

Commissioners' Meeting

March 9, 2015

Chairman Entze called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Present were: Commissioners Sutich, Nelson, Stephens, and Duncan, Chief Burgess, A/Chiefs Watson & Nixon, B/Chiefs Kauppila & Meyer, D/Chief Waters, D. Weyn, L. Schroeder, A. Mattila, K. Fogle, Student Stephanie Romero, Local 3390 Representatives, Shift Personnel, family of Jon Dower.

Our flag salute was led by Commissioner Nelson.

No communications were received.

There were no changes to the Agenda.

Commissioners Sutich and Duncan moved and seconded approval of the minutes from the February 23, 2015 meeting as mailed. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Commissioners Duncan and Nelson moved and seconded a motion to approve Blanket Vouchers 150261 - 150333 in the amount of \$162,467.14 and Payroll Vouchers 150334-150358 in the amount of \$1,195,386.61 for a total consideration of \$1,357,853.75. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

D/Chief Waters updated the Board on the following:

- Health and Safety Expo was on March 7; there were 27 sponsors and vendors, 44 booths, and about 290 public participants.
- Regarding the SS911 Radio project, 550 site tests were conducted to ensure that the radios would work. It was found that there are many significant gaps, and the Prevention Division will be working closely with the City of Gig Harbor to find solutions.

A/Chief Watson updated the Board on the following:

- There was a recent pre-construction meeting with Braun NW and we have a tentative delivery date of on or about July 4, 2015 for the new Medic Unit.

A/Chief Nixon updated the Board on the following:

- Station 56 staffing; the station was open 66% in February, and the District was able to save roughly \$13,000 in overtime costs. We saw a slight reduction in response time, as the average was about 5 seconds faster. So far, we have seen no significant negative impact to the community.

Chief Burgess updated the Board on the following:

- Lt. Dan Bjurstrom has submitted the Safer Grant, seeking funding for 6 Firefighter positions. We should hear back around September.

D/Chief Shoemaker updated the Board on the following:

- D/Chief Shoemaker updated the Board with a Medical Division Report. Total transports for 2014 were 3,138, and total transport charges for 2014 were \$2,500,101.50. They completed a few projects including; Tacoma Fire Department OTEP Plan was implemented; Recruitment and hiring of Medical Director Dr. Keith Gates MD; Infection control policy was updated to include Category “A” infectious/biohazard response. Current projects include a New Medic Unit purchase, AED replacement project, ePCR implementation and training, and the Community Paramedic Program.
- FF/Paramedic Jon Dower was acknowledged and congratulated for completing the Paramedic Program at Tacoma Community College. Jon introduced his wife Melissa and son Max. He was presented with his new helmet and badge.

Standing Committee Reports:

Commissioner Sutich and Chief Burgess recently attended Legislative Day at the Capitol. Some of the topics that the Commissioners are in favor of include; Funding of an All Risk State Mobilization Plan; \$18 Million of improvements for the State Fire Academy in North Bend; Regional Fire Authority; Public Record Requests State Funding; State money for basic Fire Training.

Old Business

- A/Chief Watson presented the Board with the final reading of Resolution 2015-04 which addresses Mitigation Fees to receive FEMA funds in the event of a disaster. These funds would replace or repair buildings/equipment lost or damaged in the

event. Commissioners Sutich and Duncan moved and seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-04. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

New Business

- Chief Burgess presented the Board with Resolution 2015-05, which will allow the budgeted transfer of funds from the reserve account to the expense account. The District will transfer \$900,000 from the Reserve Account to help sustain operations until the upcoming tax collection in April, 2015. Commissioners Stephens and Sutich moved and seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-05. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Good of the Order

Chairman Entze announced the signing of documents.

Special Interests/Upcoming Events

Chief Burgess will be attending the annual Chief & Chaplain conference on Friday, March 27th at the LaQuinta Inn from 11:30-1:00pm and has invited others to attend.

A/Chief Nixon took part in the 24th Annual Stair Climb in Seattle over the weekend. Seven members of the department ran the race, with Scott Cloudy getting the fastest time for Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One at 18:06. Fundraising will be open until the end of the month.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Entze moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:41 p.m. No further business was introduced and the motion carried. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held March 23, 2015 at 3:00 PM.

Attest: District Secretary

Chairman Commissioner

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