SOUTH KING FIRE & RESCUE

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Budget Workshop – Public Hearing
Station 68
October 16, 2012

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Thompson.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Fossos thanked Chief Church for doing a great job on the budget.

Commissioner Thompson had no comments.

Commissioner Freitas stated that he wanted to go on record stating that he would like to attend the meeting with the Auditor; the Auditor has mentioned ways for alternates to attend. He would also like to have an Emergency Management Committee meeting scheduled at some point as we need to review our policies, and this will help in the recovery phase of our Emergency Management meetings. He would also like to address some of his commissioners and their excused absences; he finds it difficult to discuss matters when Commissioners are unable to attend meetings. He requests that they address their work schedules or other matters that are conflicting with Board Meetings. Commissioner Freitas would like a better understanding on the FEMA Grant, he hasn't seen the grant and in the past we have elected not to apply due to the strings that are attached. He would like to see the grant prior to voting on the budget. He would also like to reserve comments for during the meeting.

Commissioner Gates had no comments, but he responded to a few of Commissioner Freitas comments. In regards to the meeting with the Auditor, Commissioner Gates asked Lauri Perry to schedule a meeting on October 31st following the Exit Conference for Commissioners Gates and Freitas to meet with the Auditor. In response to excused absences, it is the opinion of legal counsel that we do not have to give a reason for the excused absence.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

COMMISSIONER BUDGET WORKSHOP/PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Gates turned the meeting over to Chief Church to present the proposed 2013 budget.

Chief Church thanked everyone for being at the meeting, he was very pleased that our citizens passed our Maintenance & Operations Levy; he added that we will be hiring eleven (11) new firefighters and a new mechanic. Nine (9) of the firefighters will be funded through the FEMA SAFER Grant and the other two (2) will be funded through our maintenance & operations levy. The expense side of the budget reflects a 2.75% increase in total operating costs, driven mostly by hiring additional staff and increases at Valley Com. We have used an 8.71% reduction in assessed valuation on existing properties as the basis for 2013 as projected by King County Assessors Office.

Chief Church added that he will be asking the Board to approve the budget at the October 23rd Regular Board Meeting.

Chief Church began reviewing the Draft 2013 budget:

- Capital Budget includes P/C Workstations (computer work stations) that we have put off for a few years due to the budget and these need to be replaced, the debt service for the property, and the asphalt overlay project for the property. The Technology Fund, for C.J.I.S. upgrade through Valley Com.
- Operations Capital includes $164,480, costs associated with hiring the eleven (11) new firefighters (including protective gear, equipment, uniforms, SCBA masks and their training academy, other associated hiring expenses and replacing all department ballistic vests for safety purposes.
- Projected Revenues saw a decrease of 8.71% on existing properties; however some of the continued revenue loss has been offset by the Maintenance and Operations Levy and the SAFER Grant.
- Projected Fund Balances.
- Sources of Revenue.
- Uses of Funds.
- Commissioners line items increased by less than 1%.
- Audit line item has been increased due to a single audit that we will have due to the FEMA Grant.
- General line items have increased 1.2 %.
- Administration line items were reduced 6.1%.

At 1003 the meeting recessed until 1015 hours.

At 1015 hours the meeting reconvened.

Chief Church continued going through the budget.

- Operations have increased 6.1%.
- EMS has seen an increase of .1%.
- Rescue Team budget has increased 2.6%, there will be two (2) additional members.
- Marine Team budget has increased 38.3% due to additional training that is mandated for all Marine members and the team will increase by two (2) members.
- Haz-Mat Team budget has increased by 5.3% there will be two (2) additional members.
- Health & Safety budget is the same as last year.
- Prevention/Investigation budget has seen an increase of 11.4% due to cost of living increase, a part time staff member going full time, A/C Olson's increase due to promotion to A/C and overtime increase due to personnel doing more investigations and doing some duties that used to be done by Operations.
- Public Education budget is reduced by 40.5%.
- Training budget has increased by 6.8% due to a change in the TAG group, an increase in Outside Instructors and FF equipment for props.
- Facilities budget is reduced 7.3%.
- Fleet budget has increased by 5.1%, due to our plan to hire a mechanic and vehicle maintenance.

A working lunch has been provided, please help yourself.

Meeting adjourned at 1126 hours.

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