SOUTH KING FIRE & RESCUE

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Station 68
January 19, 2012

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Fossos.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Fossos had no comments.

Commissioner Rickert had no comments.

Commissioner Freitas reported that he attended a meeting via teleconference earlier this week and it was much easier than coming in for this meeting.

Commissioner Thompson had no comments.

Commissioner Gates had no comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

DISCUSSION OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

Chief Church reviewed some of our budget information and the cuts that we have made this year.

- 2012 Budget was adopted in October 2011 with a budget gap of $2.6 million. There will be a budget amendment brought forward to the Board in March which includes additional budget cuts, and a potential concession agreement with Local 2024We are having good discussions with Local 2024.

Chief Church applauded Lt. Herrera and D/C Knorr and everyone else for the support that they have provided to FF Loiland and his family.

- We have a much smaller Administration than our neighboring departments.
- We have frozen the salaries of Non-Contract personnel in 2011 and 2012.
- We have eliminated Public Education Dept., the one (1) person left in that division is focusing on writing grants and working with our citizens that need assistance which effects the operations division related to the number of responses.
- We are only funding Capital for our debt service and critical things such as the roof at Station 68 will be replaced in 2012 as there is a hole and you see the sky.
- We have cancelled the contract with Burien Fire.
- We have worked with Kent Regional Fire Authority and Sea-Tac Fire for response areas.
- We have eliminated the Valley Medical Hospital District.
- Since 2009 we have lost 22% of our revenue which is a loss of over $5.7 million a year.

A/C Plumlee reported that B/C's Kahler & Chaney are at Station 62 staffing the DOC (Department Operations Center) due to the weather we are experiencing. He also reviewed the following:

- Reviewed the positions that we have lost since 2010. We are down 23 positions (13 in Operations and 10 in Non-Contract).
- Map of our fire district and the apparatus at each station.
- Compared our size see below diagram:

Department	Chiefs	Training Staff	Stations	Population	Responses
SKF& R (4/12)	6	2	7	142,859	15,202
KRFA	11	8	8	140,000	15,027
Renton	9	3	6	114,600	12,733
VRFA	10	3 B/C's	5	77,483	8,961

A/C Plumlee also reviewed our staffing levels and the response times for fires and EMS calls.

At 1015 hours we took a 10 minute break.

At 1030 hours the meeting reconvened.

D/C Trackwell gave a brief report on our current situation; we can expect freezing rain until approximately 2:00 am Friday morning with possible snow and freezing temperatures.

A/C Olson reported on the following items:

- Reviewed Class 2 Rating.
- Reviewed Vehicle List that are purchased via Capital and when the next vehicles should be purchased.
- Reviewed the Capital list which includes Station needs, Roofs, Generators, Ballistic Vests and many other items.
- We will always have Capital needs; we need to find a way to fund these.
- Reviewed current rates of our neighboring departments, the rates include Medic One (which we only receive approximately .06 per/1000 AV) and any bonds, benefit charges and etc.

Department	Rate
SKF&R	$1.80
Kent	$2.07 home $3.10 commercial
VRFA	$2.78
Central Pierce	$2.32 per/$1000 AV
East Pierce	$2.00
West Pierce (Lakewood & University Place)	$3.27
Renton (City Dept.)	$2.29 + (per budget)

Chief Church reviewed revenue options:

- Capital & Resources – 2014
- Benefit Charge requires a 60 % yes vote
- Bond – the funds can only be used for Capital needs look at $18 Million Bond for 10 years = .19 per $1000 AV. Requires a 60 % yes vote plus a 40% validation of the citizens that voted in the general election. Best to run in 2012 or 2014.
- Excess Levy is good for four (4) years. Requires a 60% yes vote and 3/5ths of 40% validation that voted in the general election. $3.5 million option provides that approximately $2 million balances our current budget + $1 million to put Aid 64 back in service and $500,000 to add a person to the Training Division, enhance capital purchase capability, and provides protection against continued A/V erosion. This equates to approximately .29 per $1000 AV.

CFO Lawson reviewed that if we went with a .29 excess levy for 4 years, at the present A/V levels, it would generate $3.48 million for the department; $ $400,000 house would cost an additional $116 per year. $300,000 house would cost an additional $87.00 per year and a $200,000 would pay $58 per year.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION RELATIVE TO FUNDING OPTIONS FOR 2013 AND BEYOND

Commissioner Freitas noted that you have done an excellent job looking at revenues what happens if the levy doesn't pass on April 17th or August 7th, cut another Aid Car, not man a station, layoffs – funding is definitely an issue which, we also need to take a look at expense side.

Commissioner Fossos requested that Chief Church go forward with a resolution for an excess levy of .29 and have it ready at the January meeting.

Commissioner Rickert asked if we had looked at putting a smaller bond issue and smaller excess levy on the ballot. He is also looking at the .29 excess levy as a minimum, or higher to make sure we can staff Aid 64.

Commissioner Thompson reported that it would be good to open Aid 64, he is leaning more to .34 or .35 per $1000 to do it right and it builds in more protection for capital things that we need to fix and the enhancement of programs. An excess levy is an operational levy.

Commissioner Rickert noted that a .29 excess levy is bare bones; he would like to see us back at the 2008 staffing levels and provide the programs that we had before.

Commissioner Freitas noted that there is a big difference between nice to haves and need to haves. He supports a bare bones funding plan of a .29 excess levy to get an aid car back in service, to balance our budget and to alleviate additional layoffs and reductions.

Commissioner Fossos made a Motion to direct staff to come back with an excess levy at .35 per 1000 and the advantages for public safety. Motion seconded by Commissioner Thompson. Commissioner Freitas requested a comparison of a .29 vs a .35 excess levy. Commissioner Fossos amended his Motion to include Commissioner Freitas request. The amendment was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rickert made a Motion that we have a Special Meeting on Monday the 23rd at 5:30 pm to discuss the difference between the .29 and the .35 excess levy and to review the comparison. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. Motion passed unanimously

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Chief Church reported that it will be a busy week in Olympia next week. He then reviewed a number of bills that have already been dropped in the hopper. It will be a unique year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1230 hours we recessed for a 10 minute break, once we reconvene at 1240 hours we will be in Executive Session per RCW 42.30.140 (4) (b) for approximately 30 minutes with no decisions anticipated. Chief Church requested that the following staff be in Executive Session Chief Church, A/C Plumlee, A/C Olson & Lauri Perry.

At 1310 hours it was announced that Executive Session has been extended 15 minutes to 1325 hours.

At 1320 hours Executive Session recessed for five minutes.

At 1325 hours the Special Meeting reconvened with Commissioner Gates announcing that there were no decisions to come out of Executive Session.

At 1325 hours the meeting adjourned.

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