

Commissioners' Meeting

October 11, 2016

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

Present were: Commissioners Sutich, Smith, Nelson & Entze, A/Chiefs Watson & Bjurstrom, B/Chief Meyer, N. Tatom, Lt. Langlow, Volunteer Huscroft, D. Weyn & E. Beck

A/Chief Nixon had an excused absence.

Our flag salute was led by Chairman Duncan.

There were no Communications.

Commissioners Sutich and Entze moved and seconded approval of the minutes from the September 27, 2016 Commissioner Meeting as mailed. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Commissioners Nelson and Smith moved and seconded a motion to approve Blanket Vouchers 161476-161562 in the amount of \$380,551.87 and payroll vouchers 161563-161585 in the amount of \$1,215,431.80 for a total consideration of \$1,595,983.67. A/Chief Watson advised the Board that voucher 161551 for \$242.78 is payable to V-Wave Supply, which is a District #5 employee owned company. Commissioner Nelson amended the motion to approve all vouchers except 161551, per policy, and Commissioner Smith seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried. Commissioners Nelson and Smith moved and seconded a motion to approve 161551 in the amount of \$242.78. With no further discussion, the motion carried. It was recommended that in future, vouchers to be separately acknowledged be listed on the agenda as a separate line item and not included in the blanket vouchers.

There were no changes to the Agenda.

Chief's Report

A/Chief Watson updated the Board on the following:

- The 9/11 Memorial is moving forward. Compromised plans were approved by A/Chief Nixon and D. Togstad. It was found to be the only feasible plan as conduits and underground lines were uncovered under the plan site. There will be a scheduled work party in the near future to construct the walls. D. Togstad and N. Tatom have been acquiring building materials at-cost from local vendors. Walls, flat work, and ramps for ADA accessibility still need to be completed.

A/C Bjurstrom updated the Board on the following:

- A draft version of the Strategic Plan will be completed by the next Board meeting date. He opened it up to the Board if they wanted to include a statement for the Plan presentation.
- The AFG Grant period opened today, October 11, 2016, and we will be working through proposals for extrication equipment and a training tower.
- Commissioner Entze asked if A/Chief Bjurstrom had viewed the GHPD recruitment video posted online as a possible model for a District #5 employment recruitment video. A/Chief Bjurstrom and Chief Burgess stated that they would watch the video for future consideration.

Standing Committee Reports

There were no Standing Committee Reports.

Old Business

- Chief Burgess presented the second draft of the 2017 Budget. Two versions of the Budget were provided; one that includes the passing of the EMS Lid-lift Measure, and one that does not. A third draft and Revenue Hearing will be presented at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.
- Chief Burgess provided the Board with an update for the Combined Communication Network (CCN). He presented a letter to the Board drafted by the County Fire Chiefs Association regarding concerns over plans to increase fees as much as 28%. A "Ten Point" Plan approved by the Policy Board, would provide future fee security for all System users. Discussion followed.
- A/Chief Watson provided the Board with an update on the underground storage tanks to be installed at Station 51. Currently we have received three statements of qualification, two from Tacoma companies and one from a Seattle based company. It is an ongoing process and he will keep the Board updated as developments arise.
- A/Chief Bjurstrom provided the Board with an update regarding the City's proposed sprinkler ordinance. Commissioners Duncan and Sutich attended the last Gig Harbor City Council meeting at which there were approximately eight speakers against the sprinkler ordinance and one individual speaking "for" the measure. Opposition to the ordinance included the cost, how it would affect their business, and the fact that there have been no fire deaths within the city. There was no follow-up presentation given by the District, as we were instructed to only do so if there was new information to convey. The second read of the draft will be held at the council meeting on October 24th, and will be attended by District representatives. The ordinance is still alive and moving forward. Discussion regarding possible Department incentives followed.

New Business

There was no New Business.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

District #5 Member Comment

There was no District #5 Member Comment.

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Chairman Duncan announced the signing of documents.

Special Interests/Upcoming Events

The Annual Washington State Fire Commissioners Conference will be held in Yakima October 26th – October 30th. Chief Burgess will be attending the Snure Law Seminar during the conference.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Duncan adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m. No further business was introduced and the motion carried. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Attest: District Secretary

Chairman Commissioner

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