



# Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One

## COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2024

Chairman Urvina called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Commissioners Urvina, Wilsie, Entze, Sutich and Nelson, F/C D. Doan, A/Cs T. Meyer, S. Booth, J. Johnson, J. Black, Finance Director K. Hackmeister (virtual), Human Resources Program Manager J. Gunder and EA T. VanderVaate.

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioners Wilsie and Sutich moved and seconded approval of the agenda as presented. With no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous roll call vote.

### COMMISSIONER ABSENCE

### COMMUNICATIONS

### MINUTES AND BLANKET VOUCHERS

Commissioners Sutich and Nelson moved and seconded approval of the January 23, 2024 meeting minutes. With no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioners Nelson and Wilsie moved and seconded approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers 200681-200784 for a total consideration of \$401,501.05. With no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous roll call vote.

### LOCAL 3390 REPORTS

### CHIEFS REPORTS

Chief Black reported:

- New SCBA equipment has arrived, it has a 15-year life cycle; the Training Division is getting everyone trained and equipment will be deployed at the end of this month;
- Logistics is closing Stations 53 and 57 in preparation for construction

Chief Booth reported:

- Upon rewriting the MACC policy – the stakeholder group decided to pivot and move to create a Department Operations Center Plan; the stakeholder agencies will still coordinate resources and come together to meet the needs of the community; it is hoped to have a plan in place by the end of the second quarter;
- District has a surplus of AEDs, he is working with D/C Dumas to distribute the AEDs to various local agencies and community locations. He is working with the finance division to

ensure compliance with surplus rules and will bring another update to the Board next month.

Chief Meyer reported:

- The District provided support for the Night to Shine event over the weekend;
- There were a couple of fires in the Point Fosdick area that are considered suspicious. Gig Harbor Police Department and the Pierce County Fire Marshall are investigating. Our crews did a great job knocking down the fire quickly;
- District will be conducting active shooter training at Oceans 5. He will be meeting on March 21 with leaders from participating agencies to discuss unified command and some of the command concepts;
- With Stations 53/57 we will be moving apparatus and people; the intention during the time those stations are closed will be to prioritize putting either an Aid Unit or Medic Unit in service depending on available staffing;
- Our seven new lateral employees started yesterday – there are 6 firefighter/paramedics and one firefighter/EMT;
- FEMA approached us and other agencies asking for two or three additional members for the USAR Task Force. We will be conducting an internal process for one hazmat technician and possibly two rescue specialists;
- District has two upcoming lieutenant retirements, Jake Flick and Tony Carr have been selected to promote when those vacancies open.
- He injured himself off-duty and is currently on modified duty and will be having surgery on March 1.

Chief Doan reported:

- The District will no longer be letting Peninsula School District use the Fox Island fire station as a bus stop; with upcoming construction, the entire property will be fenced off and the stop had to be relocated. Some area residents are frustrated;
- He met with Katrina Knutsen at the City of Gig Harbor to talk about TIFs and the current legislation. It does not look like the City is looking at TIFs.
- He sits on the Washington Fire Chiefs Legislative Committee and reported on a few of the bills being supported.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

#### **2022 CAPITAL BOND PROJECTS UPDATE**

Chief Johnson reported updates regarding the Training Campus and Stations 53, 57, 51, and 50 projects.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

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### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. County Radio System Access Fees. Chief Doan advised the Board he forwarded them all a letter the County Fire Chiefs Association sent to Pierce County regarding the 300% increase in radio subscriber fees. He requested discussion if there were any questions or concerns with the direction the County Chiefs were taking the matter. No discussion followed.
- B. Station 53/57 Bid Award. Chief Johnson presented the Board with the bid results for the Station 53/57 projects and requested the bid be awarded to the lowest bidder, BFC Construction in the amount of \$2,203,000. Commissioners Sutich and Nelson moved and seconded approval of awarding the bid to BFC Construction. With no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous roll call vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**SPECIAL INTERESTS/UPCOMING EVENTS**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 5:26 pm, Chairman Urvina announced a 60-minute executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) indicating the meeting would be called back to regular session at 6:26 pm. A 6:26 pm Chairman Urvina called the meeting back to regular session,

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Urvina adjourned the meeting at 6:26 pm. The next regular meeting will be 5:00 pm on Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

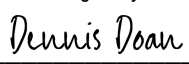
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