SOUTH KING FIRE & RESCUE

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Budget Workshop – Public Hearing
Station 68
October 11, 2018

Commissioner Gates called the meeting to order at 0900 hours with Commissioners Thompson, Rickert, Fuller and Fossos 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 2019 draft budget.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Thompson.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Thompson is happy to be here today, good work by everyone on the budget.

Commissioner Rickert noted that he is happy to be here today, this budget moves us forward, not just maintaining.

Commissioner Fuller is happy to be here, he is amazed at the time that has been put into creating the budget. This is definitely a well thought out budget that meets our needs and allows us to move forward.

Commissioner Fossos is looking forward to today.

Commissioner Gates noted that he is also happy to be here today and looks forward to a very productive day.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

POTENTIAL RATIFICATION OF 2019-2021 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH IAFF LOCAL 2024

Chief Church noted that he was very proud of the work that was done to get to this point for the Board to review and potentially approve the CBA. The Administration negotiating team and the Local 2024 E Board worked very hard negotiating this outstanding contract. Commissioner Gates added that the Legal committee met with the Administrative negotiating team and reviewed the CBA, which the committee supports. Local 2024 President Winter added that the Local 2024 body overwhelming passed this contract. Commissioner Fossos made a Motion based on the recommendation of the Legal committee to adopt the January 1, 2019-December 31, 2021, Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 556 – LATECOMER FEES FOR SEWER CONNECTION NEAR STATION 61

Chief Church read Resolution 556 into record, he added that Lakehaven will collect the fees from property owners that want to connect to the new sewer line that we had installed for Station 61, Lakehaven will then forward the funds to South King Fire & Rescue. Commissioner Thompson made a Motion to adopt Resolution 556, Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fossos. Motion passed unanimously.

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 thanked the Administrative team for meeting with him to review and discuss your division's budget for 2019. Thanks to our citizens for approving the multi-year lid lift on August 7, 2018, we are back to collecting up to our statutory limit of $1.50 per $1000 of assessed valuation, which in 2019 equates to $33,395,902 (this includes the maintenance and operations levy).

We will be hiring 11 new firefighters in December of 2018 to replace the upcoming retirements and to staff A63, which has been a goal of the SLP. This budget also supports the following:

- Community Medical Technician (CMT) unit in partnership with VRFA (co-funded by VRFA)
- Maintaining two (2) social worker coordinators to assist the Community Affairs Office co-funded by VRFA
- Maintain Emergency Manager position co-funded by VRFA
- Hire for two (2) positions in Business Operations
- Promoted a Deputy Chief to oversee Fleet and Facilities
- Hire a new Fire Protection Engineer
- Commissioners saw an 9.8% increase from 2018, due to pay increase
- General line items have increased 6.5%
- Administration line items have increased by 5.4% this is mostly due to a new Deputy Chief
- Business Operations line items have increased 43.2 %, this is due to two (2) new positions
- Operations has seen an increase of 11.5% due to increase in staffing and overtime
- EMS budget has decreased 55.7% the two (2) social workers have been removed from this budget line and moved to Public Education
- Rescue Team budget has increased 52.4%
- Marine Team budget has increased 4.8%
- Haz-Mat Team budget has increased 12.1%
- Health & Safety budget has decreased .03%

At 1000 hours the meeting recessed for a 10 minute break

At 1010 the meeting reconvened.

- Prevention/Investigation budget has increased 5.5% due to Prevention staff no longer wanting to do investigations, we will contract with King County for this service and we will be hiring a new FTE Fire Protection Engineer to review plans
- Public Education budget saw an increase of 122% due a new position DFM/CAO and the two (2) social workers salaries are now under Public Education
- Training budget has increased by 4%
- Facilities budget has increased 27.2% Lance is back under facilities, instead of the Bond
- Fleet budget has increased 4.9%
- Information Technologies budget has increased 7.9%
- Employee Health Benefits budget has seen an increase of 9.7%

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 1038 hours.

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