

NORTH HIGHLINE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS MEETING



June 27, 2022

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the regular North Highline Fire District Fire Commissioners' Meeting for June was called to order via GoToMeeting (virtual online meeting) at 6:00 PM by Commissioner Liz Giba with Commissioner Julie Hiatt and Commissioner Dominic Barrera participating. Also attending via GoToMeeting were Chief Mike Marrs, Assistant Chief Wayne Metz, Assistant Chief Ray Desmarais, and Shauna Sheppard.

Chief Marrs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Hiatt moved to accept the updated meeting agenda as presented. Commissioner Barrera seconded. Motion carried (3-0).

Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Hiatt moved to accept the minutes of the April 25th, 2022 and May 23rd, 2022 regular meetings as presented. Commissioner Barrera seconded. Motion carried (3-0).

Accounts Payable

Commissioner Hiatt moved to approve the June accounts payable vouchers as follows:

- 22060101 to 22060101 in the amount of \$7.49 – L & I Payroll
- 22060201 to 22060203 in the amount of \$824.60– 2nd Qtr. Commissioner Payroll/Taxes
- 22060301 to 22060311 in the amount of \$426,784.79 - (June month-end vouchers)

Commissioner Barrera seconded. Motion carried (3-0).

Correspondence

- Chief Marrs provided the Commissioners with a copy of his letter to the Local Services Committee of the King County Council regarding the District's concerns about Executive Constantine's proposed North Highline Subarea Plan. Commissioner Giba thanked him for his effort. A copy of the letter is on file with the meeting minutes.

Public Comment

- None

Commissioners' Report

- Commissioner Hiatt is planning to go on a 4th of July Ride-Along. Commissioner Giba asked about fireworks activity. There has not been much, so far.

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- None

Financial Reports

The Board received copies of the May 2022 Treasurer's and Cash Flow Reports. All is tracking as expected and the district is financially stable. .

Chief's Report

Chief Marrs reported on the following:

- Station 18 Remodel Update – We will meet with the architect tomorrow, June 28, 2022 to discuss the latest plan.
- COVID Update – Three (3) firefighters are quarantined for 10 days. We have received an EEOC complaint that was filed on behalf of a firefighter who was discharged for his refusal to comply with the Covid-19 vaccine mandate.
- Fireworks Ban Update – We have received the 100 Fireworks Ban yard signs we ordered for the 4th of July holiday. Notice of their availability will be made to the public on the website and White Center Now.
- White Center Pride Street Festival Event –The Duty Crew and Public Educator participated. It was a great event.
- Subarea Plan Update – Chief Marrs' letter to the Local Services Committee of the King County Council was discussed under Correspondence (above). The Local Services Committee is expected to discuss the proposal again at their meeting tomorrow morning. Commissioner Giba expects that the Committee will vote on sending the proposed North Highline Subarea Plan to the entire Council at their July meeting.
- Fire Benefit Charge (FBC)– Tax Exempt Property Update – We have been working with Neil Blindheim and the King County Assessor to find a way to ensure the County is giving us accurate information. The Assessor stopped collecting data we need to calculate the FBC on tax-exempt units, such as the number of units and square footage. The errors only affect the North Highline Fire District because it is the only District that has the authority to assess the Fire Benefit Charge against tax-exempt properties. We have offered to provide the County with the information we have gathered. The Assessor's Office is short staffed but will work as time permits to correct the errors we have found. We need correct, complete information from the Assessor to calculate next year's FBC. Commissioner Giba asked if the Assessor intends to run the updated data

by the Housing Authority. Chief Marrs' understanding is that the Assessor will accept our data.

Attorney's Report

- None

Unfinished Business

After some discussion, the Commissioners decided to switch the resolution numbers 519 and 520 to eliminate confusion regarding the time and location of future in-person meetings (when they are deemed safe) and the continuation of virtual meetings until further notice.

- Commissioner Hiatt moved to approve Resolution 519, which establishes that regular Commissioners' Meetings will be held at 5:00 pm at Station #28, 900 SW 146th Street, Burien, WA 98166. Commissioner Barrera seconded. Motion carried (3-0). A copy of Resolution 519 is on file with the meeting minutes.
- Commissioner Hiatt moved to approve Resolution 520 establishing temporary, virtual Commissioner Meetings until in-person meetings are deemed safe from Covid-19. Commissioner Barrera seconded. Motion carried (3-0). A copy of Resolution 520 is on file with the meeting minutes.

New Business

- None

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- None

As there was no further business, Commissioner Hiatt moved to adjourn. Commissioner Barrera seconded. Motion carried (3-0). The meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary



Chairman, Commissioner



Commissioner



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