



# Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One

## COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2023

Chairman Urvina called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and led the flag salute.

Present: Commissioners Urvina, Wilsie (Zoom), Entze, Sutich and Nelson, F/C D. Doan, A/Cs P. Oldenburg, T. Meyer, S. Booth, J. Black, Finance Director K. Hackmeister and EA T. VanderVaate.

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioners Entze and Nelson moved and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. With no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous roll call vote.

### COMMISSIONER ABSENCE

Commissioner Entze indicated he may be virtual or miss the next meeting. Commissioner Nelson indicated he may miss the next meeting.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Peninsula School District regarding active shooter/rescue task force training at Gig Harbor High School in agenda packets.

### MINUTES AND BLANKET VOUCHERS

Commissioners Sutich and Entze moved and seconded approval of the December 13, 2022 meeting minutes. With no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioners Nelson and Entze moved and seconded approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers 198562-198646, Payroll Vouchers 198647-198662, ACH transfers and wire transfer fees as set forth in the agenda for a total consideration of \$2,856,689.78. With no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous roll call vote.

### LOCAL 3390 REPORTS

#### CHIEFS REPORTS

Chief Black:

- Held first meeting with WSRB. The District's last rating was done in 2018, this one will be complete in 2023.
- District has contracted with an IT consultant to evaluate the District's needs.

Chief Booth:

- Has completed onboarding new chaplain, Gary Rudd.

- District has entered into an agreement with Labor & Industries (L&I) for year 2 of 2 of a FIRE program that is aimed at reducing premiums and injuries for workers

Chief Oldenburg:

- Updated the Board regarding end of 2022 budget timeline.
- Finance division conducted training District staff regarding the 2023 budget.
- HR Program Manager hiring – District received approximately 20 applications, two finalists have panel and Chief's interviews this week. District hopes to extend offer of employment before the end of the week.
- District was not selected to receive AFG/SCBA grant funds and will have to look at alternate funding for SCBA replacement, with costs projected to be approximately \$2 million.

Chief Meyer:

- District responded to a total of 7,016 alarms in 2022, a 10% increase over 2021.
- District responded to a residential house fire in the Kopachuck area on December 19. It was a big response for us, with no injuries to homeowners or operations personnel.
- District personnel worked with Penlight and DEM in response to flooding during the a king tide event in Purdy on December 27, 2022.
- District has a new staffing matrix for 2023. Minimum daily staffing is 22 operations personnel – five fire engines, three medic units and a Battalion Chief.
- District participated in multi-agency active shooter training at Peninsula School District in December.
- Central Pierce Fire has had a couple of recent active duty deaths. Our District provided coverage on December 18 and will be providing coverage again on January 14, 2023.

Chief Doan:

- District staff are evaluating the need for a general fire levy lid lift in 2023 and plans to engage with Strategies 360 to assist with the process. District staff will bring a recommendation and proposed plan to the Board in the coming weeks.
- Jody Ferguson, Director of Pierce County Department of Emergency Management (DEM) attended our Command Staff meeting on January 9. District staff plan to engage more with DEM in 2023.
- Attended a Washington Fire Chiefs Legislative Committee meeting and is planning to attend Legislative Day in Olympia on February 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended two recent Pierce County Council meetings. While there visited the First Responder Memorial and saw Eliza Hoover's name now listed.
- Attended a recent Chamber elected official legislative sendoff social.
- Eliza Hoover's mother has contacted us regarding L&I denying the family's claim. Working to help get the decision changed.
- Pierce County Fire Chiefs Association meetings – the association revised their Bylaws and is working to set priorities for 2023 and beyond. The January 5 meeting was the first

- under the new structure and very productive. Discussion followed.
- Shared Command Staff’s draft 2023 priority project list.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

**2022 BOND UPDATE**

Chief Doan advised the Board that Chief Johnson recently met with County building officials regarding training grounds building permits. The meeting went well. Chief Johnson is continuing to evaluate the need for a project manager or consultant to assist the District on bond building projects.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Organizational Chart. Chief Doan advised the Board no action was needed, the revised organizational chart was informational.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

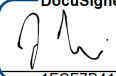
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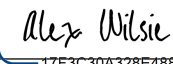
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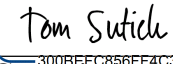
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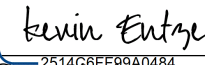
There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Urvina adjourned the meeting at 6:00pm.

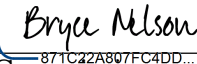
The next regular meeting will be 5:00pm on Tuesday, January 24, 2023.

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