

NORTH HIGHLINE FIRE DISTRICT SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS MEETING



September 12, 2016

A special North Highline Fire District Fire Commissioners' Meeting for September was called to order at 5:55 PM by Commissioner Liz Giba with Commissioners Dominic Barrera and Julie Hiatt present. The purpose of the meeting is detailed in the attached agenda. Also in attendance were Mike Marrs and Charlotte Ryan.

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 August 15, 2016 special meeting and regular meeting as presented. Dominic Barrera seconded. Motion carried (3-0).

Accounts Payable

None.

Correspondence

None.

Public Comment

None.

Commissioners' Report

Commissioner Hiatt reported on the following items:

1. She will be attending the October WFCA conference in Yakima, and she asked if the other Board members wanted to give her their proxy vote for this year's election. WFCA must have all proxy documents at least seven days prior to the conference. The Board agreed and instructed the Secretary to bring the proxy documents to the next meeting for their signatures.
2. Commissioner Hiatt stated that she attended Burien's Kids Day, which was held last Saturday. She said it was an excellent event with over 25 different organizations participating. Kids completed various tasks in their "safety passport," and received a ribbon and a cool prize when finished. Commissioner Hiatt brought "Sparky," and people came from all over to attend. She asked Chief Marrs if North Highline could put on an event like this. The Chief said that Burien Kids Day is quite an undertaking, and it takes almost a full year to plan. He suggested that we could either do a joint event, or put on a smaller scale.
3. She reminded the Board that the Department newsletter is scheduled for an October release, and she asked Commissioner Barbara to draft an article on the Puget South Skills Center. Commissioner Giba said she would rewrite the article on Seattle annexation.
4. The invitations for this year's Awards Banquet will go out the first week in November. It will be held on Saturday, December 10 and there will be no charge for North Highline volunteers and employees, but a \$25 charge for guests.
5. She then reminded the Board that the next King County Commissioners Association meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 22 in Fall City (#27). October's meeting is scheduled at Maple Valley (#43), and November's in Woodinville (#37). The Association is also planning a Saturday seminar to explain about Fire Benefit Charges.
6. An Octoberfest celebration will be held September 23 – 24 at the old Bernie & Boys parking lot to raise funds for White Center Jubilee Days. There will be carnival rides, games and a beer garden. Commissioner Hiatt encouraged everyone to come and support our community.

Commissioner Giba reported that former Burien Councilmember and Water District 20 Commissioner, Kathy Keene, passed away. She also reported that the new 298-unit low-income apartment facility to be built at the old Bernie & Boys location, will start construction immediately after the Oktoberfest celebration is over.

Financial Reports

Chief Marrs presented the Board with the August 2016 Treasurer's and Cash Flow Reports. He stated that we have ordered and received new thermal imaging cameras, defibrillators, and headsets for the rigs. New ballistic vests, which are used during hazardous calls, should be ordered within the next few weeks. We believe we have a solution to the bunker gear washer issue (see minutes of 7/18/2016). The electrical and drainage system in the Maintenance Garage building should be able to accommodate the bunker washer and dryer with a minimum upgrade. He will keep the Board up-to-date on the progress.

He also reported that we applied for an additional \$30,000 from King County EMS for what they are calling BLS core services. Copies of the financial reports are on file with the minutes.

Chief's Report

We hired Joe Walker to fill the vacant North Highline firefighter position. He started the Training Consortium Recruit Academy on September 1 and is doing well.

A firefighter hurt his back during an aid call and is off on disability. We don't know when he will be released back to duty.

Attorney's Report

None.

Unfinished Business

To keep in line with our 2017 budget process timeline, Chief Marrs said that the Board needs to set a Fire Benefit Charge Public hearing date and time. After a brief discussion, the Board decided to hold the public hearing during our regular October 17 meeting. The Secretary will notify the media.

Chief Marrs reported that Kenny Pittman (Seattle Senior Policy Advisor) has asked him for call volume data for both North Burien and the unincorporated area. He would like to

believe this information is in research of a short-term contract for the North Burien area should Seattle annex the balance of North Highline. He has heard nothing on the progress of the Sliver or Delta Triangle annexation.

New Business

King County is set to open a temporary homeless shelter in the old Public Health building (SW 108th & 8th Ave SW) on November 1. It will house 70 people and be open from 5:00 PM to 8:00 AM the following morning. There will be a community meeting this coming Thursday for neighbors to provide their input. Chief Marrs expressed his concern about how the County can quickly change the occupancy type from a B (business use) to an R (residential use). At issue are egress, sprinkler system, exit plan, occupant load, and ADA requirements. Will the building be safe for those using it? Will it be safe for firefighters when responding to calls? After further discussion about specific concerns, it was decided that Chief Marrs will attend Thursday's meeting and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Executive Session

A 15-minute executive session was called at 7:40 PM to discuss union negotiations per RCW 42.30.140(4)(b).

The meeting reconvened at 7:55 PM.

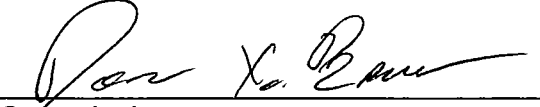
As there was no further business, Julie Hiatt moved to adjourn. Dominic Barrera seconded. Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary of the Board


Chairman, Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner