SOUTH KING FIRE & RESCUE

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Station 68
November 15, 2010

Commissioner Gates called the meeting to order at 0900 hours with Commissioners Rickert, Thompson and Freitas in attendance. Board Secretary Lauri Perry recording.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by D/C Olson.

Commissioner Freitas requested a change in the agenda moving #3 Update to Commissioner's Guideline Section 12.1 to after Public Comments.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS
Commissioner Freitas had no comments.

Commissioner Rickert had no comments.

Commissioner Thompson had no comments.

Commissioner Gates had no comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
There were no public comments.

UPDATE TO COMMISSIONER'S GUIDELINE SECTION 12.1
Chief Church read the updated 12.1 as recommended by Legal Counsel.

Commissioner Fossos arrived at 0911 hours.

There was some discussion on whether or not this should go to the Policy & Procedures Committee prior to being passed at the meeting today and whether we were in compliance with the Attorney General's opinion. There was some additional discussion on citizens being allowed to videotape anyone in attendance, including the general public and the Board did not want to be in violation of the Open Public Meeting Act. Commissioner Thompson made a Motion to suspend the rules and allow videotaping of the meetings to be in compliance with the Attorney General's opinion pending review by the Policy & Procedure committee. Citizen Jerry Galland asked permission to speak on this agenda item, he added that it clearly states in the Attorney General's opinion any member of the public may not reasonable object to privacy concerns since the meeting is public and open for all to attend. Any objection should be ignored since the law clearly prohibits conditions to attendance. So the public can record as long as it isn't disruptive to the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

HOSPITAL DISTRICT OVERLAP & POTENTIAL WITHDRAWAL PROCESS

Chief Church noted that we have quite a bit to discuss and he drew a map of our boundaries on the white board, outlining the taxing districts and what they are able to collect and who could get pro rationed. He added that pro rationing is a reality and the main reason that he wanted a Benefit Charge, as this would protect us from pro rationing. Chief Church turned the meeting over to D/C Knorr, Joe Quinn and Shannon Mayfield-Porter; they have been tasked with working on the Hospital District Withdrawal Process. D/C Knorr reported that the Hospital District boundary lines are surrounded on three (3) sides by Kent Regional Fire Authority and the fourth side by Auburn Regional Fire Authority. We gained this area in 1979 due to a merger with District 30. The Hospital District Overlap area consists of 1.19 square miles which equates to 760 acres, with 64 separate parcels owned by 43 different individuals and 10 of the 64 parcels are exempt, they are owned by either the City of Kent, King County or Lakehaven Utility District. In 2010 we collected $23,119.23 in property taxes for this area. For every $.01 we lose to pro rationing in this area, it equates to $133,310.69 loss. He added that we will be setting up public meetings inviting the individuals that live in this area to attend, We want to have open communication with them, by explaining the problem and working with them on a solution, a contract for service and letting them know that we will continue to provide service to them and they will not be paying a higher rate than other citizens. Shannon passed out a timeline and reviewed it noting that we are targeting to have this completed by August of 2011 for the 2012 taxes.

Chief Church added some options for the Board to consider:

- We can ignore it and hope it goes away
- Hope we don't lose $5,000,000 to pro rationing
- Work on withdrawing from the Hospital District while still protecting our citizens

There was some discussion on whether or not these meetings should be held as Special Meetings, Regular Meetings or as Committee meetings. Commissioner Thompson made a Motion to continue the process with the timeline as indicated or if possible a little sooner. With a target date of having the process completed by August 2011. Commissioner Freitas asked have what completed by August of 2011? Commissioner Thompson clarified to have our work, the public hearings, and the information to the Boundary Review Board. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

Commissioner Fossos added that everyone should have the view that he has, watching the guys on the drill court.

At 1030 hours the meeting recessed, it will reconvene at 1035 hours into Executive Session for the purpose of going into Executive Session per RCW 42.30.140 (4) (b) the meeting will last approximately 60 minutes. The following individuals will be attending Executive Session the Board of Commissioners, Chief Church, A/C Plumlee, Joe Quinn and Lauri Perry, the

meeting will reconvene after Executive Session with potential action coming from the executive session.

At 1135 hours A/C Plumlee announced that the Executive Session has been extended to 1200 hours.

At 1155 hours Executive Session adjourned.

At 1200 hours the Special Meeting reconvened. Commissioner Gates reported that there is the potential action on two (2) matters that were discussed in Executive Session.

Commissioner Thompson made a Motion, I move to allow the Fire Chief/Administrator the ability to work with Legal Counsel, the Union, and our Employees to address the districts need for cost reductions to strategically reduce the staff at South King Fire & Rescue via a variety of economic options including but not limited to work force adjustments and retirement incentives. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Gates added that they also discussed the Fire Chief/Administrator Employment Agreement in Executive Session. Commissioner Fossos made a motion, that we the Commission approve and adopt a new employment agreement between the Commission and the Fire Chief/Administrator Chief Al Church with an effective date of January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2018. Commissioner Freitas asked for a roll call vote on the motion. Commissioner Rickert noted that he would like a little more time to review the contract.

Roll call vote was done by Board Secretary Lauri Perry:
Commissioner Fossos – yes
Commissioner Thompson – yes
Commissioner Gates – yes
Commissioner Rickert – no
Commissioner Freitas – no

Motion passed 3-2.

The meeting adjourned at 1205.

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