MINUTES OF THE DEER PARK FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT, PREVENTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING

A MEETING OF THE DEER PARK FIRE CONTROL, PREVENTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD AT CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 710 EAST SAN AUGUSTINE STREET, DEER PARK, TEXAS, ON MAY 18, 2026, BEGINNING AT 5:45 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

CHARLIE JOHNSON	PRESIDENT
TOMMY ARCHER	VICE PRESIDENT
ALLEN WESTMORELAND	MEMBER
KEVIN MACHEMEHL	MEMBER
MIKE MITCHUM	MEMBER
DANIEL LOVERCHECK	MEMBER

MEMBERS ABSENT:

JOE REYNOLDS	MEMBER

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

SARA COSTLOW	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
NICOLE GANEY	BOARD TREASURER
ANGELA SMITH	BOARD SECRETARY

CALL TO ORDER - President Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE - No comments were received from the public.

NEW BUSINESS

1. WELCOME TO THE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT AS A NEW BOARD MEMBER - DANIEL LOVERCHECK. - President Johnson announced the appointment of Member Daniel Lovercheck, who was appointed by Council to fill the vacancy resulting from the resignation of Member Waylon Gossett

2. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON CHANGING THE TIME OF THE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT MEETINGS MOVING FORWARD FROM 5:45 TO 5:30 P.M. - Motion was made by Tommy Archer and seconded by Mike Mitchum to approve changing the time of the Fire Control District meetings from 5:45 to 5:30 p.m. moving forward.

   Motion carried 6 to 0.

3. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 FCPEMSD BUDGET SUBMITTED BY THE DEER PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT. - Assistant City Manager Sara Costlow presented an overview of the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District (FCPEMSD) budget submitted by the Deer Park Fire Department. Ms. Costlow reported that the District's primary revenue source is sales tax. She noted that sales tax revenues continue to perform strongly and are projected to exceed current fiscal year collections. While recent trends indicate a slight decline in sales tax receipts, staff has conservatively budgeted revenues for the upcoming fiscal year, with projected revenues exceeding $2 million. Ms. Costlow reviewed the proposed expenditure budget, which includes funding for Fire Services, Emergency Medical Services, and the Fire Marshal Division. She explained that personnel-related expenditures currently include placeholder amounts for salary adjustments based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which is updated periodically. An updated CPI is expected to be released in July and may result in minor revisions to the proposed budget. Ms. Costlow further noted that health insurance costs currently include an estimated 11.5 percent increase based on preliminary information from the City's insurance pool. Final healthcare cost projections are not yet available and may change before budget adoption. Any significant updates will be presented to the District for future consideration.

   Additional expenditure increases include routine equipment costs and contractual obligations associated with existing lease agreements. Ms. Costlow stated that the proposed budget is largely operational in nature and that the District remains in a strong financial position.

   Board Member Mike Mitchum inquired about the increase in expenditures budgeted under consultant services.

   Board Treasurer Nicole Ganey explained that the expenditure relates to the District's sales tax compliance consultant. The consultant assists in identifying businesses that may not be properly remitting sales tax revenues attributable to the District and works to correct reporting discrepancies, resulting in additional revenue collections. Ms. Ganey stated that the proposed budget includes a placeholder amount of $40,000 for these services, consistent with the prior fiscal year. Actual expenditures are anticipated to be approximately $11,000; however, costs may vary depending on the consultant's findings and services provided during the fiscal year.

   Motion was made by Daniel Lovercheck and seconded by Allen Westmoreland to accept the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 FCPEMSD budget submitted by the Deer Park Fire Department.

   Motion carried 6-0.

4. SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FY 2026-2027 FCPEMSD BUDGET. - Motion was made by Tommy Archer and seconded by Daniel Lovercheck to schedule a public hearing on the proposed FY 2026-2027 FCPEMSD Budget at 5:30 p.m. on June 15, 2026.

   Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURN - President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

ATTEST:	APPROVED:
__________________________ Angela Smith, TRMC, CMC Board Secretary	__________________________ Fire Control District