

# NORTH HIGHLINE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS MEETING



## February 22, 2016

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As there was no quorum on February 15, 2016, the North Highline Fire District Fire Commissioners' Meeting for February was continued to February 22, 2016 and called to order at 7:00 PM by Commissioner Liz Giba with Commissioners Dominic Barrera and Julie Hiatt present.

Also in attendance were:

Andrew Face  
Troy Harris  
Matt Lemanu  
Gill Loring

Ed Marrs  
Mike Marrs  
Bob Price  
Pat Price

Charlotte Ryan  
Brian Snure  
Kevin Sykes

Chief Marrs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

### Limited GO Bond Refinance Options

Andrew Face introduced himself as a representative from Martin Nelson Co. He stated that now is a very opportune time to refinance our outstanding bond because interest rates are at a 40-year low. He handed out a packet explaining how we could save approximately \$52,000 over the remaining life of our bond, and the refinancing procedure if the Board decided to proceed with the process. Chief Marrs asked for an estimated breakdown of the costs to refinance (bond council, rating agency expense, etc.). Mr. Face stated he would provide an estimate, and he thanked the Board for their time. A copy of the packet is on file with the minutes.

### 2016 Fire Benefit Charge Appeals Hearing

Chairman Giba suspended the regular meeting and called the 2016 Fire Benefit Charge Appeals Hearing to order at 7:34 PM.

Chief Marrs reported that we received 12 appeals. Of those, five were requesting a sprinkler discount, two were because the structure was damaged by fire and uninhabitable, three were contesting the amount of the benefit charge, one was requesting a revision of the taxpayer's name, and one form was not returned.

After a brief discussion, Julie Hiatt moved to approve appeal numbers 6, 7, 11 and 12 granting sprinkler discounts because the required paperwork was provided. Dominic Barrera seconded. Motion carried (3-0). The Secretary was asked to provide the Board with copies of the remaining appeals for their review and consideration when the Appeals Hearing continues on March 21, 2016.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:45 PM.

### Meeting Minutes

Julie Hiatt moved to accept the minutes of the January 21, 2016 minutes as presented. Dominic Barrera seconded. Motion carried (3-0).

### Accounts Payable

Julie Hiatt moved to approve Vouchers 1602101 through 1602337 totaling \$339,286.48. Dominic Barrera seconded. Motion carried (3-0).

### Correspondence

- **2015 Fire Investigator's Report**  
A copy of the annual report was presented to the Board and is on file with the minutes.

### Public Comment

Gill Loring, a citizen of the District, asked what would happen to the Bonds if North Highline were annexed into the City of Seattle. The department Attorney answered his

question by responding that any debt of the District remains with the taxpayers of the District regardless of boundary changes.

### Commissioners' Report

Commissioner Hiatt reported that she attended District 2's last Board meeting where she presented a letter suggesting the two fire districts participate in a joint awards banquet. She said she hasn't received a response back from them yet, but she will attend their next Board meeting to follow up.

She also reported that she participated in the first "Melding Committee" meeting between the two fire districts. The committee consists of herself, Chris Elwell (District 2 commissioner), Chief Marrs, and representatives from both North Highline and District 2. Most of the discussion at the initial meeting dealt with the possibility of a Seattle annexation and how to co-mingle personnel to plan for a 4-station District. Another meeting will be held February 29.

### Financial Reports

The January 2016 Treasurers and Cash Flow Reports were presented to the Board. As this is the first report of the year, any trends aren't evident yet; however, Chief Marrs said to contact him if there were any questions on the statements. Copies of the financial reports are on file with the minutes.

### Chiefs' Report

- **Personnel**

A firefighter who has been on light duty following an on-the-job injury will return to full duty on March 1.

Our new hire is still doing well at the South King County Training Consortium's Recruit Academy.

Another firefighter injured his back off duty and has been off for an extended period of time.

- **Other**

There was an arson fire at Cascade Middle School last Thursday, which was reported on the news; however, it was mostly a police event.

We also responded to a dumpster fire at Mt. View Elementary School that same night.

There was also a fatal shooting in Greenbridge that originally came in to us as a car/pedestrian accident. That event also made the news.

Attorney's Report

No report.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Chief Marrs presented a contract authorizing King County to collect expenses for administering of the District's Benefit Service Charge. After a brief discussion, Julie Hiatt moved to authorizing the Chair to sign the contract contingent on the Attorney's review and approval of the document. Dominic Barrera seconded. Motion carried (3-0). A copy of the contract is on file with the minutes.

The Chief then presented the Board with a Volunteer Firefighters 2015 Pension Participation Verification form. He explained that those firefighters participating in the State's Volunteer Pension plan must meet certain requirements, and the form verifies those that are eligible. Julie Hiatt moved to authorize the Chief and Chair to sign the document as presented. Dominic Barrera seconded. Motion carried (3-0). A copy of the form is on file with the minutes.

Good of the Order

We received a letter commending Captains Thorsteinson, Ott and Spruill, and Firefighters Dow, Metz, Lemanu and Crossen for an outstanding job on a recent CPR call. While the patient did not survive, the crew worked tirelessly and had excellent teamwork in their effort to save the patient.

Chief Marrs explained that Medic One has developed a "survivability chart" showing a correlation between the number of shocks given a patient and the patient's survivability. He went on to explain that they are always reviewing and updating CPR procedures, and that is one reason King County's heart-attack survivability rate is the best in the country at over 60%. A copy of the letter is on file with the minutes.

Executive Session

None

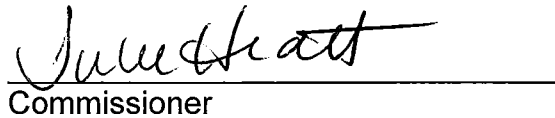
As there was no further business, Julie Hiatt moved to adjourn. Dominic Barrera seconded. Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Secretary of the Board

  
Chairman, Commissioner

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner