

DRAFT MINUTES

**MINUTES
SUN CITY FIRE DISTRICT
WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023
9:30 A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: Tim Wilmes, Chairman

ROLL CALL: Board members Tim Wilmes, Stephen Arnold, David VanderNaalt, and Phil Griswold were present. Board member Phil LaBarbera was absent with notice.

BUSINESS CONDUCTED:

- I. Finance Director Gabe Buldra presented the draft FY2024 budget. The assessed valuation for FY2024 is \$410,564,005, an increase of 5.06% from FY2023. Total revenues and expenses are \$19,541,740 with a tax rate of \$3.500. The General Obligation Bond rate is \$0.1687. The three biggest economic challenges for this year are Western States CPI at 8.5%, cost of materials and services, and employee recruitment and retention. Additionally legislative challenges are the failure of Prop 310's passage, Prop 117 and the change from full cash value (FCV) to limited property value (LPV), and commercial property assessment ration reduction which means a loss of \$175,00 in revenue. The proposed tax rate of \$3.50 will impact the average homeowner with an increase of \$18.08 per year.**
- II. Mr. Buldra gave an overview of expenses and revenues by major line item. The following major revenue/expense categories were adjusted as follows:**
 - A. Tax Revenue - \$659,932 increased revenue.**
 - B. Non-tax Levy Revenue - \$695,000 increased revenue.**
 - C. Personnel costs - \$2.1 million increased expense.**
 - D. Building & Equipment - \$11,000 decreased expense.**
 - E. Communications & IT - \$89,000 increased expense.**
 - F. Training - \$59,000 increased expense.**

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- G. Managerial - \$23,000 increased expense.
- H. Professional Services - \$9,000 increased expense.
- I. Community Service/Fire Prevention – no change from FY2023.
- J. Contingency/Capital Outlay - \$212,337 decreased expense.

- III. The changes in each revenue and expense category were reviewed to explain increases or decreases in the major line items. Personnel cost increase was due to increases in health insurance, workers compensation, PSPRS and ASRS pension plans, and a pay scale adjustment. The pay scales were adjusted by \$2,000 per pay step. This is the first time the district has done a flat dollar amount in lieu of a percentage. This was done to keep entry level pay steps more competitive with other valley fire departments and to potentially reduce attrition.
- IV. Board member David VanderNaalt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 a.m. Board member Stephen Arnold seconded the motion. The board voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 a.m. (M: David VanderNaalt /S: Stephen Arnold; Vote – Aye: Tim Wilmes, Stephen Arnold, David VanderNaalt, Phil Griswold. Nay: None)

FOR THE BOARD

Stephen Arnold

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Clerk of the Board
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