

Commissioners' Meeting

January 10, 2017

Chairman Duncan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present were: Commissioners Sutich, Smith, Nelson & Entze, A/Chiefs Bjurstrom, Watson & Nixon, D. Weyn, D/Chief Waters, B/Chiefs Meyer & Kauppila, Local 3390 President R. Wasmund, Lt. N. Langlow, J. Huscroft, E. Beck, Mayor J. Guernsey, Central Pierce IT D. Travis, K. Kreitzer

Our flag salute was led by Chairman Duncan.

A moment of silence was observed by the attendees in honor of retired Fire Commissioner Bill Jarmon.

Elections were held to select the Chair and Vice-Chair for 2017. Commissioners Sutich and Nelson moved and seconded a motion nominating Scott Duncan as Chairman. Commissioners Smith and Duncan moved and seconded a motion nominating Bryce Nelson as Vice-Chairman. With no further discussion, the motions carried by roll call vote.

Gig Harbor Mayor Jill Guernsey updated the Board on the Sprinkler Ordinance. Due to lack of support by the City Council, the ordinance does not appear to have the votes to pass in its current form. The Mayor encouraged the District to look for ways to make incremental progress. Chief Burgess thanked the Mayor and City Manager Ron Williams for keeping the District updated.

A letter was received from the Kuriatnyk family thanking the District for our presence at their son's memorial service.

There were no changes to the Agenda.

Commissioners Entze and Nelson moved and seconded approval of the minutes from the December 13, 2016 Commissioner Meeting as mailed. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Commissioners Nelson and Smith moved and seconded a motion to approve 13th Month Blanket Vouchers 162013-162099 in the amount of \$377,430.33, Blanket Vouchers 170000-170034 in the amount of \$27,915.34 and Payroll Vouchers 170035-170057 in the amount of \$1,265,698.75 for a total consideration of \$1,670,698.75. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

D. Weyn updated the Board on the following:

- The State Auditor wrapped up their on-site process on December 19, 2016 no significant issues are expected. The final exit interview will take place later this month.

- Personal Financial Disclosures for the Commissioners will be required for 2017. They do not have to be submitted until April 15, 2017. Reporting information was placed in the Commissioners' packets.

Chief Burgess updated the Board on the following:

- We currently have five conditional offers out in our hiring process.
- Chief Burgess has been asked to speak at retired Commissioner Bill Jarmon's memorial service and District participation has been requested. The date is TBA.
- Final Assessed Values have been received from the County. There was a slight (\$15,000) decrease, but Pierce County confirmed there would be no additional paperwork needed and the minor decrease this year is common for fire districts.

Standing Committee Reports

Commissioner Smith has spoken with Shellie Klink of Enduris and will be participating in a conference call set for tomorrow to continue discussion of insurance options. The findings will be presented at the next Commissioner's Meeting. Chief Burgess will contact the Insurance Committee to set a date to discuss medical coverage for the support staff.

Commissioner Sutich updated the Board on a possible training center. It was suggested that the district obtain a \$2,000,000 loan to construct a training tower, reducing the amount of time spent in North Bend. Chairman Duncan suggested a feasibility study.

Old Business

Chief Burgess updated the Board on the Strategic Plan. The Plan will be presented to the Board at the February 28 Commissioners Meeting. A workshop will be put together for a half-day in March.

New Business

A/Chief Watson received a Survey and Ratings request at the end of December. He is working on gathering some preliminary information. The last survey was done six years ago, and the District's current rating is a 4 in the City and a 5 in the County. Chairman Duncan asked if it would have positively affected our rating if the Sprinkler Ordinance had gone through. A/Chief Waters responded that fire suppression is a relatively small percentage of the consideration and that they are typically looking at community numbers and water supply.

A/Chief Watson provided an update regarding the District's IT Contract with Central Pierce. The 6-month contract began in July and ends in January. Chief Watson presented a new 12-month contract. The contract remains virtually unchanged with minor updates to the escape clause. Central Pierce has provided an excellent partnership and has worked very hard to bring our system up to a current standard. A/Chief Watson recommended that the Board approve the contract as presented. Commissioners Entze and Nelson moved and seconded a motion to approve the inter-local agreement. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

District #5 Member Comment

There was no District #5 Member Comment.

Good of the Order

Commissioners Smith and Sutich attended the Pierce County Commissioner’s Association Meeting in November where Smith worked with the Insurance and Technology Committee.

Local 3390 President R. Wasmund announced that most of the E-Board will be in Anaheim for training on January 24 and will have to miss the planned Promotional Ceremony, but they send their congratulations.

Derek Hansen has started the position of Firefighter/Paramedic after attending classes for the last year; he is under the supervision of FF/PM Mike Dumas.

Commissioner Nelson informed the Board that he will be absent for the first Commissioner’s Meeting in February.

Chairman Duncan announced the signing of documents.

Special Interests/Upcoming Events

The next Commissioner’s Meeting will include the Promotional Ceremony of Dan Bjurstrom to the position of Assistant Chief and Geoff North to the position of Lieutenant. In addition the 2016 recruit class will be recognized for the completion of their probationary year.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Duncan adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m. No further business was introduced and the motion carried. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Attest: District Secretary

Chairman Commissioner

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