SOUTH KING FIRE & RESCUE

July 28, 2015
Station 68

Commissioner Gates called the meeting to order at 1700 hours with Commissioners Thompson, Freitas and Rickert in attendance, Commissioners Fossos is not here yet. Board Secretary Lauri Perry recording.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Thompson.

Commissioner Gates welcomed everyone; it is great to see so many family members and friends here.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gates asked for the approval of the June 23, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes. Commissioner Rickert made a Motion to approve the June 23, 2015 minutes; Motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. Motion passed 3-1 with Commissioner Freitas voting opposition. Commissioner Gates asked for the approval of the June 30, 2105 Special Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Thompson made a Motion to approve the June 30, 2015 minutes; Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rickert. Motion passed 3-1 with Commissioner Freitas voting in opposition.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Rickert welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting; it is always great to see family here to support the firefighters. The last few years, we started the tradition to recognize the work that they have done and the accomplishments that they have made. Congratulations to the receivers of tonight's awards and welcome to all of the families.

Commissioner Freitas echoed Commissioner Rickert's comments.

Commissioner Thompson echoed Commissioner Rickert's comments and most important to remember that your loved one that is getting recognized today, couldn't have done it without you, families support one another. We look forward to a long career for everyone. This afternoon FWPD Motorcycle Officer was injured, transported to Harborview, please keep him in your prayers for a quick recovery.

Commissioner Gates echoed both Commissioners Rickert's and Thompson's comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Grayson has lived in Federal Way for 12 years; it is his first time attending a fire district meeting. Every year in his neighborhood they host National Night Out, it is a great opportunity to meet new neighbors, the kids are always lined up to see the fire truck and get

their pictures taken. There is no neighborhood in Federal Way that does not get some type of emergency response during the course of the year; some get more than one response. The fire department saves our lives; he has had many discussions about the amount of money paid via taxes for the great services that they receive. In the Federal Way Mirror, there was an article on nepotism within the fire department. On the Federal Way School District Board an individual has a wife or spouse working within the district and it is common to have 3-4 family members working in the fire department, they are dedicated and people put their lives on the line to rescue us and our property. The Mirror's comments are inappropriate. Commissioner Gates thanked Jim for his comments and added that he served on the King County Library Board of Directors for 10 years.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Gates noted that he and Commissioner Freitas attended the Budget, Finance & Audit Committee meeting with the Auditor for the Entrance Conference, the report is in your packet. There was also a JLM Meeting with Commissioners Fossos and Thompson in attendance, the report is in your packet. Commissioners Thompson added that it was a good meeting with good open discussion.

MOVING AUGUST BOARD MEETING DATE TO AUGUST 20th

Commissioner Gates reported that there are a number of conflicts with holding the meeting on Tuesday, August 25th so they would like to move the meeting to Thursday, August 20th. Commissioner Gates asked for a Motion to approve the change Commissioner Thompson made a Motion to move the August meeting to Thursday, August 20th; Motion was seconded by Commissioner Freitas. Motion passed unanimously.

PROMOTIONAL BADGE PINNING

Chief Church noted that it is another great night, when we get to recognize our personnel as they get promoted, he asked his Assistant Chiefs to join him up front.

Commissioner Fossos arrived at 1710 hours.

Chief Church requested Joel Barrett to please come forward; he is our newest Battalion Chief. Chief Church read the certificate into record, Joel's dad Tom pinned his badge. B/C Barrett thanked Chief and the department for trusting him to do the job, we have 150 excellent people in the department, and he will do the best job that he can.

Chief Church asked Jan Nielsen to please come forward; Chief Church read the certificate into record, Jan's brother Tyler pinned his badge. Lt. Nielsen thanked everyone for their support and the great mentors that he has had, he looks forward to making everyone proud.

Chief Church asked Chad Snyder to please come forward; Chief Church read the certificate into record, Captain Suckoll pinned his badge. Lt. Snyder thanked everyone and especially his wife.

RECOGNITION ON APPOINTMENT DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL

Chief Church noted that Deputy Fire Marshal John Strub is out of town, we will recognize his appointment next month.

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

Chief Church asked B/C Body, Lt. Burdyshaw and FF Rickert to please come to the front. Chief Church read the certificate into record. FF Rickert is out of town. B/C Body added that Lt. Burdyshaw and FF Rickert went above and beyond the call of duty.

Chief Church congratulated A/C Kahler for his 45 years of service as a volunteer and career firefighter.

Commissioner Fossos has no comments.

RESOLUTION 504 PLACING A $39 MILLION BOND ISSUE ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2015 BALLOT

Chief Church read Resolution 504 into record. Commissioner Rickert made a Motion to approve Resolution 504; Motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. Commissioner Freitas noted that he will be voting against the resolution, previously he submitted his written comments to the Board; he appreciates the opportunity to vote. Commissioner Fossos added that this is essential for our fire district to move forward and the Board of Fire Commissioner has a responsibility. At some time we will have a major earthquake and it is important to have our stations be ready. He whole heartedly supports this and wished that the entire Board supported it but that doesn't always happen. Commissioner Thompson added that this is just the tip of the ice berg, we still have another $14 Million in needs; he is disappointed in the fact that the Bond didn't pass the first time. Funded by citizens and local business community, he supports this Bond. Commissioner Gates echoes Commissioner Thompson's comments; he also wished the Bond would have passed in April. For the Bond to pass remember, we need 60% to pass, it isn't a simple majority. Commissioner Gates supports this Bond; we need reliable equipment to respond to emergencies, safety for our citizens and employees, seismic upgrades, safety standards and above ground fuel tanks, remember this year is the first year since 1992 that we have asked the public to support a Capital Bond Measure. Commissioner Rickert also spoke in favor of the Bond; he was disappointed that the April Bond didn't pass. We need everything that is on the list, this Bond is phase one of two phases. There is no way to maintain staff, equipment and stations for $1.50.

Commissioner Gates asked the Board Secretary to do a roll-call vote:
Commissioner Fossos – yes
Commissioner Thompson – yes
Commissioner Gates – yes
Commissioner Rickert – yes
Commissioner Freitas – no

Motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Freitas voting in opposition

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM REPORT

Chief Church reported that it has been a crazy month; we have had two multiple alarm-structure fires with zone 1 call backs, sent a strike team to Wenatchee, sent strike team to Walla Walla to protect the water shed which was critical to their infrastructure, sent a task force to Seattle and today a FWPD Officer was injured. The predictions are that our weather will continue to be dry for the unforeseeable future so we stand ready.

The 3 new hires have started and will be hitting streets in August, we had 7 retirements, 8 people on long term disability, it has been unique year so far. The additional 5 new hires will start on August 17th and we hope to be at full staff by December 25th.

We have started to gather information for the Washington Survey & Rating Bureau rerate which will take place this fall, October – November. They only look at fire calls and equipment, they do not look at EMS, we are hoping to maintain our class 2 insurance rating.

Chief Church added that he is pleased to report that we are .96% under budget for the month of July.

JULY BUDGET

Finance Manager Delia Fjelstad read into the record the list of expenditures for the month of July.

Mid-Month Utility Warrants (107506-107533) totaling	$101,260.95
Accounts Payable Warrants (107534-107640) totaling	$733,433.25
Payroll Direct Deposit Document for 156 indiv. DD010173--010328 totaling	$985,102.56
Payroll Warrants for 3 individuals #100135-100137	$3,778.32
Payroll Electronic Federal Tax Payment totaling	$232,106.82
TOTAL approval	$2,055,681.90

Commissioner Fossos requested that the record shows that on Resolution 504, there is a spot for 5 signatures and the vote was 4-1. Commissioner Freitas added that since he voted against the resolution doesn't mean that he can't sign the Resolution, it is the action of the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 1745 hours.

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