SOUTH KING FIRE & RESCUE

April 23, 2013
Station 68

Commissioner Gates called the meeting to order at 1700 hours with Commissioners Rickert, Thompson, Fossos and Freitas in attendance. Board Secretary Lauri Perry recording.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by A/C Olson.

Commissioner Fossos requested a moment of silence in remembrance for the Boston Marathon bombing and for the firefighter that was killed in Dallas at the fertilizer plant fire.

Commissioner Gates noted that he would like to add an item to the agenda, under no. 6, he would like to add Legal Committee meeting. Commissioner Fossos made a motion that we amend the agenda and under number 6, add a report by the Legal Committee. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gates asked for the approval of the minutes of the March 26, 2013 Commissioner's regular meeting. Commissioner Freitas made a Motion to approve the March 26th minutes; Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rickert. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Freitas reported that he was contacted by a couple of constituents; they wanted to discuss his voting or abstaining during the last meeting. He met with them and explained his rationale, reasons and what not.

Commissioner Rickert reported that he attended the King County Commissioners Executive Board Meeting in Bellevue and the King County Regional Policy Committee Meeting for the EMS Levy. There is some information in your packet about what took place at the meeting including his comments, the amendments and proposals that were made at the last meeting. It appears that one (1) city still needs to vote on the levy and then it will go to the King County Council and then it should be on the November ballot.

Commissioner Thompson reported that we received some good press on the SKF&R vs FWPD charity basketball game, put on by the Lions, way to go SKF&R team; it was a great charity event. We will beat them in the chili cook-off.

Commissioner Fossos reported that he also attended the King County Fire Commissioners Executive Board Meeting and the EMAC Committee Meeting, representing the King County Fire Commissioners and South King Fire & Rescue. He also attended the King County Regional Meeting regarding Medic One at the County Chambers with Commissioner Rickert. He attended the Lions basketball game, SKF&R vs FWPD. Commissioner Fosses asked if any Commissioners would be interested in forming a team for the Chili Cook-Off.

Commissioner Gates reported that he also attended the charity basketball game, he thanked Mary Stevens for all of her time and support that she put into the event.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners Gates noted that the Finance Committee met to discuss the 2013 amended budget; this will be discussed a little later in the meeting.

Commissioner Rickert noted that he attended the SLP meeting; he appreciates the involvement of the committee members, it was a very positive experience, with some great discussion. There were two (2) things that he was looking to come out of the meeting 1. Look at succession planning, do we have a plan and training outlined, on what individuals need to do if they want to become a, lieutenant, captain, assistant chief or chief. 2. A training plan if someone wants to become a training officer or lieutenant, is there a program similar to the JATC type of program that has all of the qualifications listed. Commissioner Gates added that everyone should have received the latest SLP document. Commissioner Freitas noted that he has a few questions on the plan; it looks like the format is a little different in some areas, the additions from previous years. He has two (2) comments from the past on finance and public input into the plan. There is a finance element; it is a good idea to try to work on it. He also noticed that accreditation is in the plan; it would help implement a lot of other ideas in the report. He also believes that public input and commissioner input is important, he personally would like to be more involved in the plan and see it opened up somehow, so everyone can be involved. It will help produce a better document, we market this document as our plan, and he would like to see us market it as our community plan, it would be necessary to get more community input into the plan. We, as Commissioners represent the community, but there are still others out there that may have some good ideas. We have gone through a lot of applications of old ideas in this plan vs previous years and we weren't able to implement them, sometimes it is finances, sometimes it is priorities, five years from now he would hope that the priorities have changed, because the money is still going to be hard to get no matter what we do.

Commissioner Fossos noted that he thinks the report is well done and the committee has done a great job. He looks at it a little different than Commissioner Freitas; he sees the Strategic Plan as the departments plan, although be believes there is a place for public involvement, but the department needs to develop the plan, which everyone is encouraged to send in their thoughts and recommendations. It is important that it is a product of the employees and then we can ask for the public's input.

Commissioner Gates added that this SLP plan was first adopted in 2002; it isn't your typical plan that sits on the shelf and never gets opened. This plan is a living breathing document, that we refer to and update on a regular basis.

Commissioner Gates reported that the Legal committee met to discuss cell phone usage and Commissioners laptops that are several years old possibly upgrading to tablets.

ADOPTION OF 2013 AMENDED BUDGET

Commissioner Rickert made a Motion; I move that we, the Board of Fire Commissioners of South King Fire & Rescue approve adoption of the 2013 Amended Budget, which will keep us moving forward for the balance of 2013. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fossos. Chief Church added that this budget amendment reflects a change in our revenue, which has actually increased by $600,908 based on better Assessed Values. This amendment also included the amount we will receive from the second SAFER Grant for six (6) additional firefighters, the expense side has increased from 2.75% to 4.68% for the six (6) new firefighters, Susan Bell going full-time and the changes to the L&I rates. On the capital side it includes the portion we will pay for the FEMA grant which will replace the AED's on all front line apparatus with state of the art equipment and incident command training (blue card certification training) $117,860. It also includes bringing our Hazmat team up to full staffing level, retirements and replacements and the augmented medical reserves based on input from the medical committee; we will have $600,000 in medical reserves heading into 2014. The numbers look even better in the budget amendment than the original adopted budget and we are already working on the 2014 budget.

Commissioner Freitas had a few questions:

- On page 5, budget deficit expenses vs revenue $383,993. Chief Church replied that we are $383,993 to the good. Commissioner Freitas asked for more information. Chief Church replied that our expenses are $383,993 less than the revenues or our revenues exceed our expenses.
- On page 7, Sources of Funds, the VRFA contract – how much are they paying us, per $1000 AV? Chief Church replied $1.50. Commissioner Freitas added, we are receiving $1.50 + .29 excess levy per $1000 AV from our residents. Chief Church replied that the contact stipulates we charge $1.50 per $1000 AV. Commissioner Freitas noted that VRFA citizens are paying more to VRFA so we need to try to collect the additional funds.
- On page 10, total Commissioner planning increased 11% from $4,240 t0 $4,740, what did we adjust there? Chief Church replied that the adjustment was made last year when the original budget was adopted; it was an increase to Commissioners Outside Training.
- On page 16, Marine budget, where there any changes made to this page? Chief Church replied that this actually went down a little due to how the overtime rate is calculated. No additional funds were added to this category.
- On page 20, Pub Ed where there any new changes to this budget? Chief Church replied, that he doesn't recall adding anything to this budget. As part of the SLP process we are looking at how we are going to handle Public Education in the future.
- On page 25, Employee Health Benefits the TPA and Broker Fees are these new fees? Chief Church replied that the fees are based on the number of employees; there was a change due to the number of new hires.

The Motion passed unanimously.

RECOGNITION OF PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Chief Church asked A/C Plumlee to join him for employee recognitions. Unfortunately, Captain Suckoll is unable to be here tonight. Chief Church read his certificate into record.

Chief Church added that it has been a pleasure to see this individual grow here at South King, following his father's footsteps. Chief Church asked Captain Crossen to please come forward and read the certificate into record. Captain Crossen was appointed to Training Officer, where he has done a great job. Captain Crossen added that he has spent the last 20 years riding in a fire truck although he is looking forward to the challenge in the training division so far, he is enjoying it and learning a lot.

Chief Church asked Chris Andersen to please come forward, and he read the certificate into record. He added that it has been an honor to see Chris progress over the last 7 year from the merger with District 26. Lt. Andersen introduced his family that was attendance and he thanked them for all of their support.

Chief Church asked Tony Parise to please come forward and he read the certificate into record. Chief recalls hiring Tony as a dispatcher, then he was a firefighter and now promoted to a Lieutenant. Lt. Parise introduced his family.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM REPORT

Chief Church noted that it is very difficult to top that, congratulations to the four (4) individuals on their promotions and appointments, Captain Suckoll will be recognized at a future meeting.

Chief Church echoed what Chairman Gates said with Mary Stevens coordinating the basketball game, she did an outstanding job coordinating everything and an outstanding effort by the team; we will get them next year.

Chief Church reported that he is very pleased that the City of Kirkland is now on board with the King County EMS Levy. At this time Seattle is the only city that has not approved putting the levy on the ballot, although it appears that they will pass it soon. It looks like the levy will be on the November ballot and at this time it requires a 60% majority to pass. As you recall the WFC (Washington Fire Chiefs) have worked very hard on legislation for renewal of EMS levies with a simple majority, this legislation has passed and is now the law. There is an opinion by the Assistant AG (Attorney General) that any EMS levy has to be renewed at the same levy rate or a reduced levy rate to be passed with the simple majority. The WFC is challenging this, they formatted the bill and the intent of the bill was any renewal should be passed as a simple majority. The only way to change this is to ignore it, which isn't a prudent thing to do, challenge it in court after the election, not a prudent thing to do either or to ask for an official AG opinion. Rep. Kevin De Wage will be making an official request for the opinion from the Attorney General. It normally takes 90 days for the official opinion to be reported. Our hope is that the simple majority for EMS levies are based on the same total dollar amount collected not the levy rate or that it can be 101% of the original rate. The hope is to have an

opinion back and have this resolved prior to the King County EMS Levy being placed on the ballot.

As you probably saw in the news, we had a shooting here in Federal Way, very sad that five (5) people lost their lives. Tomorrow our staff will be attending a public meeting hosted by the City of Federal Way and FWPD to talk about the shooting, we will be there as support. Very sad to have this happen in our community and the news of what happened in Boston and Texas.

Legislatively it has been a unique year, SB5332 was just signed into law it allows fire districts that have a benefit charge to be renewed by a simple majority. HB1868, the Wynn Loiland Act has unanimously passed the House and Senate. Special thanks to President Herrera, the Local 2024 E Board and WSCFF for all of their work on this bill to support our own Wynn Loiland. We will be notified when Governor Inslee will be signing this bill into law so we can attend the signing.

Commissioner Rickert inquired about a bill from Armor Express; CFO Lawson replied that it is for body armor. Commissioner Rickert inquired about the repairs on L62. Chief Church replied that the engine on L62 has failed so we had to have a new engine installed. Commissioner Freitas inquired about some quotes from Dean Testy, the Dean of Law at the University of Washington and inquired about getting a copy of the full presentation, Chief Church replied, that he will inquire about getting a copy of that.

APRIL BUDGET

CFO Lawson reported that the April budget is 1.97% over budget. CFO Lawson read into the record the list of expenditures for the month of April.

Mid-Month Utility/AP Warrants (104392-104409) totaling	$42,676.15
Accounts Payable Warrants (104410-104524) totaling	$744,994.09
Payroll Direct Deposit Document for 157 indiv. DD005968-006124 totaling	$905,207.18
Payroll Warrants (#100095 for 1 individual)	$334.18
Payroll Electronic Federal Tax Payment totaling	$197,349.71
TOTAL approval	$1,890,561.31

Commissioner Gates congratulated to all of those that we recognized with appointments and promotions.

Meeting adjourned at 1750 hours.

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