

NORTH HIGHLINE FIRE DISTRICT SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS MEETING



November 14, 2016

A special North Highline Fire District Fire Commissioners' Meeting for November was called to order at 5:30 PM by Commissioner Liz Giba with Commissioners Dominic Barrera and Julie Hiatt present. Also in attendance were Mike Marrs and Charlotte Ryan. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the 2017 fire benefit charge and the proposed temporary homeless shelter.

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

2017 Fire Benefit Charge Discussion

Since the October 17, 2016 Budget Hearing, the Board had time to review the projected 2017 revenue and expenses. We received updated assessed valuation figures from King County, which show a property tax increase of approximately 15% in North Highline and 19% in the City of Burien over last year.

Chief Marrs presented a revised budget as well as a list containing items that were identified in 2015 to make North Highline a "healthy department." Some of the items have been accomplished, some are on-going, and some are included in the revised 2017 budget.

The Board went over the budget in detail. Items discussed included providing citizen CPR classes, exercise and rescue equipment needs, engine replacement, and station roof repairs. After making additional changes, the Board agreed to a 2017 expense budget of \$5,946,580 and to reduce the 2017 fire benefit charge to \$1.2 million. Budget resolutions will be provided for the Board's approval at the next regular meeting. (Copies of the discussion item documents are on file with the minutes.)

Proposed Homeless Shelter Discussion


Commissioner Giba gave an update on the proposed temporary homeless shelter. She said that King County met with some local residents last Thursday evening, and they are now looking to change the shelter from the "low barrier" facility to a family facility. The shelter would be open all day instead of from 5 PM to 8 AM, it would offer services, and the number of people occupying the building would be reduced from 70 to approximately 30 to 40. Commissioner Giba believes that people in the community would be more open to a family shelter than the other alternative; however, she cautioned that none of this is in writing yet. King County is planning to hold another meeting with local residents on November 29 and hold another community meeting at a later date.

Chief Marrs said that he read the response from Adrienne Quinn to our letter addressed to King County Executive, Dow Constantine, outlining some fire safety concerns on the proposed shelter. Part of the response states, "*some approvals will be based on IBC section 104.11 allowing alternative materials, designs and methods of construction, which such alternatives being subject to the review of the King County building official.*"

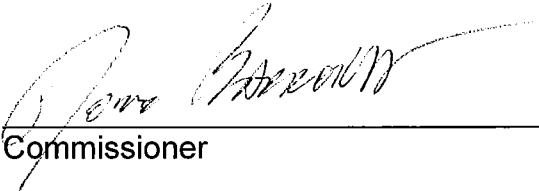
Because alternatives to the IBC rules are generally only allowed in very limited situations, he suggested we ask how this statement meets with the intent of the code. Commissioner Giba instructed the Chief to draft a letter to Ms. Quinn for the Board's review at our next regular meeting. (A copy of Ms. Quinn's letter is on file with the minutes.)


As there was no further business, Dominic Barrera moved to adjourn. Julie Hiatt seconded. Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary of the Board


Chairman, Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner