



of Hollister Fire Protection Advisory Committee
Minutes of the Special Meeting

March 27, 2025, 11:00 a.m.
City Council Chamber, City Hall
375 Fifth Street, Hollister, CA 95023

Members Present: Kollin Kosmicki
Scott Freels
Leslie Jordan
Mayor Stephens
Councilmember Picha

Members Absent: Angela Curro
Dom Zanger
Councilmember Resendiz

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Stephens called the meeting of the City of Hollister Fire Protection Advisory Committee to order at 11:03am.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Chair Jordan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kollin Kosmicki joined the meeting at 11:05 am.

Scott Freels joined the meeting at 11:05 am.

Leslie Jordan joined the meeting at 11:05 am.

Jonathan Goulding joined the meeting at 11:05 am.

Veronica Mena joined the meeting at 11:05 am.

Angie Gonzalez joined the meeting at 11:05 am.

Mayor Stephens joined the meeting at 11:05 am.

Councilmember Picha joined the meeting at 11:05 am.

3. **ROLL CALL**

4. **VERIFICATION OF AGENDA POSTING**

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5.1 APPROVE JANUARY 9, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Moved by: Kollin Kosmicki

Seconded by: Roxanne Stephens

Approving the January 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

Ayes (5): Stephens, Velasquez, Kosmicki, Freels, Jordan

Noes (0)

Absent (1): Picha

Carried (5-0-1)

6. PUBLIC INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Chair Stephens opened public comment at 11:38 a.m.

There being no speakers, public comment was closed.

7. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

7.1 BAKER TILLY DISCUSSION FOR FIRE DISTRICT FEASIBILITY STUDY

Staff from Baker Tilly introduced themselves and gave a presentation regarding the scope of their work and answered questions.

Committee members discussed their concerns and expressed their hesitation about moving forward with the feasibility study if not all parties are involved.

Vice Chair Jordan proposed that the committee move forward with the Baker Tilly contract. Committee Members Freels, Picha, and Jordan were in agreement, and Committee Members Stephens, Kosmicki, and Velasquez disagreed.

Committee members recommended taking the contract to their respective agencies for a final decision.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Committee Member Velasquez reported the San Benito County Board of Supervisors voted to create its own fire department.

8.2 CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Goulding encouraged all three jurisdictions to continue communications while exploring all options. He believes it is in the best interest for all three jurisdictions to continue working together.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Committee Member Velasquez asked for a quarterly report for call data. Chief Goulding stated that he would be presenting a bi-annual report at the next meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Stephens adjourned the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

Veronica Mena, Meeting Clerk