



Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

July 14, 2020

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

Present: Commissioners Sutich, Nelson, Entze, Wilsie and Urvina, F/Chief J. Burgess, A/Chiefs E. Watson, T. Meyer, D. Bjurstrom and EA T. VanderVaate.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Nelson moved to approve the agenda as presented. With no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous roll call vote.

GUEST SPEAKER – PROTHMAN COMPANY

Greg Prothman and Mark Risen presented regarding the executive search services offered by Prothman Company.

COMMISSIONER ABSENCE

COMMUNICATIONS – thank you letter included in packets.

MINUTES AND BLANKET VOUCHERS

Commissioner Nelson moved to approve Minutes of the June 23, 2020 meeting. With no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioner Nelson moved to approve the vouchers and ACH transfers as set forth in the agenda for a total consideration of \$2,043,625.55. With no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous roll call vote.

LOCAL 3390 REPORTS

VOLUNTEER REPORTS

Chairman Sutich thanked Larry Rucker for his nearly 20 years of volunteer service with Gig Harbor Fire.

CHIEFS REPORTS

Chief Burgess gave a brief COVID19 update.

Chief Meyer reported a District employee sustained significant injuries in an off-duty mountain biking accident resulting in hospitalization in Bend, Oregon. Local 3390 has agreed to reimburse the District for use of an aid unit to transport the employee from Bend, Oregon back

to Gig Harbor. They hope to have him home in the next day or two, when he is ready to be released from the hospital.

Chief Meyer reported three employees are deployed to Eastern Washington near Wenatchee for a wildland fire, hopefully coming home in the next day or two.

Chief Meyer reported regarding an urban interface wildland fire in the Shawnee Hills neighborhood.

Chief Burgess reported the District is scheduled to meet with Local 3390 regarding negotiating a contract extension and that negotiations are going well.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

OLD BUSINESS

A. Contract for Architectural Services – Capital Facilities Plan. Chief Watson presented the agreement for approval indicating it had been reviewed and approved by legal counsel. After a brief discussion, Chairman Sutich moved to approve the Contract. With no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous roll call vote.

B. Fire Chief hiring Process. Chairman Sutich moved to use the Prothman Company for executive search services and direct Chief Burgess to execute a contract to move forward. After a brief discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 2020 Fire Protection Services Contract with Pierce County. Chief Bjurstrom indicated this is an annual contract, the only difference this year is that the Purdy Transfer Station was added increasing the value from \$19,634 to \$22,593. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Entze moved to approve the 2020 Fire Protection Services Contract as presented. The **MOTION CARRIED** by roll call vote as follows: Entze, yes. Nelson, abstain. Sutich, yes. Urvina, yes. Wilsie, yes.

B. Contract for Architectural Services – Stations 58/59 Pre-Design. Chief Watson presented a draft agreement with Rice Fergus Miller for architectural pre-design work at Stations 58 and 59. After a lengthy discussion, Chairman Sutich moved to table the agreement to a future date. The **MOTION REJECTED** by roll call vote as follows: Sutich, yes. Entze, no. Nelson, no. Urvina, no. Wilsie, yes. Commissioner Nelson moved to engage in the contract for Architectural services but was ruled out of order. The agreement will be brought for consideration again at the July 28, 2020 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

GOOD OF THE ORDER


SPECIAL INTERESTS/UPCOMING EVENTS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Sutich adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.
The next meeting will be 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2020.



Thomas A Sutich (Jul 29, 2020 14:35 PDT)

Chairman Commissioner


Bryce Nelson (Jul 29, 2020 10:44 PDT)
Commissioner



Kevin L. Entze (Jul 29, 2020 16:35 PDT)
Commissioner



Joe Urzina (Jul 29, 2020 09:51 PDT)
Commissioner

Commissioner



John E. Burgess (Jul 29, 2020 10:37 PDT)
Attest: District Secretary