



# Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One

## Commissioners' Meeting

November 14, 2017

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

Present were: Commissioners Sutich, Nelson, Smith and Entze, Chief Burgess, A/Chief Watson, A/Chief Nixon, B/C Kauppila, D/C Lyon, Local President R. Wasmund, D. Weyn, T. VanderVaate, Eric Quinn, and citizens K. Krietzler, P. Weyn, T. Ingram and N. Van Overbeke.

Our flag salute was led by Chairman Nelson.

### Communications

EA T. VanderVaate advised the Commissioners that we continue to receive numerous thank you letters from California residents, copies are included in Board packets.

### Changes to the Agenda

No changes to the Agenda.

### Minutes and Blanket Vouchers

Commissioners Entze and Sutich moved and seconded approval of the minutes from the October 24, 2017 Commissioner Meeting as mailed. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Commissioners Smith and Entze moved and seconded a motion to approve Blanket Vouchers 171535-171651 in the amount of \$157,663.45 and Payroll Vouchers 171510-171534 in the amount of \$1,484,625.11 for a total consideration of \$1,642,288.56. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

### Chief's Report

- Chief Burgess advised the Board that A/C Bjurstrom is not present due to vacation.
- A/Chief Nixon gave a report regarding Standard of Cover work. The workgroup focus is on Standard of Cover and Community Risk Assessment with a goal to build a process throughout the year that will be updated regularly. Discussion ensued, ending with Commissioner Sutich saying good work.
- A/C Watson gave a report to the Board regarding today's Push In ceremony for our newest Medic Unit at Station #59. It's our third Type 1 unit, and it's nice to be rebuilding our fleet after years of not replacing due to lack of funding. Will be recommending surplus of one vehicle at a future meeting.

Chief Burgess advised the Board:

- With an election update. First congratulating Commissioner Smith on his reelection. Second that the Levy Lid Lift passed with 62.59% of votes when we needed only a simple majority to pass. Our community strongly supports us and that is something to be proud of. Chief Burgess also thanked the administrative staff, Commissioners, the Local and the Yes Committee for all the work they did organizing and promoting the levy. Some general conversation regarding elections ensued.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

Commissioner Nelson advised the Board that labor negotiations are going well and there will be another meeting following tonight's Board meeting.

### **Old Business**

- Chief Burgess presented the first draft of the 2018 Budget Resolutions to the Board before the final Resolutions are presented on November 28, when they will be formally approved. Discussion ensued.

### **New Business**

- No new business.

### **Public Comment**

Commissioner Sutich reminded everyone present of some upcoming events: 1) a Celebration of Life for Commissioner Ruth Bramhall will be held Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at the Key Peninsula Civic Center; 2) CCN and the City of Tacoma are holding a meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Pierce County Environmental Services building which conflicts with the Pierce County Chiefs/Commissioners Banquet; A/C Nixon advised that he had contacted CCN and pointed out the conflict in hopes they will reschedule or hold an additional meeting. Discussion ensued; and 3) there is a Pierce County Commissioner's meeting 7:30p Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at West Pierce Fire on Steilacoom Blvd in Lakewood.

K. Kreitzer requested that labor negotiations meetings be conducted in public to promote transparency, indicating a couple of other agencies are already conducting their meetings that way. Mr. Kreitzer also opined that salaries should also be public information so public records requests would no longer be necessary. On the topic of Standard of Cover Mr. Kreitzer requested we put ourselves in a position to demonstrate increased service response times as promised during the levy lid lift election.

### **District #5 Member Comment**

President Wasmund presented the Board with the insurance renewal for the Trust and was pleased to notify them of a 13.6% decrease in premiums.

### **Good of the Order**

Chairman Nelson revisited the topic of the CCN/City of Tacoma meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup> and proposed that we coordinate attendance so as not to unintentionally have a quorum. It was agreed that we will make sure to have representation at the meeting and those planning to attend will coordinate to prevent unintentionally having a quorum in attendance.


Chairman Nelson announced the signing of documents.


**Special Interests/Upcoming Events**

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Nelson adjourned the meeting at 5:29 p.m. No further business was introduced and the motion carried. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday November 28, at 5:00 p.m.

  
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