



KING COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #28

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016 – 5:30PM

KCFD #28 STATION 41 – HEADQUARTERS

Attendance: Stan McCall, Commissioner; Angie Stubblefield, Commissioner; Dave Hannity, Commissioner; Rand Fehr, Fire Chief; Ashley Van Dam, District Secretary; Mike Reynolds, Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER

-Commissioner McCall called meeting to order at 5:30pm.

2. FLAG SALUTE

-Led by Chief Fehr

3. AGENDA AMENDMENTS

-None

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

-PSERN task force newsletter, commissioner McCall gives summary of project to public and timeline.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. Special Meeting December 14, 2015

-Commissioner Stubblefield has asked to amend the meeting minutes related to the request for an executive session on a contiguous issues and where Attorney Reynolds persuade the Board from having an Executive Session on a litigious issue.

-Commissioner Hannity asked Commissioner Stubblefield what her intent is with Attorney Reynolds. She clarified that she thinks we need look for a new attorney who doesn't represent both the City and Fire District and is a Fire Attorney and know fire law.

-Commissioner Hannity asked Chief Fehr where we are on the ILA with the City of Enumclaw. Chief Fehr comments that the letter has been delivered to City and that he met with the City Administrator. The City is interested in working on new contracts, no dates have been set. Chief encourages to not wait too long. Commissioner Stubblefield comments on the need for a new attorney beforehand. McCall mentions that Attorney Reynolds was supportive of writing the letter to get out of contract for 2017.

-Not approved, add to January 20th agenda.

6. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. FINANCIAL REPORT

1) Approval of Vouchers

KCFD28 EXPENSE – Vouchers 01001-01041 \$110,155.05

-Motioned to approve by Hannity, seconded by Stubblefield, unanimously approved.

2) Cash Balances – As of 1/6/2016

KCFD28 EXPENSE - \$479,950.02

KCFD28 SPECIAL RESCUE - \$33,486.53

7. MEETINGS

A. Next Regular Meeting – Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 6:00pm City Hall

B. Next Special Meeting – Monday, January 25, 2016 at 5:30pm Station 41 (Headquarters)

C. February Regular Meeting, Wednesday, February 17, 2016 – Cancelled

1) Reschedule Date

-Reschedule for February 24, 2016 at 6:00pm and City Hall Council Chambers

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

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-Amy T. introduces herself as applicant for fire commissioner position

-Terri E. introduces herself as applicant for fire commissioner position, asked question "What is driving need for two more positions?" Commissioner McCall responds, to help fire department oversee finances, can't communicate because of open public meeting act. Most boards have five, cannot communicate with one another with less than five board members. Attorney Reynolds describes what a quorum is.

-Tony Mills introduces himself as applicant for fire commissioner position.

-Mr. Qualls requests public comments to be added after New Business as well.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Levy Lid Lift

-Commissioner Stubblefield express opinions and experiences since she has become a commissioner, the needs for a levy lid lift and what might happen if one does not pass. Indicates we have to pass one in order to provide current level of services and to plan for the future with maintaining and replacing the District's vehicles and equipment. Discusses points such as, amount of money the District had been spending compared to the money the District is spending now; reduction in overtime pay; transportation revenue and transporting to nearest hospital to increase unit availability; number of concurrent call the district is receiving and the effect failing a levy would have on calls two and three; the fact that there is no additional dollars out there and the \$650k needed for capital that we should have in savings that we don't (there is no money for SCBAs replacement which is mandatory, bunker gear, apparatus replacement etc) the problem is just going to compound the more years we put it off without creating a reserve fund; the effect of increased insurance if we don't replace aging fleet; and comments that she sees the District losing three personnel if levy is failed.

-Commissioner McCall expresses his support of the levy increase and the needs of the department. He discusses staffing levels, current level of service is really good, can't count on volunteers completely to provide level of service that the community expects; SCBAs and need to replace them because they have expiration dates; Apparatus replacement, insurance rates go up if don't replace when due; the compounding effect that will happen if we don't start putting away reserves for equipment replacement; the District is taxing at lower rate than any other District around us and we need to catch up.

-Commissioner Stubblefield discusses the timeline and the need for it to be on the April ballot. It takes a whole year before District will receive money, if fails in April run in November during regular election. Need committees put together quickly, devastating consequences if we don't pass in April. District and Board has done all the things we need to to get the public's trust back. We can't go after people because we don't like what they make, need to accept the going rate and make sure we are on the same level as everyone else.

-Chief Fehr comments on if it's on the November ballot, the monies will not be received until April of 2018.

-Chief Fehr comments on the reason the District needs to be at \$1.50 and the votes needed in order to pass the levy lid lift, simple majority.

-Commissioner Hannity indicates he will support a motion to put it on April's ballot.

-Commissioner Stubblefield makes a motion for a resolution, Commissioner Hannity seconds, unanimously approved to make a resolution.

-Commissioner Hannity talks about the local involvement for it, Commissioner Stubblefield talks about not having department personnel apart of it, Commissioner McCall talks about it being a business issue.

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-Mr. Qualls comments on how it's difficult to give support with grievance monies and early retirement packages being paid out, etc. Also comments on how he wants to move on from the past issues and move forward. Mr. Qualls also comments the failure of the last levy and the brochure stating that taxes would not be increased and comments on the need for the District to sell the property.

-Commissioner Hannity comments on property and reason for investment

-Mr DeVol comments on value of property

-Commissioner McCall comments that we need to focus on where we are now and not the past.

11. OLD BUSINESS

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. RCW 42.30.110(1) (g) To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.

1) Review of Commissioner Applications

-Attorney Comments on Executive Session, called at 6:38pm for 20 mins

-Reconvened at 7:02pm

-Fire Chief and Secretary will communicate with candidates, all 9 will be interviewed at next meeting on January 20th at 6:00pm at City Hall Council Chambers

13. ADJOURNMENT

-Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Hannity, Seconded by Commissioner Stubblefield. All in favor.

Adjourned at 7:04pm

Approved by:



Stan McCall, Chair



Ashley Van Dam, District Secretary