SOUTH KING FIRE & RESCUE

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Budget Workshop – Public Hearing
Station 68
October 19, 2016

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

Commissioner Gates welcomed everyone to the meeting, adding that this is a Special Meeting/Pubic Hearing in regards to the 2017 draft budget.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Fuller.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Fossos reported that he was sorry he missed the tour of the property, however he looked at it by himself and he supports it.

Commissioner Fuller noted that he feels the property meets our strategic goals and would be a good fit.

Commissioner Thompson thanked the Administrative Team for putting together a good budget; it meets our needs for the next year and makes us aware of the future. He supports the new property, it is a win-win for everyone and meets our discussion about the growth of Federal Way, he looks forward to the next meeting.

Commissioner Rickert noted that it is nice to introduce two (2) more staff into developing the budget so they have a good understanding how it is put together.

Commissioner Gates had no comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

COMMISSIONER BUDGET WORKSHOP/PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Gates noted we will discuss the budget, division by division and he asked the Commissioners to hold their questions until we have finished that division budget and the public will have the option of making public comments at the end of the meeting.

Chief Church noted that he has enjoyed working closely with Joe Ganem and Delia Fjelstad during the budget process and he is looking forward to their budget presentation today. We are currently four (4) firefighter positions short going into 2017, depending on how the updated AV's come in, we may look at hiring four (4) firefighters and do a budget amendment during the summer. We would be using the new list that Bates Technical College creates each year after their firefighter testing is completed. We also have a few major projects next year:

- Lieutenant Promotional List
- Captain Promotional List
- Driver/Operator
- Retirements

Executive Director of Business Operations Joe Ganem began the presentation on the 2017 draft budget, adding that in September our A/Vs increase from last year was under 5%, they are currently at 6.91% and we are hoping that they will continue to increase a little before we adopt the budget at the November Commissioners Meeting. The budget has already been presented to the Budget, Audit and Finance committee and the Administrative team. This is a zero based budget, which means that we start back at zero each January, we do not carry over the remaining line item amounts from year to year. This is the fourth straight year with a balanced budget. This budget includes a 2.3% cost of living adjustment for all staff and Valley Com had a large increase. The budget includes the M&O Levy, there will be a few capital items that aren't included in the Bond and we will have a few retirements from our day staff, A/C Plumlee and Susan Bell will both be retiring in March. The Capital budget, includes items that will not be funded via the Bond, replacement of extrication air bags and two (2) air compressors, this is approved via a FEMA Grant with $113,000 funded via the grant, which you will see listed under revenue and the District will be making the final payment on the old District 26 Bond, which we promised the Des Moines residents that we would pay off if the Bond passed in 2015.

- Commissioners saw an 0% increase from 2016; a question was asked at the Budget Finance & Audit committee meeting, as to when the Commissioner compensation is set to change. Their compensation was last changed by the legislature in June of 2013 and it could change again in five years or June of 2018.
- General line items have decreased 2%, due to lower fuel and Natural Gas costs. Chief Church, Joe and Delia went through the budget line by line and compared the amounts spent for each line item for the past four (4) years, so you may see some additional updates.
- Administration line items have increased 13.6% this is due mostly to a few personnel changes.
- Operations has seen an increase of .8% due to being down four (4) firefighter positions and increases in outside training/travel, Personal Protection Equipment, B.A. Repair and Valley Com Dispatching.
- EMS budget has increased 1.2% this is the second year of the Community Medical Technician pilot program, while looking at the revenue side of the budget; you will notice a significant increase in the KCEMS Basic Life/CMT Funds reimbursing the District for this position for two (2) years.
- Rescue Team budget has increased 15.5%.
- Marine Team budget has increased 8.1%.
- Haz-Mat Team budget has increased 12.7%.
- Health & Safety budget has increased .1%.
- Prevention/Investigation budget has increased 4.7% due step increases as Prevention personnel gain additional certifications.
- Training budget has increased by 2.8%
- Facilities budget has increased 2.2%.
- Fleet budget has increased 16.6% due to the Administrative Assistant position being funded for the entire year and fleet personal obtaining additional certifications.
- Information Technologies budget has decreased 5.9% with Joe Ganem's promotion he has moved into the Administration budget.
- Employee Health Benefits budget has seen an increase of 1.2%.

Joe reminded everyone that we need to be looking for and applying for Grants, especially for the boat. Unfortunately we were denied a grant last year.

Public Comments
There were no public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 1029 hours.

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