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MICHIGAN FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
WORK SESSION – RULES
Thursday, July 28th, 2020
9:00 AM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom
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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chad Tackett, Chairperson, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs
Brian Blomstrom, Vice Chair, Michigan Fire Service Instructors Association
Lynnae White, Michigan Fire Inspectors Society
Terrance Blackmer, Michigan State Firemen's Association
Greg Janik, Michigan Municipal League
Jacob Steichen, Nominee of the State Fire Marshal
Aileen Pettinger, Michigan Professional Firefighters Union
Kevin Sehlmeier, State Fire Marshal, Ex-officio Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Alan Styles, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs

BUREAU OF FIRE SERVICES STAFF PRESENT:

Andrea Keown, Department Technician, Fire Fighter Training Division/Recording Secretary
Hollie Metts, Assistant to the State Fire Marshal (virtual meeting moderator)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Liz Arasim, Regulatory Affairs Officer, Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs	Liam Carroll, Schoolcraft College RTC
Adam Carroll, Hartland Deerfield Fire Department	Mark Cleveland, Egelston Twp. Fire Department
Bill Forbush, MAFC – Northern Division	Matthew Covey, Waterford Twp. Fire Department
Brandon Hausbeck, Saginaw Twp. Fire Department	Michael McLeieer, Michigan State Fireman's Association
Christopher Van Loo, Saginaw Fire Department	Mike Keefe, Allendale Fire Department
David Pelton, Georgetown Twp. Fire Department	Paul Well, Birmingham Fire Department
Greg Flynn, West Bloomfield Fire Department	Robert Bryant, West Bloomfield Fire Department
Jack White, Shelby-Benona Fire Department	Robert Ginther, Beverly Hills Public Safety
Jeff Roberts, Wixom Fire Department	Robert Glenn, Bangor Twp. Fire Department
Jim Peterson, Macomb Twp. Fire Department	Steven McKellar, Plainfield Twp Fire Department
Jim Stevenson, Warren Fire Department	Thea Dornbush, Muskegon Twp. Fire Department
Josh Mosher, Midland Fire Department	
Ken Hobbs, Ypsilanti Fire Department	
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I. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Before **Chairperson Tackett** called the special meeting to order, he announced a roll call vote will be done for any motion put forth to council during this meeting and read the following introduction to everyone in the virtual meeting:

In order to minimize disruptions, until the time designated by the Council for public comment, members of the public will be muted to the Council and other attendees and participants. During the time designated by the Council for public comment, members of public will no longer be muted and may participate and provide their comments by orderly speaking using the microphone on their phone. All existing Council rules regarding public comment (including rules designed to minimize disruptions and allow for full public participation) still apply.

All quorum rules still apply. In the event of a disconnection caused by the meeting host, the Council will be considered to be in recess. Every effort will be made to reestablish a publicly accessible connection. If the host is unable to do so within a period of 30 minutes from the time of the disconnection, the Council will adjourn and not address any new business until its next meeting. Any decisions made prior to the disconnection will be binding. The Council will not recess or adjourn due to technical or other issues experienced by individual members of the public that render them unable to attend or participate in the meeting."

Chairperson Tackett called the special meeting session to order at 9:03 A.M. Roll call was taken

Chairperson Tackett – present
Councilperson Blomstrom – present
Councilperson Styles – absent
Councilperson White – present
Councilperson Blackmer – present
Councilperson Janik– present
Councilperson Steichen – present
Councilperson Pettinger – present
Fire Marshal Sehlmeier – present

A quorum was determined present.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

20-07-03

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson White** and seconded by **Councilperson Blomstrom** to approve the July 28th, 2020 special meeting agenda, as presented.

A roll call vote was taken.

Chairperson Tackett – yes
Councilperson Blomstrom – yes
Councilperson Styles – absent
Councilperson White –yes
Councilperson Blackmer – yes
Councilperson Janik– yes
Councilperson Steichen – yes
Councilperson Pettinger – yes
Fire Marshal Sehlmeier – yes

Eight votes yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

III. COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Fire Fighter Training Council General Rules Update:** A revised draft of the Fire Fighter Training Council General Rules (dated July 9th, 2020) was provided to the council in their meeting packets and projected for all attendees to view during the work session. FFD Department Technician, Andrea Keown made changes to the working draft document per the discussion. The meeting resumed with council working through the draft document making changes to grammar and adding clarifying language throughout. Council revisited items that were noted in a letter from the Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs.

Elizabeth Arasim from the Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs summarized the rulemaking process for the council and members of the public. For a more in depth breakdown of the rulemaking process, click [here](#).

V. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rob Ginther, Beverly Hills Public Safety: Clarified for Council the language he provided regarding Q Courses for clarification.

Dave Pelton, Georgetown Twp. Fire Department: Inquired about how the state will be running academies during COVID-19 for the upcoming year.

Liam Carroll, Schoolcraft College RTC: Asked via Zoom chat, if a college/university RTC is looking to run a virtual academy this fall, does it need a specific MFFTC approval request on the agenda for the next meeting?

VI. COUNCIL COMMENT:

Councilperson Blomstrom: Thanked everyone for their time. Received a question regarding the progress of the pilot Fire Officer I course and where BFS is with making it an official course.

Councilperson White: Thanked everyone for putting up with her and her list for the draft rules. Glad we are getting closer and is looking forward to getting these rules done.

Councilperson Blackmer: Happy that we are nearing the end, looks forward to moving it ahead in the rulemaking process.

Councilperson Janik: Great job today, very happy with the progress council has made.

Councilperson Steichen: Appreciates everyone involved and looks forward to the next meeting.

Councilperson Pettinger: Echoes Lynnae's comments. Thank you Andrea and Liz for your efforts and being patient with us. Looks forward to wrapping up the rules.

Fire Marshal Sehmeyer: Thanked everyone for their time and effort. Spoke about how the pilot Fire Officer I online course is going. Would like to have it ready to officially roll out in October.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

20-07-04

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Janik** and seconded by **Councilperson Pettinger** to adjourn the special meeting/work session.

A roll call vote was taken.

Chairperson Tackett – yes

Councilperson Blomstrom – yes

Councilperson Styles – absent

Councilperson White –yes

Councilperson Blackmer – yes

Councilperson Janik– yes

Councilperson Steichen – yes

Councilperson Pettinger – yes

Fire Marshal Sehmeyer – yes

Eight votes yes. **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned at 11:29 AM.

APPROVED:



Chairperson Tackett



Councilmember