

Commissioners' Meeting

September 10, 2012

Chairman Sutich called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Present were: Commissioners Casebolt, Entze, Stephens and Jarmon, Chief Burgess, A/Chiefs Watson & Nixon, B/Chief Pearson, D/Chiefs Lyon & Waters, L. Abbott, J. Brenner, N. Tatom, Local 3390 Representatives, Shift Personnel, K. Kreitzer, Mr. VanDoran representing Raft Island HOA.

Our flag salute was led by Tom Sutich.

No communications were received.

Commissioners Casebolt and Jarmon moved and seconded approval of the minutes from the August 27, 2012 meeting as mailed. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Commissioners Entze and Casebolt moved and seconded a motion to approve Blanket Vouchers 122075 - 122145 in the amount of \$169,973.11 and Payroll Vouchers 122146 - 122254 in the amount of \$1,225,022.95 for a total consideration of \$1,394,996.06. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Chief Burgess updated the Board on the following:

- Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One is holding a "Volunteer Orientation" at 7:00 pm this evening at Headquarters Station 50. This orientation is being managed by Assistant Chief Steve Nixon. The number of volunteers responding from home has dwindled over the years so the department is expanding their program. This new level of recruitment will be supporting the department and its many missions in two general areas; Firefighter Roles: Resident Volunteer and Volunteers, and Support Roles: Operations, Prevention, and Training Division Volunteers.
- L. Abbott briefed the Board on the 2013 Budget process and the current status of figures entered so far. We are waiting to receive the preliminary tax numbers from Pierce County by mid-September. Two members from the State Auditor's Office arrived this morning for the ARRA FEMA Grant audit and the regular bi-annual audit. Both are underway with a target completion date of September 30, 2012. She also informed the Board that the final draw on the ARRA FEMA Grant was requested last week.

- Insurance Co-op meeting will be held at 9 am on Wednesday, September 12th at West Pierce Fire & Rescue Headquarters #31. Along with Chief Burgess and L. Abbott, Commissioners Sutich will also be attending this meeting.
- FireComm Budget meeting will be held at 6 pm on Thursday, September 14th. Chief Burgess and Commissioner Casebolt will be attending this meeting.

Assistant Chief Watson updated the Board on the following:

- Wildland Fires in Eastern Washington has grown to 110. State Mobilization Deployment called out last Friday night for additional firefighters. Seven of our members were deployed to the Wenatchee and Grand Coulee Dam areas and one member to Mt. Adams. DNR and the State have called for more tenders for deployment but are finding a lack of red-card members available to man tenders.

No Standing Committee Reports were introduced.

Old Business

Assistant Chief Watson presented the Board with the Interlocal Agreement between Pierce County Fire District No. 5 and the City of Gig Harbor for the purpose of providing Fire Inspection Services within the City. Copies of the agreement were provided to the Board for their review. Legal Counsel has reviewed the agreement. The City has budgeted sufficient funds to pay PCFD #5 for such services rendered of \$50,000 annually from January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2015. Chief Burgess recommended the Board sign the agreement as presented. Commissioners Casebolt and Stephens moved and seconded a motion to approve the signing of the Interlocal Agreement between Pierce County Fire District No. 5 and the City of Gig Harbor for Fire Inspection Services as presented. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Assistant Chief Watson presented the Board with the Interlocal Agreement between Pierce County Fire Districts #5 and #16 for the purpose of supporting the Peninsula School District's Public Education Services on the elementary school level. Copies of the agreement were provided to the Board for their review. Legal counsel has reviewed this agreement. District #16 has budgeted sufficient funds to pay PCFD #5 for such services rendered from September 2012 through September 2013. A/Chief Watson recommended the Board sign the agreement as presented. Commissioners Stephens and Entze moved and seconded a motion to approve the signing of the Interlocal Agreement between Pierce County Fire Districts #5 and #16 for Public Education Services as presented. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Commissioner Sutich addressed the Board regarding DRAFT Resolution 2012-12 A-2285 Emergency Access Policy and the Fire Department Emergency Access Policy Press Release which was sent out to the local media on September 4, 2012. Copies of the DRAFT Resolution 2012-12, A-2285 Emergency Access Policy and the Press Release

were provided to the Board for their review. It is the request from Chairman Sutich to take citizen input over the next several Board meetings. The members of the Board concurred so that the word can have a chance to get out to the citizens so that they can address the Board therefore delaying the adoption of the policy until October, 2012. A/Chief Watson and D/Chief Waters will be attending the Raft Island Community meeting this evening. He then extended Open Public comment on this issue.

Doug VanDoran from Raft Island introduced himself to the Board. He asked if the policy, if adopted, would there be different engineering requirements other than what is currently being conducted. D/Chief Waters addressed his concerns. Specifically the per axle weight load will be provided by the fire service to the engineers inspecting the bridges. If the policy is adopted, the bridges must structurally meet or exceed the weight load of our apparatus or these vehicles will not cross. If other department vehicles do meet these limits, they will be allowed to cross. He asked for assurance that any future department vehicles continue to comply with their weight load limitations. Currently District vehicles are purchased under State and Federal regulations. Chief Burgess stated that he feels that if the Raft Island Bridge is built to today's standards, it is a good probability that our new vehicles would comply in the foreseeable future. Some open discussion continued between Mr. VanDoran and Chief Burgess expanding on their concerns.

New Business

There was no New Business to introduce.

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Chairman Sutich announced the signing of documents.

The First Annual Gig Harbor 9/11 Memorial Flag Football Game "Bravest vs. Finest" was held on Saturday, September 8th. All proceeds go to the Gig Harbor 9/11 Memorial Fund.

Special Interests/Upcoming Events

- Tacoma Fire Department Honor Guard *9/11 Remembrance Ceremony* will be held on September 11th at 9:15 am on Ruston Way.
- GHFMO Crunch Time event will be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 15th and 16th.
- PCFD#5 is hosting the Pierce County Fire Commissioners Association Meeting at 7:00 pm on Thursday, September 27th at Headquarters Station 50.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioners Entze and Casebolt moved and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:43 p.m. No further business was introduced and the motion carried. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held September 24, 2012 at 3:00 PM.

Attest: District Secretary

Chairman Commissioner

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