

# FIG GARDEN POLICE PROTECTION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

May 22, 2024 7:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order, Roll:** Meeting called to Order 7:00 p.m. Present: Dean Alexander, Elizabeth Kolstad, and Frances Morrison
  
2. **Treasury Report:** Currently \$804,599.00 in cash, debts of \$226,453.00, leaving an available balance of \$578,146.00.
  - Sheriff's Invoice is \$74,053.00 so far for 2024.
  - \$30,000.00 for March and April
  - \$ 8,600.00 for Audit
  - \$83,720.00 may be due to the County; unsure due to increased rate.
  
3. **Contract:** We are questioning our terms of the contract and the billing of vacation packages. We have made clear to the FSO administration that the deputies are to stay within the contract boundaries.
  
4. **Question on insurance cost from Elizabeth:** We have a good rate for Special Districts.

Special events: we do not host any Special Events, so we asked them to remove that.
  
5. **Meeting with Sheriff Zanoni and Lt. Lolkus:** Frances Morrison met with Sheriff Zanoni and Lt. Kevin Lolkus and discussed that Deputies cannot leave without permission from their Sergeant. She requested more details of what Deputies are doing, what type of calls, etc. Contract has gone to FSO, County Counsel, and the Board of Supervisors, and is now at Risk Management. We have not heard back yet.

**6. Contract/Invoices:** FGPPD has requested more back bills/invoices. We have received invoices for bills 3 years prior that we had not received nor seen.

An audience member requested a copy of the Contract, Dean agreed to give them of copy.

Dean reported that the Contract costs will be going up. FSO is increasing rates by 27%. We will be “in the red”. FSO would like to “backfill” hours we are uncovered with private security. We always have 24/7 coverage in place. Michael Berdinella asked how long will our reserves last to pay the increases cost of the contract since we are “in the red”; Dean answered that our reserves will last 7 to 8 years with the FSO rate increase. We can have a 3.8% to the contract for rate payers to pay. Cost would be:

Vacant house:	\$215.00 to \$223.00
Single family:	\$483.00 to \$501.00
Multi-family complex:	\$649.00 to \$670.00

This would be billed on Property Taxes through the Assessor’s Office. A vote was taken to increase the rate 3.8% - passed by majority vote.

**7. Website:** The California State Governor’s office and Grand Jury called Dean to notify the Board about the Website/Authorization Statute, and that we need to create a website with financial reports, etc. by the end of the year. Dean will hire someone to create the website.

**8. Change in Board Elections and Increasing Number of Board Members:** Dean moved to vote to change the election for Board Members from odd years to even years; Frances seconded. After a vote of the Board, the motion passes and elections will be held in even years.

**9. Christmas Tree Lane:** The new sheriff now needs to get an understanding for special events. In 2022 FGPPD received a bill for \$20,000.00 from the Sheriff’s Office. FGPPD told the Sheriff’s Office we did not do special events. In 2024 we were billed \$3,886.00 for December 2023 and \$10,000.00 for January 2024 for

Overtime pay for Deputies. FSO did not provide protection for Christmas Tree Lane for 23 out of 25 nights, on the other 2 nights a reserve officer was on patrol.

**10. Crime:** There is a new criminal problem with sophisticated high end burglars on the Van Ness Extension and in northeast Fresno. The suspects are well-dressed and drive a Mercedes.

**MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:25 p.m.**