



## UNIFIED FIRE AUTHORITY BOARD MINUTES

February 16, 2021 7:30 a.m.

Electronically Via ZOOM Webinar Only, Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

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1. Call to Order  
Quorum was obtained  
Chair Perry called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.
2. Public Comment  
None  
Public comment was made available live and with a posted email address
3. Administer Oath of Office for Board Member  
New Board Member Dea Theodore was administered the oath
4. Approval of Minutes  
Mayor Silvestrini moved to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2021 UFA Board Meeting as submitted  
Mayor Peterson seconded the motion  
All voted in favor, none opposed
5. Consent Agenda
  - a. Review of January Disbursements  
  
Mayor Petersen moved to approve the January disbursements as submitted  
Council Member Stewart seconded the motion  
All voted in favor, none opposed
6. Committee Updates
  - Benefits & Compensation Committee
    - Next meeting 2/18/21
    - Mayor Dahle noted that the meeting has been moved to 7:30 a.m. to accommodate those who serve on the UPD Board
    - Gallagher will be reviewing the health insurance and forecast
  - Governance Committee
    - No meeting held
  - Finance Committee
    - Next meeting 4/15/21
    - Chair Stewart noted these meetings will address the upcoming budget process

7. Consider Proposal for Three Additional FTE's Within the Wildland Division to Transition to an Interagency Hotshot Crew
- Division Chief Widdison outlined the concept that was presented during the 2020 budget process to transition to a Wildland Hotshot Crew
  - Work has been done to measure the value and sustainability of becoming a Hotshot crew
  - DC Widdison explained that Hotshot crews are deployed more than Type 2 Wildland crews and would therefore collect more revenue to cover the cost of these FTE's
  - These individuals would be on a variable schedule; meaning that they work full-time during the summer months, but are provided health benefits year-round
  - Mayor Peterson questioned the self-sustainability of the program
    - DC Widdison stated that yes, with the increased revenue, the FTE's would be self-sustainable
  - Deputy Mayor Kanter inquired as to the possibility that deployments would decrease
    - DC Widdison stated that this last season saw an increase in deployments and a Hotshot crew (Type 1) is deployed more than the Type 2 we currently have
    - A Hotshot crew is a national resource and one of the first deployed on any WL fire
  - Chief Petersen stated that this has been a long-term goal for the WL Division, and he has chosen to hold back this request due to other priorities
    - DC Widdison has the program running effectively and the funds balanced properly
    - The work to ensure deployments are cost effective and brings value to UFA rather than the individual being deployed
    - The Fund Balance has been built up to allow for a season of lower deployments
    - Chief verified that if this does not work, the program can be discontinued
    - Chief supports the wider breadth of deployment and fiscal awareness within the WL Division
    - Chief also mentioned that seasonal WL Firefighters are often hired full-time and offers this experience throughout the stations year-round

Mayor Sondak moved to approve three additional FTE's within the Wildland Division to transition to an Interagency Hot Shot Crew as discussed

Mayor Silvestrini seconded the motion

All voted in favor, none opposed

8. Proposal to Purchase 16 Mobile Data Computers (MDC) with Capital Replacement Fund Balance
- This request is to purchase MDC's for the front-line ambulances which currently do not have the ability to communicate with dispatch via computer
  - Next year's budget will be proposing a replacement of all front-line apparatus MDC's and these 16 will reduce the purchase for next fiscal year
  - These 16 will be a \$99,200 cost at the highest range of devices currently being demo' d
  - Mayor Peterson asked that if approved, would these be included in the upcoming budget amendment
    - AC Burchett stated that these would in fact be included with next month's amendment

Mayor Peterson moved to approve the purchase of 16 MDC's with Capital Replacement Funds as discussed

Mayor Overson seconded the motion

All voted in favor, none opposed

9. Consider the Date of March 16, 2021 for a Public Hearing to Receive and Consider Comments on Proposed Amendments to the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget  
 Council Member Stewart moved to set the Date of March 16, 2021 for a Public Hearing to Receive and Consider Comments on Proposed Amendments to the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget  
 Council Member Bailey seconded the motion  
 Roll call vote taken

Bailey	Y	Overson	Y
Bowen	Y	Perry	Y
Bush		Peterson	Y
Dahle	Y	Silvestrini	Y
Glover	Y	Sondak	Y
Henderson		Stewart	Y
Hull		Theodore	Y
Kanter	Y	Westmoreland	Y
Knopp	Y		

10. Weighted Vote Update
- Chief Petersen presented the updated weighted voting percentages based on the latest population numbers from the Kem Gardner Institute
  - UFA saw a 1.8% increase in population, now providing service to just under 430,000
  - Mayor Sondak asked as to whether the Brighton Member Fee reflected the recreation contribution
    - Chief clarified that all UFSA members divide the total service area value, UFSA is one member, but the vote is divided among the members of UFSA
    - Chief reminded everyone that the weighted vote can be requested by two members for budget approvals and amendments
      - This request has not been made since the adoption of the weighted vote
11. Fire Chief Report
- Closest Forces Response in SL Valley
    - Chief Petersen explained the dropped border response model was working well for most all communities, sending the closest unit allow the community to win more often.
    - The report tracking personnel, response, apparatus, and hours of exchanged interaction between agencies within the valley was shared on the screen
    - For best data comparison, 12-20 months is desired to get an overall feeling of the ebb and flow of crossing borders
      - One major event can sway data for a while, Chief shared several examples such as the impact of the Commercial Fire in Midvale
    - To date, the sharing of resources and the dropped borders is going well
    - Mayor Dahle asked as to the perception that a municipality isn't staffing at the same level and this results in UFA supporting their budget decision to underfund the balance
      - Chief stated that the first step is to validate that the data is accurate and give it enough time to provide for the variety of incidents
      - If it is found that there is a discrepancy between agencies; further dialogue will take place between entities to make the necessary adjustments
  - Continuity of Operations
    - This is basically how UFA delivers services and maintains staffing
      - COVID leave is decreasing

- The value in the OT pay for all overtime and the policies approved by the Board helped accommodate the shortages in staffing
- Chief stated that he may recommend a permanent change for OT in March applying this principle to the Board Policy
- Chief feels there would be minimal impact to the budget today thanks to increased staffing levels and the vacation buy back option for employees
  - In addition, Chief plans to present this for civilian employees as well
  - There was general support from the Board Members

Mayor Peterson left for another appointment

- Legislative Update
  - UFA Legislative Committee is monitoring about 30 bills, most all of these relate to the safety of our community and our ability to deliver service
  - Supporting 12 bills and Chief Petersen reported on three bills that UFA is opposed to, however, continuing to work them with the legislators

12. Closed Session

Council Member Stewart moved to temporarily recess the meeting to convene in a closed session to discuss matters as provided by Utah Code Annotated §52-4-205 and to adjourn the UFA Board Meeting at the end of the closed session

Mayor Westmoreland seconded the motion

Roll call vote taken

Bailey	Y	Overson	Y
Bowen	Y	Perry	Y
Bush		Peterson	
Dahle	Y	Silvestrini	Y
Glover	Y	Sondak	Y
Henderson		Stewart	Y
Hull		Theodore	Y
Kanter	Y	Westmoreland	Y
Knopp	Y		

Council Member Stewart moved to re-open the meeting to the public and adjourn the February 16, 2021 UFA Board Meeting

Mayor Dahle seconded the motion

Roll call vote taken

Bailey	Y	Overson	Y
Bowen	Y	Perry	Y
Bush		Peterson	
Dahle	Y	Silvestrini	Y
Glover	Y	Sondak	Y
Henderson		Stewart	Y
Hull	Y	Theodore	Y
Kanter	Y	Westmoreland	Y
Knopp	Y		

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Council Member Kathleen Bailey  
Council Member Gary Bowen  
Mayor Robert Dahle  
Council Member Trish Hull  
Mayor Dan Knopp  
Mayor Kristie Overson  
Mayor Mike Peterson  
Council Member Allan Perry  
Council Member Jared Henderson  
Mayor Tom Westmoreland

Deputy Mayor Catherine Kanter  
Council Member Sheldon Stewart  
Mayor Jeff Silvestrini  
Mayor Harris Sondak  
Council Member Dea Theodore  
Council Member Paul Glover – Midvale Alternate

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mayor Kelly Bush  
Mayor Robert Hale

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

CFO Tony Hill  
Chief Petersen

CLO Roberts  
Cynthia Young, Clerk

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Aaron Metcalfe  
Anthony Widdison - UFA  
Arriann Woolf - UFA  
Bill Brass - UFA  
Brad Larson - UFA  
Brad Patterson  
Bryan Case - UFA  
Calogero Ricotta - UFA  
Chad Simons - UFA  
Claude Wells - Riverton  
Darren Park - UFA  
Dominic Burchett - UFA  
Erica Langenfass - UFA  
Ginger Watts - UFA  
Japheth McGee - Zions  
Jay Torgersen - UFA  
Johnathan Ward - Zions

Kate Turnbaugh - UFA  
Keith Zuspan - Brighton  
Larson Wood - UFA  
Michael Greensides - UFA  
Nile Easton - UFA  
Patrick Costin - UFA  
Richard Rich – UFA  
Rachel Anderson - UFSA  
Riley Pilgrim - UFA  
Roger Beckman - UFA  
Ryan Love - UFA  
Shelli Fowlks - UFA  
Stephen Higgs - UFA  
Steve Quinn - UFA  
Wendy Thomas - Herriman  
Zach Robinson - UFA