



# Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One

## COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

April 10, 2018

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

Present were: Commissioners Nelson, Sutich, Duncan, Smith and Entze, Chief Burgess, A/Chief Watson, A/Chief Bjurstrom and T. VanderVaate.

### FLAG SALUTE

Chairman Nelson led the flag salute.

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioners Sutich and Duncan moved and seconded a motion to approve the agenda as mailed. With no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

### COMMISSIONER ABSENCE

Commissioner Smith announced it will be absent from the April 24, 2018 meeting. Commissioners Sutich and Nelson moved and seconded a motion to approve Commissioner Smith's absence from the April 24, 2018 meeting. With no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

### COMMUNICATIONS

No communications.

### MINUTES AND BLANKET VOUCHERS

Commissioners Smith and Sutich moved and seconded approval of the minutes from the March 27, 2018 Commissioner Meeting as mailed. With no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

Commissioners Smith and Entze moved and seconded a motion to approve Payroll Vouchers 180459-180481 in the amount of \$1,277,033.86 and Blanket Vouchers 180482-180580 in the amount of \$248,056.47, for a total consideration of \$1,525,090.33. With no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

### CHIEFS REPORTS

Assistant Chief Bjurstrom gave an update regarding the Firefighter/EMT hiring process currently under way, indicating 160 candidates accepted our invitation to take our EMT test on April 14.

Chief Burgess reported on the following:

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- A meeting with legal counsel is scheduled for April 12 to discuss: collective bargaining, military leave for Board members, and a private bridge question.
- A meeting of the Training Tower committee has been set for April 19 to discuss scope of work.
- A workgroup is being organized to discuss our volunteer program;
- Both he and Assistant Chief Bjurstrom attended the LERA Collective Bargaining conference in Seattle on April 5-6, and he feels it was a good use of time.
- There will be an Executive Session at the April 24 meeting to discuss his self-evaluation.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Chairman Nelson reported that he received a letter from Local 3390 requesting to reopen bargaining. We will proceed after Chief Burgess meets with legal counsel.

Commissioner Sutich reported that he, along with Commissioners Duncan and Entze, attended the Washington Fire Commissioners conference in Ocean Shores on April 7.

### **WASHINGTON SURVEY AND RATING BUREAU PRESENTATION**

Eric Cunningham of Washington Survey and Rating Bureau presented an informative question and answer session regarding how the results of our reports (attached to Agenda packet) were generated. Everyone present was engaged and felt the presentation went very well and answered many questions.

There were several references to a 2013 schedule that we did not have a copy of. Mr. Cunningham indicated he would send another copy to Assistant Chief Watson who would have T. VanderVaate distribute to Chief Burgess and the Commissioners for review.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

A. None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A. None.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Citizen Carl Kreitzer indicated he still had concerns regarding Washington Survey and Rating Bureau, and who polices them.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Commissioner Sutich thanked B/C Meyer for response at a neighbor's house. Chief Burgess was familiar with the call Commissioner Sutich was referring to and also commented the patient was home after having received a pacemaker and is doing well. Good job, please pass along our thanks to the crews. B/C Meyer commented the patient was very fortunate to have had a flight attendant with her, who used her training and knowledge to start CPR right away before our crews responded.

D/Chief Waters shared that the City of Gig Harbor has hired a temporary City Administrator. The search continues for a permanent hire and the current Finance Director now returns to his regular job.

**SPECIAL INTERESTS/UPCOMING EVENTS**

Chief Burgess let the Commissioners know that the Mayor of Gig Harbor has expressed a willingness to come speak at a future Board meeting. The Commissioners extended a welcome invitation for the Mayor to attend when it's convenient for him.

**ADJOURNMENT**

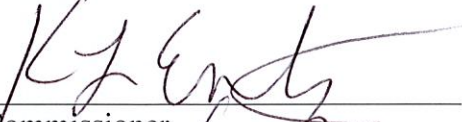
There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Nelson adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

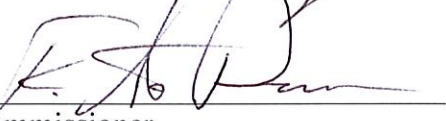
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday April 24, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

  
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