

# Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One

## **COMMISSIONERS' SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES** January 20, 2021

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

Present: Commissioners Sutich, Nelson, Entze, Wilsie and Urvina, Fire Chief John Burgess, Executive Assistant Taunja VanderVaate and numerous members of the public and District employees.

## PURPOSE OF MEETING

Chairman Wilsie explained to everyone attending the purpose of this meeting is to gather public input regarding the January 15, 2021 fire chief candidate interviews. Chairman Wilsie instructed the meeting attendees if they wished to speak to please use the "raise hand" feature and they would be moved into the meeting to speak.

### **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ray Shjerven, a Gig Harbor resident, voiced his support of candidate Dennis Doan.

Local 3390 President Jake Flick thanked the Board for creating this special meeting to hear feedback and also thanked the candidates for their participation in the process. President Flick, on behalf of Local 3390, voiced the nearly unanimous support of candidate Dennis Doan.

Todd Williams, a Gig Harbor resident, voiced his support of candidate Dennis Doan.

Monet (Robert Wiles), a Gig Harbor resident, voiced her support of candidate Dennis Doan.

Keith Davies, a Gig Harbor resident, former Gig Harbor Fire employee and volunteer and current Fire Commissioner for Key Peninsula Fire, voiced his support of candidate Dennis Doan.

Craig Conrad, a Gig Harbor resident, voiced his support of candidate Dennis Doan.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 5:18pm, Chairman Wilsie announced, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), a 22 minute executive session. At 5:42pm Chairman Wilsie called the meeting back to regular session and opened the floor to comment by the Commissioners.

Commissioner Sutich expressed his appreciation to all three candidates for their participation, President Flick, the other Commissioners and administrative staff for their part in keeping the process on track.

Commissioner Nelson thanked all three finalists. Commissioner Nelson also thanked Chief Burgess commenting the high quality of the two internal candidates was due to his leadership and the internal candidates represented the District well.

Commissioner Entze commented he has been a member of the Board for 21 years, the last 10 being some of the best. He feels good about where we are going and feels positive about the District's future and thanked Chief Burgess.

Commissioner Urvina thanked the three candidates, noting the challenging conditions of conducting the process during a pandemic using remote technology and thanked all the District staff behind the scenes who make it work.

Chairman Wilsie thanked Prothman, and Mark Risen, for leading the District through this recruiting process and expressed his appreciation to the final three candidates. Chairman Wilsie also thanked District staff, members of the community and Local 3390 for their involvement and participation in the process and opened the floor to entertain any motions.

Commissioners Nelson and Entze moved and seconded that the District extend a conditional offer of employment to Dennis Doan. With no further discussion, the MOTION CARRIED by unanimous roll call vote.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Wilsie adjourned the meeting at 5:495pm. The next regular meeting will be 5:00pm on Tuesday, January 26, 2021.

Alex Wilsie (Jan 28, 2021 12:55 PST)

Chairman/Commissioner

Ma AND Thomas A Sutich (Jan 27

Commissioner

Kevin L Entze (Jan 27, 2022 17:54 PST)

Commissioner

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Bryce Nelson (Jan 27, 2021 18:11 PST)

Commissioner

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E. Burgess (Jan 27, 2021 14:06 ST)

Attest: District Secretary