

Commissioners' Meeting

August 23, 2016

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

Present were: Commissioners Sutich, Entze, Nelson & Smith, A/Chiefs Watson & Bjurstrom, D. Weyn, D/Chief Waters, B/C Kauppila, R. Wasmund, J. Huscroft, K. Kreitzer, J. Gibbs

Chief Burgess and A/Chief Nixon had excused absences.

Our flag salute was led by Chairman Duncan.

On behalf of the Citizens for Responsible Spending, Citizen Jerry Gibbs presented a \$100.00 check to the "Vote Yes on Proposition #1 Committee". Mr. Gibbs said that the group will be letting the public know that they voted to endorse the EMS Levy Lid-Lift Measure.

Commissioners Entze and Nelson moved and seconded approval of the minutes from the August 9, 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 161249-161298 in the amount of \$52,470.96. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

There were no changes to the Agenda.

A/Chief Watson updated the Board on the following:

- The new medic unit A-17 is nearing completion and will be delivered soon.
- The Idle Reduction pilot program (P.S.C.A.A) has not been renewed, but the District has benefited greatly from this program while it was in place.
- High temperatures and low humidity have contributed to wildland fires on the Eastern side of the state. We have deployed crews to assist with extinguishing those fires. It has been quiet locally, with only a small grass fire. We increased staffing over the weekend as a precautionary measure.

D/Chief Waters updated the Board on the following:

- Attended a Pierce County meeting concerning a proposed ordinance for the sales and discharge of fireworks. The current ordinance allows for sales and discharge from June 28-July 5. The proposed ordinance would allow sales from July 1-July 4 and discharge on July 4 only.
- The District's inspection contract with the city of Gig Harbor will be changed to include inspections of city owned properties in partnership with the City's inspectors.
- A mediation meeting with the City of Gig Harbor, the Master Builders Association and the District will take place on Monday, August 29. The purpose of the meeting is discussion of the proposed ordinance requiring residential sprinklers.

Standing Committee Reports

There were no Standing Committee Reports.

Old Business

Commissioner Duncan informed the Board that we will be moving forward with the process to appoint a Citizen's Advisory Group. Commissioner Sutich will be leading the process and he would like Commissioner Smith to assist, as his business experience would be helpful. This item will be placed on a future Agenda.

New Business

D. Weyn presented the Board with Resolution 2016-14 authorizing the budgeted transfer of reserve funds. \$1,500,000.00 will be moved from the reserve account this month. The funds will be transferred back in November. Commissioners Smith and Nelson moved and seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-14 as presented. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

A/Chief Watson presented the Board with an easement request from Peninsula Light Company (PLC). The easement will allow PLC to replace the existing failing cable that routes underground in back of Station 51. The District will benefit from this process through the installation of conduit for future use by the District. A/Chief Watson recommended that the Board authorize the Fire Chief to sign the Agreement. Commissioners Nelson and Sutich moved and seconded a motion to allow the Fire Chief to sign the Easement Agreement. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Duncan addressed the Board about the future discussion of a permanent Fire Safety Burn Ban. He would like to gather more information and have a discussion at a future meeting.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

District #5 Member Comment

Commissioner Entze commended the Department's actions at a recent Apartment Complex fire where he resides. The fire was contained to one unit and he felt it was an excellent stop.

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Chairman Duncan announced the signing of documents.

Special Interests/Upcoming Events

There was no interest/upcoming events.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Duncan adjourned the meeting at 5:38 p.m. No further business was introduced and the motion carried. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday September 13, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Attest: District Secretary

Chairman Commissioner

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