



Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2019

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

Present: Commissioners Sutich, Nelson, Duncan, Entze and Wilsie, Chief Burgess, A/Chiefs E. Watson, S. Nixon, T. Meyer, D. Bjurstrom, D/C Waters and EA T. VanderVaate.

FLAG SALUTE

Chairman Sutich led the flag salute.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioners Entze and Wilsie moved and seconded a motion to approve the agenda as revised. With no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

COMMISSIONER ABSENCE

Commissioner Nelson announced he will be absent from the February 12, 2019 meeting. Commissioners Sutich and Entze moved and seconded a motion to excuse Commissioner Nelson's February 12 absence. With no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

MINUTES AND BLANKET VOUCHERS

Commissioners Nelson and Wilsie moved and seconded approval of the minutes from the December 11, 2018 Commissioner Meeting. With no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

Commissioners Entze and Nelson moved and seconded a motion to approve Blanket Vouchers 181759-181846 in the amount of \$184,415.56 transmitted to Pierce County on December 19, 2018 pursuant to Resolution 2012-04 and approve Blanket Vouchers 190000-190034 in the amount of \$87,985.30. With no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION

Assistant Chief Meyer presented Iris McFadden with a certificate of recognition for helping a person in need when they were in crisis.

At 5:10 p.m., Chairman Sutich announced a five-minute recess. Chairman Sutich called the meeting back to order at 5:15 p.m.

CHIEFS REPORTS

Assistant Chief Bjurstrom reported that Washington State changed the timing and methodology of payments for 2017 GEMT reimbursements. These GEMT funds were originally scheduled to be reimbursed in the 4th quarter of 2018. They have been rescheduled to arrive in mid-2019. Further, instead of receiving these funds from the State, the funds will be reimbursed directly from the Federal Government after the District supplies our matching share. Since the matching share payment was not anticipated, and therefore not budgeted, we expect a request to use reserve funds will be brought to the Board at a later date. The matching share will be returned by the Federal Government along with the other Federal reimbursements. This program only applies to 2017 reimbursements. Chief Bjurstrom indicated more information will be brought to the Board after the District receives an invoice with instructions. Discussion followed.

Assistant Chief Meyer reported regarding a water rescue event on December 28, 2018 indicating it was a very large response with members of Key Peninsula Fire, Tacoma Fire, Tacoma PD, Pierce County Sheriff, West Pierce Fire, Anderson Island Fire and the Coast Guard involved. Two individuals and a dog made it to shore, however one individual was still missing. Pierce County Sheriff Office is lead agency for further operations. Discussion followed.

Assistant Chief Nixon reported regarding the nationwide 911 system outage that occurred on December 27, 2018. Ten-digit dialing numbers circulated through social media was key in providing community members with phone numbers to report emergencies during the outage. Chief Nixon anticipates having more information once Pierce County DEM, State of Washington and South Sound 911 officials conduct after action review meetings. Discussion followed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Entze reported that non-uniformed contract negotiations are ongoing.

Commissioner Sutich discussed reconfiguring seating for District staff during future meetings as well as adding new line items to future meeting agendas. A brief discussion followed.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 2019-01 – Commissioner Compensation. A/Chief Bjurstrom presented Resolution 2019-01 regarding Commissioner compensation. The resolution language authorizes reimbursement as allowed under RCW 52.14.010. Commissioners Nelson and Wilsie moved and seconded a motion to approve Resolution 2019-01 as presented. With no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous roll call vote.

B. Resolution 2019-02 – Surplus Equipment. Chief Watson presented the Board with Resolution 2019-02 to surplus four lifts at the shop, with a recommendation to approve as proposed. After brief discussion, Commissioners Nelson and Wilsie moved and seconded a motion to approve Resolution 2019-02 as presented. The **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Citizen Karl Kreitzer had questions regarding text messages sent during the 911 outage and commented on the proposed seating reconfiguration during meetings.

Ron Wasmund, President of Local 3390, inquired who from the District would be attending Legislative Day on January 24, 2019 in Olympia - Commissioners Sutich and Wilsie, and Chief Burgess will be attending.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

SPECIAL INTERESTS/UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 24, 2018 Legislative Day, Olympia, WA
- January 24, 2019 Pierce County Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 p.m. @ 50
- January 25, 2019 Awards Banquet, 6:00 p.m. @ Best Western on Kimball Drive
- January 31, 2019 Fire Chief Guy Allen Retirement Celebration, 2-4:00 p.m. @ Key Center Headquarters, Lakebay, WA
- February 1, 2019 Post Ops Academy Graduation, 4:00 p.m. @ 50

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Sutich announced a 45 minute Executive Session in accordance with RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) at 5:50 p.m., will reconvene at 6:35 p.m. At 6:35 p.m., Chairman Sutich announced an additional 25 minute Executive Session, will reconvene at 7:00 p.m. At 7:00 p.m., Chairman Sutich announced an additional 5 minute Executive Session, will reconvene at 7:05 p.m. At 7:05 p.m. Commissioner Sutich called the meeting back to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT


There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Sutich adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

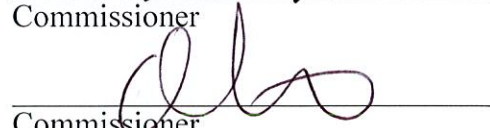

Attest: District Secretary


Chairman Commissioner


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