



Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

January 26, 2021

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

Present: Commissioners Wilsie, Sutich, Entze, Nelson and Urvina, F/Chief John Burgess and EA T. VanderVaate.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Sutich 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 January 12, 15 and 20, 2021 meetings. After a brief discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioner Nelson moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as set forth in the agenda for a total consideration of \$297,914.10. With no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous roll call vote.

LOCAL 3390 REPORTS

VOLUNTEER REPORTS

CHIEFS REPORTS

Chief John Johnson gave a brief update regarding current COVID19 numbers and vaccine distribution information. The percentage of positive cases is slowly declining. A brief discussion followed regarding vaccine appointments and information. Anyone interested in receiving the vaccine should look to the Pierce County Department of Health website for the most accurate information.

Chief Todd Meyer reported the State of Washington has stood up three Incident Command Teams (one Type 1 and two Type 3) to assist with distribution of vaccines. Norby Johnson has been deployed as an Operations Section Chief for up to two weeks to assist in Chelan/Douglas County.

Chief Burgess reported regarding firefighter hiring. Today was the conclusion of seven days of

interviews. The District has extended 11 verbal offers of employment to 7 entry level and 4 lateral candidates who have accepted the verbal offers and will begin our onboarding process. Names of candidates will be released later in the hiring process.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Fire Chief Hiring Update. Chairman Wilsie shared that fire chief candidate Dennis Doan has accepted the District's conditional offer of employment and will continue through the onboarding process. Chairman Wilsie and Commissioner Entze will be negotiating an employment contract with Prothman Company and Dennis Doan.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Johnny Hargroves, a resident of Gig Harbor, thanked everyone for their work on the fire chief hiring process.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chairman Nelson asked a question regarding COVID19 vaccine phases. A brief discussion followed.

Chief Burgess thanked the Prevention Division (Division Chief Eric Waters and PIO Tina Curran) and Executive Assistant Taunja VanderVaate for their work in transitioning the Board meetings from Zoom meetings to the Zoom webinar format, saying he likes the webinar format much better. Chairman Wilsie also voiced his appreciation for the work District staff put into the transition and hopes the audience appreciates the new format as well.

SPECIAL INTERESTS/UPCOMING EVENTS


January 28, 2021 at 7:00 pm – Pierce County Fire Commissioners' Association Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

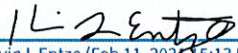
There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Wilsie adjourned the meeting at 5:18pm. The next meeting will be 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2021.



Alex Wilsie (Feb 11, 2021 14:08 PST)
Chairman/Commissioner



Thomas A Sutich (Feb 11, 2021 16:28 PST)
Commissioner



Kevin L Entze (Feb 11, 2021 15:13 PST)
Commissioner

Bryce Nelson
Bryce Nelson (Feb 11, 2021 18:16 PST)
Commissioner

Joe Urzina
Joe Urzina (Feb 19, 2021 14:27 PST)
Commissioner

John E. Burgess
John E. Burgess (Feb 11, 2021 10:45 PST)
Attest: District Secretary