SOUTH KING FIRE & RESCUE

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Station 68
November 4 2010

Commissioner Gates called the meeting to order at 1600 hours with Commissioners Rickert and Freitas present, Commissioner Thompson was present via conference call. Board Secretary Lauri Perry recording.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Captain Hopf.

Commissioner Fossos arrived.

Commissioner Gates asked Mr. Galland if he was videotaping the meeting. He replied that he is a member of the media. Commissioners Gates asked if there was anyone that objected to being videotaped. Several individuals raised their hand in objection to being videotaped so Commissioner Gates asked Mr. Galland to please turn it off. After some discussion between Mr. Galland and Chairman Gates, Chief Church suggested taking a quick break for the Board to meet with Legal Counsel.

At 1602 hours Chairman Gates called for a recess to meet with Legal Counsel.

At 1605 hours Chairman Gates called the meeting to order and then announced we are going adjourn the meeting and go into Executive Session with the entire Board for the purpose of meeting with our attorney regarding possible litigation. We will resume the meeting in approximately 15 minutes.

At 1617 hours the meeting reconvened Commissioner Gates stated that we met in Executive Session with Legal Counsel. Commissioner Gates asked Legal Counsel for their opinion on the videotaping. Joe Quinn read then gave his interpretation of the Commissioner Guidelines 12.1 as interpeted it does not open up recording to the world or every citizen it pertains to recording by radio media, television media and photographic media and it does not apply to Mr. Galland. Commissioner Gates then asked him to please turn off his video camera and put it away. Mr. Galland complied.

Commissioner Gates made one other comment that the District is making an audio recording the meeting and there maybe another individual in the audience also recording the meeting. So be aware it is recorded so anything you say is being recorded.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Fossos announced that he and Commissioner Rickert attended the WFCA Meeting and we were awarded the 2010 Management of Excellence for 2nd place. Congrats to Chief Church & Staff another job well done. Chief Church added congratulations to the Board & Staff and especially Lauri Perry for putting everything together.

Commissioner Thompson had no comments.

Commissioner Freitas had no comments.

Commissioner Rickert had no comments.

Commissioner Fossos asked for a point of personal privilege. He added that he just came back from a memorial service honoring a firefighter that was killed in the line of duty; he was struck down by the terrible disease that strikes all too often, cancer. He was there as a retired Seattle firefighter. Deputy Chief Jesse Young was a remarkable man, he asked for a moment of silence.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

SELF FUNDED MEDICAL PLAN

Mary Stevens thanked the Health Care subcommittee members for their two years of hard work and dedication to get us to the point we are today. She then addressed the Board of Commissioners, y stating the HRA subcommittee feels strongly it has met the challenge of finding a suitable medical plan option that satisfies Article 23 of the Collective Bargaining agreement. The proposed plan meets the needs of our active and retired employees, while also saving the district significant dollars in these difficult financial times. The State of Washington Office of Risk Management has approved the District to form a Government Self Insured Group Plan. A tentative agreement has been reached with the Local, and the Union has voted 95% in favor to support this move. She added that each of you have received an information packet with the details of the proposed plans and cost savings to the District. It is now up to you to decide if we should make this move, by motion and vote of the Board. Does the Board have any questions before moving forward?

Commissioner Rickert noted that he has looked over the plan and it is a big savings compared to the WFCA Plan. He will not be voting on the medical plan since his insurance is supplied by the District. Since he has retired he has been paying the District for his dependents insurance coverage and he plans on maintaining that coverage. He is in favor of this plan but he will not be voting. He likes that we can change the plan to meet the needs of our employees.

Commissioner Thompson noted that in 1991 the State Auditor at a WFCA workshop, promoted the self insurance program and that statutes allowed local governments to choose to be self insured after review by the State Risk Manager. This shows we are responsible and will be providing quality healthcare for our members.

Commissioner Fossos noted that he is an alternate to the Insurance Committee but he was glad to be able to serve on the committee for this discussion since Commissioner Rickert will not be voting. He added that the committee met yesterday and he was very impressed with the amount of work done by the committee and the considerable savings to the District.

Commissioner Fossos made a motion to adopt the Self Insurance Medical Plan/HRA as amended on the 11/3 document as presented to us at the 11/4/10 meeting. Motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Rickert abstaining.

FLOOD DISTRICT BUY –DOWN AGREEMENT – RESOLUTION #468

Chief Church reported that when the budget was adopted along with Resolution #466 which had Exhibit #A attached, it allowed the King County Flood District to buy our levy down, so they don't get prorated, with no harm to our district. It helps them to stay in business for a year and helps with flooding issues. They have gone through 8 or 9 different versions and now that they have finalized it, we have to rescind Resolution #466 and approve Resolution #468; it is virtually the same except one

or two date changes. Joe Quinn added that this allows the King County Flood District to be able to stay in business because if they are unable to collect in our area that they wouldn't be able to collect anywhere in their district, they have approached 8 fire districts to see if they can buy them down. They have also agreed to reimburse us for our legal fees associated with this. Commissioner Fossos made a motion to rescind Resolution #466 as described by legal counsel. Commissioner Freitas noted that the motion before us does that…Commissioner Fossos withdrew the motion to rescind Resolution #466 and made a motion to adopt Resolution #468. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jerry Galland asked the status of the motion that was made at the last meeting? Commissioner Gates replied that no action has been taken at this point.

Meeting adjourned at 1641 hours.

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