

ACTION MINUTES

LAND USE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

September 23, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Frank Axe, Supervisor District 4
Richard Forster, Supervisor District 2

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Glenn Spitzer, Deputy County Counsel
Michelle Opalenik, Director Environmental Health
Mary Ann Manges, Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Patrick Chew, Deputy Fire Marshal, AFD

Supervisor Axe called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

AGENDA: Approved

CORRESPONDENCE: John Munn

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 26, 2021 approved – Supervisor Forster asked Ms. Opalenik to clarify the impacts to the public reflected in the minutes. Ms. Opalenik shared that the public is going to have to have septic systems designed by a consultant instead of her department which, at times, will have benefits and, at other times, might take longer depending on the consultant.

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

ITEM 1: Proposed Fire Prevention Fee Study Year 2022 - AFD

Supervisor Axe introduced the item.

Deputy Fire Marshal Patrick Chew shared that some of his duties are to ensure that the State regulations are maintained. He explained that he has done an unofficial survey of all 6 fire chiefs and has also spoken with the Environmental Health and Building Departments about fees assessed for their inspections. He commented that a few of the local fire departments do not charge and shared that AFD currently charges \$88 an hour, whereas Environmental Health and the Building Department charge \$120 and \$121 an hour, respectively. He also stated that local government can only charge to recover the cost of the inspections.

Supervisor Forster asked if a nexus study is needed.

Deputy Fire Marshal Chew responded yes and that he has one in mind that is known internationally. He stated that company inspections have been a requirement for a very long time, that AFD was formed over 30 years ago but only recently has conducted mandated company inspections.

Supervisor Forster asked if this needs to go to the public for a vote.

Deputy Fire Marshal Chew responded by saying no, just to the Board of Directors for approval.

Supervisor Forster asked which fees Deputy Fire Marshal Chew spoke about at the last Board meeting need the public vote.

Deputy Fire Marshal Chew responded by saying the District's benefit assessment tax does since that impacts existing parcels.

Supervisor Forster stated that he would support a ballot measure if it gets support from the AFPA Board.

Supervisor Axe asked how much a nexus study would cost.

Deputy Fire Marshal Chew responded that it would be in the \$5,000 to \$7,000 range, not to exceed \$7,000.

Supervisor Axe asked for confirmation that Mr. Munn's question in his letter had been addressed.

Deputy Fire Marshall Chew responded that it had.

The Committee recommended to move this onto the AFD Board of Directors.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m. The next meeting date is tentatively scheduled for October 28, 2021 at 2:00 pm.