registered voters in our District. 1176 voters. For the measure to pass, we would need 787 votes in favor. She also asked about having events to support and educate the public for the measure. With the current conditions of Covid-19, this may not be able to be done.

Bob Molesworth, from the public, had a question in regards to what would the measure actually be? The measure would take our existing Assessment and raise it from \$10.00 per unit (4 units per parcel) to \$50.00 per unit (\$200.00 per parcel) and \$.10 a square foot for commercial. Mr. Molesworth stated that it takes 2 years to get the actual funds from the measure once it has passed. What is the timing that the District is looking at? Director Doss stated that the Board is aware of the time line for receiving funds and if we waited until spring, funding would not be available until FY 2021-2022.

Joe Platt, from the public, asked if we knew when the revenues would be available from the measure? That depends on when the measure passed and when the rate hearings happened.

Director McIntosh asked the Board if it was in our best interest to move forward in the November election or wait until later. Mr. Rosatti believed it would be better to go forward in the November election; better voter turnout and less to pay to get the measure on the ballot.

Director Cooper stated what worried him about the November ballot was having our Prop 4 Override on it, as well as the current state of the economy. He believed next year would be a better time.

Director Moretti believed we should move forward next year given the current economic situation we are facing.

Director Doss stated that he would be voting no on moving forward and believes it is the wrong time. He stated that we have a good team to move forward for the spring ballot. Director Doss called for a vote on the motion from Director Kempers to wait and move forward for the spring 2020-2021 ballot.

Moretti YES

McIntosh YES

Doss YES

Cooper YES

Kempers YES

5-0 vote to move forward with a measure for the Benefit Assessment in spring 2020-2021.

Director Doss encouraged the AD Hoc Continue to work with Mr. Rosatti for next spring.

CHIEF'S REPORT: None.

GOOD of the ORDER: Director Doss asked how the soft opening of the station was going and the training. Chief Bellach stated that we are limiting the number of public into the station at one time and temperatures are being taken along with masks and social distancing. Director Doss asked how our supply of PPE is and are we having difficulties. Chief Bellach said we just received a large order of PPE from OES and are well supplied.

Respectfully submitted,



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