

Commissioners' Meeting

January 14, 2013

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

Present were: Commissioners Casebolt, Entze, Stephens and Jarmon, Chief Burgess, A/Chiefs Watson & Nixon, B/Chief Pearson, D/Chiefs Lyon & Waters, L. Abbott, D. Hodges-Weyn, J. Brenner, Local 3390 Representatives, Shift Personnel, K. Kreitzer

Our flag salute was led by Eric Waters.

Elections were held to select the Chair and Vice-Chair for 2013. Commissioners Casebolt and Entze moved and seconded a motion nominating Tom Sutich as Chairman.

Commissioners Sutich and Stephens moved and seconded a motion nominating Kevin Entze as Vice-Chairman. With no further discussion, the motions carried unanimously by roll call vote.

No communications were received.

Commissioners Jarmon and Casebolt moved and seconded approval of the minutes from the December 10, 2012 meeting as mailed. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Commissioners Entze and Casebolt moved and seconded a motion to approve December 20, 2012 Blanket Vouchers 123116 - 123177 for a total consideration of \$56,716.91. These vouchers were paid with authorization by Chief Burgess and Linda Abbott as District Secretary per Resolution 2012-04 adopted February 27, 2012; 2013 Blanket Vouchers 130000 - 130027 in the amount of \$27,556.94; 2013 Payroll Vouchers 130028 - 130140 in the amount of \$1,102,056.58 and 13 month Blanket Vouchers 123178 - 123253 in the amount of \$190,098.27 for a total consideration of \$1,319,711.79. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Chief Burgess updated the Board on the following:

- We have started the process for filling the IT Technician Assistant Position. Ten candidates will be participating in Assessments on Wednesday, January 30, 2013.
- Notice of Opportunity for the Accounts Payable/Purchasing Agent Position was posted on January 7, 2013. Selection process is open to career members of Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One. Interviews will be held the week of January 28, 2013.

Assistant Chief Watson updated the Board on the following:

- Provided an update on the Raft Island Bridge as well as the bridge project in general. Three (3) bridges are ready for signage, other than the Raft Island Bridge. The Raft Island Bridge issue continues to evolve; its current rating is old as it has not been rated since 2005. The department has adjusted the level of response for apparatus that respond to any incidents on Raft Island. We are currently working with Washington Water on putting fire hydrants on the island and getting access to their water tanks. A HOA meeting is scheduled with the Raft Island engineer this Friday, January 18th at 10 am, Chief Burgess, A/Chief Watson, D/Chief Waters and Commissioner Sutich will be attending this meeting.

Assistant Chief Nixon updated the Board on the following:

- The South Sound 911 Policy Board voted to confirm Lakewood City Manager Andrew Neiditz as the first Executive Director of the new public safety agency, pending successful contract negotiations. Copies of the interdepartmental e-mail and accompanying Media Release were provided to the Board for their review. He further expanded on the radio systems being investigated for South Sound 911 when implemented.
- Seven (7) new Volunteers and one (1) returning Volunteer started their training on Thursday of last week.
- Reported on the Pioneer Way kitchen fire that occurred on Christmas Day, this was the only major incident over the holidays.

Linda Abbott updated the Board on the amount of taxes allowed to be collected on our behalf from the Pierce County Assessor Treasurer's Office. Of note, the Board was reminded that the budget was based on preliminary assessment values. At the end of each year a final version is published by the Pierce County Assessors Office and a Levy Certification Amendment is completed. Copies of the Levy Certification Amendment were provided to the Board for their review.

No Standing Committee Reports were introduced.

Chairman Sutich suggested Board members be represented at the March 9th Health & Safety Expo to address citizen questions and/or concerns. The Board agreed with his suggestion and Commissioner Casebolt stated he would be available.

Old Business

Assistant Chief Watson addressed the Board regarding the PenMet Parks Lease Agreement renewal. This agreement authorized a portion of the parking area at Station 58 for citizens utilizing McCormick Woods Park. The Administrative Staff has found that no negative impact has occurred to the department and recommended renewing the agreement for a period of two (2) years. Recommendation was made to the Board authorizing Chief Burgess to sign the agreement as requested on their behalf.

Commissioners Casebolt and Entze moved and seconded a motion authorizing Chief Burgess to sign the PenMet Parks Lease Agreement as requested. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

New Business

There was no New Business to introduce.

There was no Public Comment.

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Chairman Sutich announced the signing of documents.

Special Interests/Upcoming Events

Pierce County Fire Commissioners meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, January 24th at West Pierce Fire & Rescue - Station 21 at 5000 Steilacoom Blvd. SW.

The Gig Harbor Fire and Medic One Annual Awards Celebration will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2013 at the Inn at Gig Harbor from 5:30 pm – 10:00 pm.

2013 Legislative Day will be held on Wednesday, February 20th in Olympia.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioners Casebolt and Entze moved and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:24 p.m. No further business was introduced and the motion carried. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held January 28, 2013 at 3:00 PM.

Attest: District Secretary

Chairman Commissioner

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