

NORTH HIGHLINE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS MEETING



April 18, 2016

The regular North Highline Fire District Fire Commissioners' Meeting for April was called to order at 7:00 PM by Commissioner Liz Giba with Commissioners Dominic Barrera and Julie Hiatt present. Also in attendance were Mike Marrs, Bob Price, Charlotte Ryan and Brian Snure.

Chief Marrs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Meeting Minutes

Julie Hiatt moved to accept the minutes of the March 21, March 28, and April 11, 2016 minutes as presented. Dominic Barrera seconded. Motion carried (3-0).

Accounts Payable

Julie Hiatt moved to approve Vouchers 1604101 through 1604336 totaling \$528,705.52. Dominic Barrera seconded. Motion carried (3-0).

Correspondence

- **1st Quarter Fire Investigator's Report**

Chief Marrs reported on a fire that had a \$364,000 loss. It started behind a convenience store in a (possibly illegal) repair garage and spread to the store. The

high fire loss was the result of three destroyed cars and lots of damaged store product. A copy of the report is on file with the minutes.

Public Comment

None.

Commissioners' Report

Commissioner Hiatt said that she will be participating in the 2016 Fire OPS May 5-6 in Richland, Washington. She also reported that she is starting arrangements for the December awards banquet. She then reminded the other Board members that the next general King County Fire Commissioners meeting will be held at the new Station 28 on Wednesday, May 18 at 6:00 PM, and she encouraged them to attend.

Financial Reports

The Chief stated that there is nothing out of the ordinary in the March 2016 Treasurers and Cash Flow Reports. Copies of the financial reports are on file with the minutes.

Chiefs' Report

- **Personnel**

A firefighter is recovering from an off-duty injury and is still calling in sick on a shift-by-shift basis.

Our new hire graduated from the Kent RFA Academy on April 8 and started on B Shift, Station 19, on April 11.

- **Other**

Both Kenny Pittman (Seattle's Senior Policy Advisor) and Karen Freeman (King County's Senior Policy Analyst) have accepted our invitation to attend our next regular meeting on May 16.

A discussion was held regarding a company soliciting business by conducting free safety inspections in the area. Chief Marrs said he has received some complaints, as they allude they are local firefighters. Commissioner Hiatt suggested we place something on our Facebook page informing the public that the company has no affiliation with North Highline Fire District. Mr. Snure requested that he review any statement regarding the company prior to being posted on Facebook.

Attorney's Report

Mr. Snure provided the Board with the City of Seattle's annexation schedule and stated that briefs are due to the Boundary Review Board (BRB) by May 27. He suggested that the Board hold a special workshop meeting to identify specific items relating to the annexation prior to the next regular meeting. After a discussion regarding the BRB schedule, the Board agreed to hold a special meeting on Monday, May 9 at 5:30 PM to discuss the issue.

Unfinished Business

We are still looking into the feasibility of refinancing the department's Unlimited GO Bond (see minutes of 2/22/2016).

Chief Marrs asked if the Board had any questions regarding the replacement of the department's pickup truck (see minutes of 3/21/2016). Commissioner Giba asked what we use the truck for, and the Chief replied that it is a utility vehicle to transport hose, haul garbage, etc. He also stated that the money to purchase the vehicle will come out of the excess bond funds and not the general fund. Julie Hiatt moved to authorize Chief Marrs to purchase the pickup truck off the State Bid as presented. Dominic Barrera seconded, and he asked if the purchase price included the light bar. Chief Marrs said that emergency equipment is not included in the purchase price. The vote was taken and the motion carried (3-0).

New Business

The Chief reported that we budgeted to replace our aging defibrillators in the 2016 budget, and he presented a quote for the Board's review. After reviewing the document, Julie Hiatt moved to authorize the purchase of four (4) defibrillators off the District 2 vendor list as presented. Dominic Barrera seconded. Motion carried (3-0). A copy of the quote is on file with the minutes.

The Chief then said that we also budgeted to replace our Thermal Imaging Cameras (TIC's) in the 2016 budget, and he presented another quote for the Board to review. After reviewing the document, Julie Hiatt moved to authorize the purchase of three (3) thermal imaging cameras off the District 2 vendor list as presented. Dominic Barrera seconded. Motion carried (3-0). A copy of the quote is on file with the minutes.

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None.

Executive Session

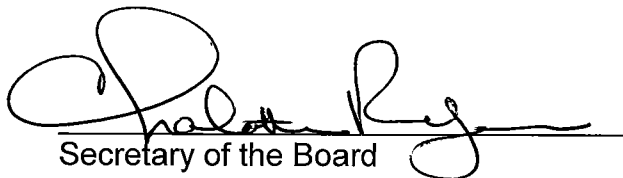
A 20-minute executive session was called at 8:04 PM to discuss union negotiations per RCW 42.30.140(4).

The meeting reconvened at 8:24 PM.

Julie Hiatt moved to authorize the Chair sign an engagement letter with Dave Luxenberg (McGavick Graves Attorneys) to represent management in union negotiations after the contact person is changed from Chief Marrs to the Board of Commissioners. Dominic Barrera seconded. Motion carried (3-0). A copy of the document is on file with the minutes.

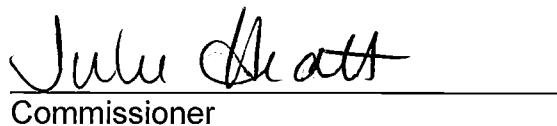
As there was no further business, Julie Hiatt moved to adjourn. Dominic Barrera seconded. Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary of the Board


Chairman/Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner