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**CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH CIVIL SERVICE BOARD MINUTES
Council Chambers – 100 Civic Center Drive
Monday, June 1, 2015
REGULAR MEETING
5:00 PM**

I. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER (5:00 PM)

Chair Hugh Logan called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Civil Service Board Members:

Hugh Logan, Chair
Debra Allen, Vice Chair
James "Mickey" Dunlap, Board Member
Jeff Herdman, Board Member
Maiqual Talbot, Board Member

Staff Members:

Terri L. Cassidy, Deputy City Manager/HR Director/Secretary to the Board
Jason Guyser, Assistant City Attorney
Marissa Sur, Administrative Specialist to the Deputy City Manager

III. FLAG SALUTE – Led by Board Member Talbot

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The notice was read by Marissa Sur, Administrative Specialist to the Deputy City Manager.

Interested parties were invited to address the Board.

Paul Matheis spoke regarding a confidential memo that was leaked to the *Orange County Register* and in support of the City conducting an independent investigation. He commented on the money the City has spent on employment-related claims; and on developing appropriate and fair testing procedures.

Chair Logan stated that every Member of this Board is very aware that fairness is one of the basic principles that the Board needs to uphold in all of its dealings.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF CIVIL SERVICE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- 1. APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MAY 4, 2015, REGULAR MEETING.** Waive reading of subject Minutes, approve as written and order filed.

Board Member Herdman made a Motion to waive reading of and approve and file the Minutes as listed above. The Motion was seconded by Board Member Dunlap. Motion carried. (5 Ayes, 0 No, 0 Abstain).

VI. PRESENTATIONS

A. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE PROGRAM – CATHY ORD, EMS DIVISION CHIEF, NEWPORT BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Cathy Ord, EMS Division Chief, provided a report on the Fire Department's Paramedic Program. She addressed the EMS operation, Community Paramedicine, multi-faceted Fire Fighter personnel, goals, the Affordable Care Act, gatekeepers, increased demand in healthcare services, changes in demographics and details of focused concepts recommended by the State. She addressed the studies, the approval process, and other participating cities/agencies in the Paramedicine pilot.

Discussion followed regarding testing the safety of triaging and transporting 911 patients with low medical acuity, following protocols set by County regulatory agencies, multiple levels of medical control/protection/patient safety, patient satisfaction, and inclusion/exclusion criteria used in deciding whether to transport to an emergency department or urgent care.

Ensuing discussion pertained to the importance of providing the correct diagnoses, especially at it relates to seniors.

VII. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THREE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD CANDIDATES SELECTED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE TO BE RECOMMENDED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR APPOINTMENT

Vice Chair Allen reported on the Subcommittee's findings and recommendations. She addressed Deputy City Manager/HR Director Cassidy's memo and reported that all four candidates are very well-qualified and possess the necessary skills and background. She summarized the qualifications of each candidate.

Board Member Talbot added that the objective scoring and questioning were well-laid out and the scores were all very close.

Discussion followed regarding the range and rankings of the candidates. Deputy City Manager/HR Director Cassidy stated that individual rankings/scores are not shared, outside of the interviews.

Assistant City Attorney Jason Guyser added that it is up to City Council to determine who will be appointed and that these are simply recommendations to them.

Board Members Dunlap and Herdman thanked Members of the Subcommittee for their hard work.

Board Member Dunlap made a Motion to accept the Subcommittee's recommendation of Ms. Roberta Fesler, Mr. Douglas Coulter, and Dr. Gloria Alkire, and forward to City

Council, the order in which the Subcommittee has presented the names of potential candidates to the Civil Service Board. The Motion was seconded by Board Member Herdman. Motion carried with Chair Logan, abstaining. (4 Ayes, 0 No, 1 Abstain).

B. ORAL REPORTS

1. CITY-WIDE AND HUMAN RESOURCES MATTERS – Terri L. Cassidy, Deputy City Manager/HR Director

Deputy City Manager/HR Director Cassidy reported that invitations to the Employee Service Award Luau have been mailed and noted that several CSB Members will be receiving awards. She encouraged everyone to RSVP and thanked the Chamber of Commerce for partnering with the City.

Ms. Cassidy thanked Chair Logan for his leadership as the Board's Chair and his service as a Member of the Board.

She added that she will be out of town for the July 6 meeting of the CSB so HR Manager Rebecca E. Redyk will serve as Secretary.

a. Update on the Ackerman Scholarship recipients

Ms. Cassidy provided an update of the Ackerman Scholarship program and addressed applicants, criteria used for selecting candidates, and the award amount. She thanked HR Staff Member Leslie Campbell and City Manager Dave Kiff for their help. Information regarding the recipients will be shared in the near future.

2. FIRE DEPARTMENT MATTERS – Scott Poster, Fire Chief

Fire Chief Scott Poster provided a report on Fire Department matters. He addressed Fire Operations and Public Safety Day events. He noted that field moisture is down and all crews are working on wild land fire training. He added that an active fire season is anticipated. Chief Poster addressed Leadership training, procurement of new fire pumpers, a simulated earthquake, HAZMAT training and the promotion of two new Battalion Chiefs. He provided statistics on Marine Operations and addressed notable events, a tribute to Lifeguard Ben Carlson by Zuma Beach, rescues and the induction of a City Lifeguard into the Newport Harbor High School Hall of Fame.

3. POLICE DEPARTMENT MATTERS – Jonathan Stafford, Deputy Director of Police Services

Deputy Director of Police Services Jonathan Stafford presented an overview of Police Department matters during the month of May. He addressed the Department's participation in Public Safety Day, notable situations, new Lateral Police Officers, swearing in of a full-time and a part-time Community Services Officer. He reported there are two finalist recruit candidates in the final stages of the recruiting process and addressed additional candidates in the various states of recruitment. He reported the availability of a new Public Service Announcement on the Department's website and addressed the recent graduation of citizens from the Citizens Police Academy. He reported that the next academy course will be in September.

Board Member Herdman commented on a resident homeless person on Balboa Island and thanked Deputy Chief Dave McGill for his help on the matter as well as the Department for providing guidelines on how to deal with the homeless.

VIII. CIVIL SERVICE BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS OR MATTERS WHICH MEMBERS WOULD LIKE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION, ACTION OR REPORT (NON-DISCUSSION ITEM)

Vice Chair Allen announced that Speak Up Newport will meet on June 10, 2015, in the Community Room where there will be a presentation regarding the current drought and conserving water.

Board Member Herdman announced the 22nd Annual Balboa Island Parade on Sunday, June 7, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. Additionally, he reported on the upcoming Balboa Museum and Historical Society First Annual Historic Home Tour on June 20 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Chair Logan expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve the City and the Board noting it has been a great privilege and responsibility and thanked his colleagues and staff for their support. He commented favorably on the City's Fire and Police Departments.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Civil Service Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:06 PM.

The agenda for the Regular Meeting was posted on May 28, 2015, before 5:00 p.m., on the City's website, public counter in the Human Resources Department (Bay A2) and in the Meeting Agenda Binder located in the entrance of the City Council Chambers at 100 Civic Center Drive.

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Approved by:

Hugh L. Logan, Jr.
Chairperson
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