



Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One

Commissioners' Meeting

September 26, 2017

Chairman Duncan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present were: Commissioners Duncan, Sutich, Nelson, Smith and Entze, Chief Burgess, A/Chiefs Bjurstrom, Watson, Nixon, D. Weyn, D/Chief Waters, B/Chief Kauppila, T. VanderVaate, P. Vivian, R. Wasmund and two citizens, Carl Krietzer and Zane Tipton.

Our flag salute was led by Chairman Duncan.

Communications

Chief Burgess shared a letter from Agnus Dei Lutheran Church, and noted that he met this morning with two of their congregation members who delivered the letter with a donation of \$250 for the District.

D. Weyn introduced new Administrative Assistant Patricia Vivian to the Board.

Commissioners Sutich and Entze moved and seconded approval of the minutes from the September 12, 2017 Commissioner Meeting as mailed. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Commissioners Nelson and Smith moved and seconded a motion to approve Blanket Vouchers 171330-171377 in the amount of \$118,762.71. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Chief's Report

A/Chief Bjurstrom advised the Board on the following:

- The District is moving forward with their plan to scale back participation in the annual Health & Safety Expo and has drafted a letter to be mailed to CHI Franciscan and Multicare asking if either of them have interest in organizing the event. Chairman Duncan indicated he concurs with the choice to move forward.

Chief Burgess updated the Board on the following:

- Lid Lift – the District has created a Fact Sheet that will be mailed once and published twice regarding the proposed Lid Lift. The mailing should be delivered to mailboxes at approximately the same time ballots are received. Publishing will occur October 1 and again closer to Election Day.

Standing Committee Reports

Commissioner Smith reported that he, A/C Watson and D. Weyn attended an insurance update meeting with Fournier Insurance on September 22, 2017. Rates will increase 2.4% which seems reasonable considering the cost of living adjustment is 2.5%.

Assistance Chief Watson interjected with a brief review of information provided to the Board. He also reported that Enduris Insurance did not follow through with a quote as requested. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Smith suggested during next year's renewal meeting the District should require providers disclose fees and broker commissions.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

Chief Burgess presented the Board with the first draft of the 2018 budget, starting with a review of the timeline reminding everyone that the budget will not be finalized until November 28, 2017. During review of the "wish list" Commissioner Entze questioned if the district uses commercial or residential quality refrigerators/ranges in the stations. To date all are residential, however we may look into cost differential for commercial vs. residential in the future.

Chief Burgess advised the Board that at the next meeting the second draft of the 2018 budget will be presented with year over year comparisons. There was no further discussion.

Commissioner Sutich requested Commissioners Duncan, Smith and Nelson assign proxy rights for Commissioners Sutich and Entze to vote on their behalf at the WFCB Board election on October 27, 2017. Commissioners Sutich and Entze moved and seconded a motion to proceed with the proxy procedure. With no further discussion, the motion carried. Proxies were circulated and signed.

Public Comment

Zane Tipton was in attendance and is a resident of the Hilcrest Mobile Home Park. He expressed praise for the District's first responders and indicated the crews have been very quick to respond, professional, courteous and caring. Mr. Tipton indicated this is the first time he has attended a Board meeting and he now has a better appreciation for work the Board does, he didn't realize how much happens behind the scenes.

Chief Burgess noted that citizen Carl Kreitzer was in the audience again after having missed several meetings, and it is nice to have him back.

Local #3390 President Ron Wasmund indicated the Local has one more planning meeting and should then be ready to meet and start the bargaining process. Chief Burgess indicated the Negotiating Committee was meeting following the Board meeting and it looks like we will be

ready to begin negotiating as well.

District #5 Member Comment

There was no District #5 Member Comment.

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Chairman Duncan announced the signing of documents.

Special Interests/Upcoming Events

T. VanderVaate reminded the Board: 1) the next Pierce County Commissioners board meeting is Thursday, September 28th, at 7:00p in Roy; and 2) Key Pen Parks & Rec Foundation is hosting a Gateway Park Pre Opening Gala on September 29, 2017 from 5-7p. A/C Nixon indicated he will be attending, as did Commissioner Sutich.

Chief Burgess announced that September 30th from 10a-3p at Gig Harbor High School, PEP-C is holding a Emergency Preparedness Fair. We will have prevention staff doing fire extinguisher training, as well as have on hand additional prevention materials. A/C Bjurstrom will be there with information regarding the District and the Fact Sheet for the lid lift should anyone have any questions. Board members are welcome to attend as well.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Duncan adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m. No further business was introduced and the motion carried. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday October 10, at 5:00 p.m.



Attest: District Secretary



Chairman Commissioner



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