SOUTH KING FIRE & RESCUE

February 24, 2015
Station 68

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Rickert.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gates noted that we have several minutes to approve; he then asked for the approval of the minutes of the January 27, 2015 Commissioner's regular meeting. Commissioner Freitas made a Motion to table the minutes for further review, he has several things that he would like to see corrected; Motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Fossos opposed. Commissioner Gates asked for the approval of the January 29, 2015 Special Meeting, Commissioner Fossos made a Motion to approve the January 29th and the February 12th Special Meeting minutes as submitted; Motion was seconded by Commissioner Freitas. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Freitas reported that he appreciated receiving the Mutual Aid Agreements and he would like to congratulate the Annual Awards Banquet Winners and recipients. All winners were well deserved and congratulations. Commissioner Freitas added that he attended the Special Meetings, an Injury and Violence Prevention, EMS Steering Meeting and Workshop, these were very interesting sessions. The newsletter was very well written and he appreciated receiving it.

Commissioner Rickert noted that he was out of town for the last special meeting, and for the Annual Awards Banquet, but congratulations to all of the award winners. He was pleased with the attitude at the Special Meetings and the acceptance of the Bond by the people that attended the meetings, they seemed to be very comfortable with what we are proposing; now we need to work on getting the word out to the rest of the public and keep them informed.

Commissioner Thompson attended the King County Commissioners Executive Board Meeting; the main topic of discussion was PSERN and why we weren't involved in the process 5 years ago and the funding model that the County wants to use. He also attended the Town Hall Meetings; he was very impressed with the presentations and comments. He also attended the Annual Awards Banquet, there are a lot of things going on that our members are involved in and representing the District very very well this is a reflection on everybody. Good job, keep up the good work, the community appreciates that. The King County Fire Commissioners General Membership Meeting will be held March 18th in Fall City, the topic of

discussion will be PSERN, we will have PSERN Representatives and a Councilmember or two attend to update the Commissioners and to hear our comments and concerns.

Commissioner Fossos noted that due to the recognition at tonight's meeting, he is going to keep his comments short, it has been a very busy month for him, He is proud of each of the Firefighters that we will be recognizing tonight.

Commissioner Gates reported that he attended the Annual Awards Banquet, congratulations to all awards winners, it was great banquet. Also, congratulations to everyone that we will be recognizing tonight.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wayne Corey noted that he has been talking to people in the community about the Bond and he has received 100% favorable comments, he recommends that the Board pass the Resolution tonight and put it on the ballot.

Roger Flygare noted that he has also talked to a number of businesses and people in the community and they are also very responsive, he would like to see the bond on the ballot. He would like to ask for a moment of silence for the Firefighter that was seriously hurt while fighting a fire in Seattle.

Jerry Galland reported that he would like to go on record for the con committee.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Gates noted that there were no committee reports in your packet; however Commissioner Thompson would like present some information. Commissioner Thompson noted that he would like to have a committee meeting of the whole for the Policies and Procedures committee. In reference to committee assignments, we removed the names of Commissioners assigned to the committees and there is only a blanket statement on what the duties and responsibilities are, he is proposing amending section 8.6 and add 8.6.5 to read Committee assignments as assigned by the Board Chair shall be attached as Appendix "D" to these guidelines. Commissioner Thompson made a Motion to amend section 8.6 and add 8.6.5 to read Committee assignments as assigned by the Board Chair shall be attached as Appendix "D" to these guidelines; Motion was seconded by Commissioner Freitas. Commissioner Freitas spoke in favor of this change, he had requested that we have some way of notifying the public and formalize it in some way. Commissioner Fossos reported that he is against the proposed amendment; he doesn't think it is necessary. Motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Fossos voting in opposition.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Chief Church asked A/C Plumlee & A/C Olson to please join him up front for some presentations;

Chief Church added that Lt. Andersen is appointed to the position of Training Officer, he is unable to be here tonight; he is attending the WFC Training & Safety Officers Conference. Chief Church read the certificate into record.

Chief Church requested Lt. Chris Cahan to please come forward; he is appointed to the position of Deputy Fire Marshal. Chief Church read the certificate into record. Lt. Cahan noted it has been a big change to get off the rigs because he feels his job as a firefighter is to take care of public. It is a big jump to the Fire Marshal's Office, he is enjoying it and it is another way to serve public.

Chief Church requested FF Patrick Mertlich please come forward; he is promoted to the position of Lieutenant. Chief Church read the certificate into record. Lt. Mertlich introduced his family members that were in attendance and he thanked his former and current crew members that were at the meeting and he has a very supportive wife, she is the Lieutenant at home.

Chief Church requested Lt. Clos please come forward; he is promoted to the position of Captain. Chief Church read the certificate into record. Captain Clos introduced his family members and friends that were in attendance and he thanked them for being at the meeting, he also thanked everyone that has guided him, helped him, mentored him, and helped him get to this position. He added that he wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for everyone and he is the person he is today because of them. He added that he will never forget the great crews that he worked with at Station 63.

RESOLUTION #501 PLACING A BOND ISSUE ON THE APRIL 28TH BALLOT AND PAYING A PRO-RATA SHARE OF THE APRIL 28TH ELECTION AND VOTER'S PAMPHLET

Chief Church read Resolution #501 into record. Commissioner Thompson made a Motion to adopt Resolution #501 placing the Bond on the April 28th Ballot and paying the paying for the Voter's Pamphlet and Election costs; Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rickert.

Commissioner Freitas asked what the timing of issuing the bonds is and the prioritizing, Commissioner Gates replied that the Bonds would be issued in the priority of the projects. Commissioner Freitas asked about retiring the 2012 General Obligation Bonds, any idea where this will fit in on the priority. Commissioner Gates replied that it will be part of the priority of projects. Commissioner Freitas asked about the language on page 5 of the Resolution. Legal Counsel Quinn replied that if circumstances change, you do not have to build and/or purchase everything noted in the Bond. Commissioner Thompson added building Station 60 first is the prudent thing to do so the other stations can stay there while construction is being done on the other stations. Commissioner Fossos reported that he supports this and the consequences of the fire district, we need to move forward and this will allow us to move forward. We have solicited information from the public and it sounds like it is being well received by the public. It is the obligation of the Board to support our firefighters, Chiefs and staff in order to make it a safe District we provide life safety and we have to protect our firefighters and provide the best possible equipment that they need to do their job.

Commissioner Rickert added that we started talking about a Bond in 2009, for firefighter safety and response time reduction. This bond will help us do what we need to do now and for the next 20 years. Commissioner Gates added that we started talking about a bond in 2009, then the economy went south and it was not the time to ask for additional money, we shelved the bond until the economy recovered and now is the time.

Commissioner Gates requested that the Board Secretary do a roll-call vote:
Commissioner Fossos – yea
Commissioner Thompson – yea
Commissioner Gates – yea
Commissioner Rickert – yea
Commissioner Freitas – yea

Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM REPORT

Chief Church appreciates the Commissioners work on PSERN, he has voluntarily stepped down from the PSERN Steering Committee to allow a Commissioner to serve the position will be appointed by the King County Commissioners Executive Board. So there will be one (1) Commissioner still to be appointed and one (1) Chief Randy Krause from the Port of Seattle. Legislatively as of last Friday, all of the policy bills had to be moved out of their committee of origin or they died. Chief Church was pleased to report that the number one goal for the Washington Fire Chiefs, the Mobilization Bill (provides all risk mobilization) has moved to the Rules Committee in the House, it should move quickly through the House and then back to the Senate. He is pleased that HB 1375 has died; it would have mandated us to get a search warrant for inspections on businesses. It has been a unique session; however he is very pleased that the Mobilization Bill is moving.

On March 3rd Teri Hickel will be presented with the keys to the city those that would like to join Chief Church are more than welcome. Teri is retiring as the Executive Director of Advancing Leadership. She is being recognized for her efforts and joins a very select group of individuals that have also received keys to the City, Pete von Reichbauer, Tracey Eide and Mary Gates.

Chief Church added that another member of Administration, Joe Ganem is also considering joining the Advancing Leadership Board of Directors.

FEBRUARY BUDGET

CFO Lawson reported that the February budget is .02% over budget; he read into the record the list of expenditures for the month of February.

Mid-Month Utility Warrants (106931-106948) totaling	$29,933.80
Accounts Payable Warrants (10694-107040) totaling	$602,278.71

Payroll Direct Deposit Document for 157 indiv. DD009391--009547 totaling	$935,447.72
Payroll Warrants for 0 individuals () totaling	$0
Payroll Electronic Federal Tax Payment totaling	$201,386.14
TOTAL approval	$1,770,046.37

Commissioner Fossos asked Chief Church where we are with the Training Consortium. Chief Church replied we are looking at it to see if it is a good fit or not, it definitely comes at a cost.

Meeting adjourned at 1750 hours.

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