

October 18, 2016, 5:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, 333 Civic Center Plaza

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1. Chairperson Smith called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.
2. Roll Call found Directors Ahmad, Rickman, Vice Chair Maciel and Chair Smith present.
3. Items from the Audience – There were no speakers.
4. Approval of Minutes – It was moved by Vice Chair Maciel and seconded by Director Rickman to adopt the regular meeting minutes of April 19, 2016. Voice vote found all in favor; passed and so ordered.
5. ACCEPT A REPORT ON THE SOUTH COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE PERFORMANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 – Division Chief Dave Bramell presented the staff report.

The report is a summary of emergency response performance for Fiscal Year 2015/2016. Response performance remains on par and consistent. The total number of fire department incidents in the South County Fire Authority for Fiscal Year 2015/2016 increased by 1.6% or 113 calls compared to year 2014/2015. Added to the report is a map and table that display geographic areas and incidents that have occurred in areas annexed into the City of Tracy but not detached from the Tracy Rural Fire Protection District.

Director comments and questions followed.

Veronica Vargas addressed the Board and referred to Page 10 of the report indicating she did not know what to compare it to. Ms. Vargas suggested there should be a comparison. Ms. Vargas asked if the benchmarks and baselines and 9 minute travel time data shown on Page 8 of the report is combined data of City or average with Rural. Division Chief Bramell responded Page 8 represents figures for Rural and Page 7 of the report represents data of the City. Greater travel time is anticipated in Rural because of travelling greater distances to cover wider areas. Division Chief Bramell added 90% of city incidents are responded to in 9 minutes 28 seconds or less.

Ms. Vargas commented that Station 94 is Rural and asked about new development and added square footage to the area, how is staff mitigating for a rural station now being so close to the City with a population increase.

Fire Chief Bradley responded it is all part of the Standards of Coverage study that is being performed. Fire Chief Bradley added it is important to understand that although the pink areas shown on the map in the Rural District for taxing stand point are treated as City calls because they are in an urban environment. Staff is analyzing if Station 94

is in the right place, if other stations can get there so the right amount of people are on scene within 7 1/2 to 8 mins. The Master Plan is several years off another fire station that would be on the north east side of that project. There will be another fire station in the area of Lammers and Schulte which will help provide second due coverage for the area as well as the Tracy Hills coverage. Fire Chief Bradley added the City is in the process of working with developers to revise the Master Plan and the information from the Standards of Coverage study will be included in the revision of the Master Plan. Fire Chief Bradley further added staff worked with the Rural District and increased staffing in Station 94 from two personnel to three personnel; partly in reaction to building going on and because its generating more revenue for the Rural District in those areas.

Ms. Vargas stated we are playing catchup. The city is continuing to grow and build but no changes have been made. Ms. Vargas added it is all viewed as city so why do we continue as city and rural. One department and one city; why is there division. Fire Chief Bradly responded that we cannot afford to provide urban service levels in the rural environment. The tax base is not there so that drives us towards different standards for urban environment. Fire Chief Bradly added it as one Fire Department from a staffing, training, management and oversight stand point but there are still two different political entities that need a certain amount of data to determine what resources need to apply to their particular political entity.

Chairperson Smith expressed part of the other reason for the 9 minutes is because they are counting the south east portion of town that does not have a station. Chairperson Smith added he lives in the area and sees the ladder truck from Station 91 respond and estimated that it takes 8 or 9 minutes to get to the neighborhood.

Fire Chief Bradley responded staff has identified a potential funding source to replace Station 97, which will take support from the City Manager and Council. Data will be used to determine where that station should go. Staff is looking at it from a holistic stand point on how to fill that hole in that area, Linne, Elissagaray, and Hidden Lake subdivisions.

Chairperson Smith responded he thought that all along, but is now not convinced that it is a great solution; then we are going to put a gap where Station 97 is all the way down Tracy Boulevard. Chairperson Smith said he believed the study would be calling for more stations.

Troy Brown, City Manager responded that it is possible and staff is taking a deeper dive into this Standards of Cover, identifying risk and not only looking at locations but also resources for these fire stations.

Director Ahmad stated he appreciated Ms. Vargas's comments. Director Ahmad added the growth in this city keeps going and some of it is good. It is slowly turning into a busy area. We want to make sure everyone is protected and safe out there.

ACTION It was moved by Vice Chair Maciel and seconded by Director Rickman to accept the report. Voice vote found all in favor; passed and so ordered.

8. Items from the Audience – There were no speakers.

9. Adjournment: Time: 5:32 p.m.

The above are action minutes. The above agenda was posted at Tracy City Hall on October 11, 2016.

Chairperson

Attest:

Secretary