



Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

December 8, 2020

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

COMMISSIONER ABSENCE

COMMUNICATIONS

MINUTES AND BLANKET VOUCHERS

Commissioner Entze moved to approve Minutes of the November 24, 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 \$1,941,019.13. With no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous roll call vote.

2021 ELECTIONS AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Chairman Sutich moved to elect Alex Wilsie to serve as Chairman of the Board beginning January 2021. With no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous roll call vote. Commissioner Wilsie moved to elect Commissioner Sutich to serve as Vice Chairman of the Board beginning January 2021. With no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous roll call vote. Chairman Sutich brought for discussion 2021 committee assignments. After a brief discussion, the topic was tabled until the January 12, 2020 meeting.

LOCAL 3390 REPORTS

VOLUNTEER REPORTS

CHIEFS REPORTS

Chief John Johnson gave a brief COVID19 update.

Chief John Johnson reported regarding relocating the Prevention Division to Station 55 in February 2021.

Chief Bjurstrom reported regarding the current hiring processes for firefighters and an administrative assistant.

Chief Burgess reported his plans to permanently fill a Battalion Chief position and Division Chief of Logistics position effective January 1, 2021.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Nelson reported that capital facilities planning meetings are ongoing.

Chairman Sutich reported the Audit Committee has an opening interview with the State Auditor scheduled for Wednesday, December 16, 2020.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Personal Services Contract – Assistant Chief John Johnson. Chief Burgess reported that John Johnson is doing a great job in his temporary assignment as Assistant Chief and recommended the District enter into a Personal Services Contract making the assignment permanent. Commissioners Nelson and Entze moved and seconded to approve the Personal Services Contract as presented. With no further discussion the **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous roll call vote.
- b. Resolution 2020-18. Chief Bjurstrom requested the Board authorize moving \$900,000 from the Expense Fund to the Reserve Fund. \$400,000 was a budgeted transfer of GEMT monies and another \$500,000 is for capital facilities planning reserves. Commissioners Wilsie and Entze moved and seconded a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. With no further discussion the **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Sutich announced a 60-minute executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the qualifications of applicants for public employment. It will be a one-hour executive session; the Board will return to regular session at 6:25pm. At 6:25pm Chairman Sutich called the meeting back into regular session.

PROTHMAN FIRE CHIEF SEARCH REPORT

Chairman Sutich proposed the Board decide how many candidates for the position of Fire Chief move forward. After much discussion, Commissioner Nelson moved and Commissioner Entze seconded a motion to adopt Prothman's recommendations as to candidates Prothman recommend not move forward in the hiring process. After a brief discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioner Wilsie moved to accept the six candidates recommended by Prothman to move forward in the process as finalists. After much discussion, Commissioner Wilsie withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Nelson moved to advance Dan Bjurstrom forward as a candidate for fire chief. Commissioner Entze seconded the motion. With no further discussion the **MOTION CARRIED**

by unanimous roll call vote.

Chairman Sutich moved to advance Todd Meyer forward as a candidate for fire chief. Commissioner Urvina seconded the motion. With no further discussion the **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioner Nelson moved to advance Dennis Doan forward as a candidate for fire chief. After a brief discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED**, with Commissioner Sutich being the sole no vote.

Chairman Sutich asked if there were any other motions to advance additional candidates. Hearing none, Chairman Sutich confirmed there were three candidates moving forward to panel interviews for the fire chief position. Discussion followed regarding the hiring process. Several members of the Board thanked Mark Risen and the Prothman company for the information presented to the Board during executive session.

DECEMBER 22, 2020 MEETING

Chairman Sutich brought for discussion whether to keep or cancel the December 22, 2020 Board meeting. After a brief discussion, it was agreed the meeting would not be canceled.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Johnny Hargroves, a resident of Gig Harbor provided some thoughts and suggestions for Zoom meetings.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

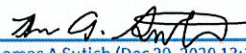
SPECIAL INTERESTS/UPCOMING EVENTS


Chairman Sutich reminded everyone present the County Chiefs and Commissioners are meeting December 10th at 6:00pm.

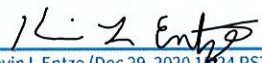
Chief Meyer reminded everyone regarding Santa Runs on December 9 and 11 to collect food and toy donations for the FISH food bank.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Sutich adjourned the meeting at 7:17pm. The next meeting will be 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 22, 2020.



Thomas A Sutich (Dec 29, 2020 13:12 PST)
Chairman/Commissioner


Bryce Nelson (Dec 30, 2020 12:36 PST)
Commissioner


Kevin L. Entze (Dec 29, 2020 12:24 PST)
Commissioner


Alex Wilsie (Jan 8, 2021 08:25 PST)

Commissioner


Joe Urvina (Dec 29, 2020 11:04 PST)

Commissioner

John E. Burgess
John E. Burgess (Jan 4, 2021 10:58 PST)

Attest: District Secretary