

NORTH HIGHLINE FIRE DISTRICT SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS MEETING



January 2, 2008

A special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of North Highline Fire District to discuss the 2008 operating budgets was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Ron Malaspino with Commissioners Wayne Alishokis and Barbara Peters present. Also in attendance were:

Roger Anderson
Greg Jackson
Scott LaVielle

Matt Lemanu
Tom Leshar
Charlotte Ryan

Brian Snure
Tim Woodland

Chairman Malaspino turned the floor over to Chief LaVielle who explained that a 2008 final draft budget packet had been given to the Board for their review prior to this meeting. He then went over the department's sources of funds for the 2008 budget explaining each line item as necessary:

District #2 Contract (less \$151,200 for B/C)	1,335,600	\$1,184,400
Donations		3,000
EMS Levy		403,766
Interest Received: 10 011 001 0		60,000
Other Income		1,000
Permit Fees: City of Burien		2,000
Sale of Assets		45,000
Schools		5,800
Trauma Care Grant		1,400
Taxes (\$1.50 for 2008) @106% AV:	2,650,047,519	<u>3,975,071</u>
Total 2008 Revenue		\$5,681,437

Commissioner Alishokis stated that the "Source of Funds" page in the proposed budget was confusing because it's unclear if the balance in all funds as of 12/21/08 is what the department has in reserves or just a snapshot in time. After a brief discussion, it was decided not to list the amount to avoid further confusion and to provide the Board with a monthly report of our finances.

The Board reviewed the 2008 budgeted expenses:

Wages	\$3,434,500.00
Benefits	871,400.00
Supplies	202,700.00
Other Services	544,200.00
Bond Payment	98,930.00
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Total 2008 Expenses	\$5,151,730.00

The following topics were discussed:

- Commissioner Alishokis said that he noticed we are setting aside \$50,000 for Retirement Cashout, and he asked if no one retires if those funds could be used in other areas. Chief LaVielle replied that we could redirect the funds if necessary.
- Commissioner Peters asked why Registration was reduced to \$10,000. Chief LaVielle explained that we sent firefighters to the State Fire Academy last year, and we don't anticipate sending anyone in 2008.
- Commissioner Alishokis asked about Tuition, and the Chief replied that those funds are for college tuition.
- Commissioner Alishokis asked why we budgeted for Election Costs when we won't be holding an election in 2008. The Secretary explained that the funds are for the 2007 elections (the Levy Lid Lift on the August ballot and the vacant Board position in November).
- Chief LaVielle reported that we have two capital items in the budget – a new staff vehicle (which was ordered in 2007), and a hand-held thermal imaging camera for the Command Car.


Chief LaVielle briefly went over the remaining sections in the 2008 proposed budget packet – Resolution No. 413, employee spreadsheets (as requested by Commissioner Alishokis), and a pie chart and graph showing budget trends of the previous six years.

He stated that he feels this budget will provide all the services necessary for the District, and he thanked everyone who helped contribute to the process.

President Leshner (Local #1810) asked for a copy of the entire budget packet. Because there was some question on the confidentiality of items listed on the employee spreadsheets, the Attorney was asked to review the request.


As there were no further questions, the meeting adjourned at 8:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Acting Secretary of the Board


Chairman, Commissioner


Commissioner


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