SOUTH KING FIRE & RESCUE
December 28, 2021
Station 68 and Virtual

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Thompson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gates asked for the approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes on November 23, 2021. Commissioner Fuller made a motion we approve the meeting minutes from November 23, 2021. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Gates thanked Commissioner Rickert for his years of service. This is his last meeting, unless we call a special meeting tomorrow or Thursday. Commissioner Rickert it has been great to have you on the Board. Thank you for your years of service as a Commissioner. We are going to miss you, but I know that we are not going to lose touch with you. You are always welcome to come to a Board meeting and make comments during public comments.

Commissioner Fuller noted that it was great to see PETE (Public Education & Training Engine) doing the neighborhood tours (Santa Parade). There were lots of comments on Facebook, the only thing we might improve on is getting the word out and maybe the newspaper could print the schedule.

Commissioner Berger congratulated and thanked Commissioner Rickert for his years of service as a Commissioner. Commissioner Berger also wished everyone a Happy New Year, hope everyone continues to stay safe. He added that he was without a furnace day before yesterday for about 24 hours, the house got down to 43 degrees inside the house. He recommends that if you haven't already check your condensation exit pipe for your furnace and see how well it is wrapped, his was inadequately insulated. That was the problem with his furnace, especially during the deep freeze that we are having.

Commissioner Thompson wished everyone a Happy New Year. This past year was challenging for all of us, he thanked everyone for stepping up and addressing the issues. Thanks for providing the top notch service to our communities. Commissioner Thompson thanked Commissioner Rickert for his many years of service, it has been great working with him for so many years. The Santa Parade and PETE came through his neighborhood, not everyone knew about it but they heard all of the sirens and noise coming. There were lots of happy kids and positive comments.

Commissioner Rickert thanked everyone, the firefighters and civilian staff for all the work that they have done, he's enjoyed his time with the department; he's been with the department for 54 years. We are always just chugging along getting things done. Commissioner Rickert added that he looks forward to stopping by once in a while and seeing what everyone is doing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
There were no public comments.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
Commissioner Gates noted that he wasn't aware of any committee meetings.

RESOLUTION 603 – ADOPTING THE REGULAR MEETING FOR JANUARY 2022
Chief Pennington read Resolution 603 into record. Commissioner Berger so moved approval of Resolution 603. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 604 – PROCUREMENT OF A HEAVY RESCUE APPARATUS
Chief Pennington read Resolution 604 into record. Commissioner Thompson so moved approval of Resolution 604. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Berger. There was a lot of discussion about which Station the Rescue Team and Ladder Truck would be based out of, to listen to the audio of the Board meeting, please visit our website, the audio is listed under the December 28th on the calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 605 – ADOPTING UPDATED IFC PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE
Chief Pennington read Resolution 605 into record. Commissioner Thompson moved adoption of Resolution 605. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fuller. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM REPORT

Chief Pennington

Chief Pennington reported that our offices are currently closed to the public. We took a pretty strong and conservative approach with the Omicron variant and the fact that it is so easily spread. We have also suspended our light duty program and closed the office to visitors. This came out right before Christmas so no family members could come to the stations to have Christmas dinner. It's unfortunate that we had to do this but it's the best thing to do to protect our workforce and keep them healthy and provide services to our communities. We had (inaudible) people that tested positive with 22 exposures. If you have any questions please contact Chief Pennington or Chief Goodsell. He has done an outstanding job as our Health and Safety Officer.

Chief Pennington added that we could take delivery of our new boat this month or early next month. The boat will be transported via semi so we will have to see what the weather and transportation looks like…We are looking to hold a Christening Ceremony at the end of the month, probably the 29th. Chief Pennington added that Commissioner Thompson asked that we have a Resolution prior to the Christening so we'll do that at the January 25th Board meeting. We are looking at a Christening on January 29th provided we can have an event then based on the public health needs. We selected January 29th which is a Saturday so our legislative folks who are in session will be able to join us. If there are folks that you would like us to invite, please contact Lauri Perry so we can get invitations out, more to follow.

Chief Pennington noted that he received a phone call from the Federal Way Chamber as they have launched their Prosperity Project which is to create sustainable businesses. This is an opportunity for

us to talk about the impacts of development in the downtown core and the impact to our fire district. More to come on this…

Chief Pennington thanked Commissioner Rickert for his years of service and leadership. The legacy of Federal Way Fire Department and now South King Fire and Rescue, 54 years is a lot of time, thank you and have a lot of fun fishing!

OPERATIONS

AC Chaney noted that our two (2) Recruits that are currently attending the Academy will graduate on January 20th at 6:00 pm, they are doing very well. We planned on hiring 12 for the Academy that begins in February however we will only be hiring 10.

The Union has declined the District proposal to extend the contract so we will be sitting down with them in the near future to begin bargaining. We will be setting up a meeting with the Commissioners to finalize the Districts proposal and get your input so that we're ready to sit down at the table with them.

AC Chaney added that we have one (1) Chaplain that is vaccinated. So in following with what the Commissioners wishes are, as far as not having unvaccinated people at emergency scenes, we are still working on the problem and so far we have an agreement with the Chaplains out of Puget Sound Fire to respond to our incidents if needed.

This past month the District's Telestaff System crashed and kudos with BC Barrett and out BizOps team for getting everything up and running within a few days.

As part of our Officer Development AC Chaney will begin assigning an instructor to each of the Recruit Academies from here forward, where they have an opening and whether we have one. It is a great opportunity to learn the system, learn how to be Officers. Captain John will be instructing at Academy 13 and Lt. Hanks will be instructing at Academy 14.

AC Chaney added that he is currently working with Kyle Sumpter from Federal Way PD to develop a video that explains the impacts of what the legislation due to policing and how it effects their ability to respond with fire and what they can or can't do. Hopefully this will bring some clarity to how police should respond and know what the expectations are.

And finally AC Chaney thanked Commissioner Rickert for all his time, he was a true mentor. Thank you for your service not only as a Commissioner but as a firefighter and an officer.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS – BOND – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – AC Mataftin

AC Mataftin reported that they went to Louisiana a short time ago for the sea trials on the boat and they gave them a small body of work in change orders for the boat. He is very pleased with what they saw and how the boat performed.

Station 65 construction is progressing nicely, we will have our first on site meeting on January 6th to go over all of the items so far. So far we have not encountered any unpleasant surprises with the building.

Thank you for approving the Heavy Rescue Rig, I will be placing the order tonight, right after the meeting so we don't incur any price increases effective January 1st. Our new fire engines should arrive sometime in early March.

And finally it's been a pleasure working with you Commissioner Rickert, I wish you all the best and catch lots of fish.

FMO – CARES - CAO

AC Goodsell reported that Chief Pennington already reported on the adjustments that we have made due to the Omicron variant. One (1) thing that he would like to add is that we were able to launch a new pre-shift testing* of all of our operations personnel.

AC Goodsell thanked the Commissioners for their support of approving Resolution 605 to adjust our billing schedule and fees for IFC Permits, which goes hand in hand with the software that we recently got ready to launch, which we will move forward with in January. The new software is the first tablet based inspection program it should really streamline our processes.

CARES – We currently have 54 patients enrolled; there were 11 responses last week.

CAO – Captain Chaney noted that there are way too many people to thank for their help over the last couple of months but especially Chief Crossen, Captain John, Lauri Perry and Kirk Cummings and everybody else in between. We had a series of events that received a lot of coverage for South King Fire. We had our holiday safety house where we had five (5) different news agencies to provide coverage.

We had several new events this year; we sent some firefighters with DE Randahl up to Harborview with Santa Claus to pass out gifts to the Burn Unit. We generated a lot of goodwill with the partnership of Harborview Burn Unit doctors and nurses. Then Santa was flown via Airlift from Harborview to Des Moines where we had an event with 30 students from the Des Moines School District whose family received gifts and gift cards along with the student's receiving gifts and gift cards, special thanks to the partnership that was created to make this happen.

Thank you for everybody's support of our Santa Parades, we generated almost 3,000 pounds of food which will be split between the Des Moines and Federal Way Food Banks. A huge shout out to IT Specialist Jaden Hassell. He created a GPS link so people could track the Santa Parade live. We had an average of 400 people a day tracking us on our routes. We have built some new partnerships with the school districts and we have some new ways that we plan to advertise the parades next year. We would also like to partner with the cities to get the parades advertised on their digital bill boards. Captain Chaney wished everyone a Happy New Year.

AC Goodsell thanked Commissioner Rickert for his years of service, you were a mentor to me when I started my career as a resident in 1983. You were an experienced guy then; you have taught me a lot, thank you I've appreciated your service and friendship.

BUSINESS OPERATIONS

Executive Director Ganem thanked BC Barrett and Finance they really pulled together and got TeleStaff up and running. It will still be awhile before we are able to retrieve all of our data from Kronos, more to come on this but at least we are up and running; TeleStaff is our staffing software.

Executive Director Ganem noted that it has been a pleasure to work with Commissioner Rickert, adding that I've always appreciated your perspective and your experience; please show up from time to time to say hi....congratulations.

Executive Director reported on the budget, this is December so we will be closing out the year. We've been tracking two (2) big impacts to our budget; 1. We front loaded two (2) apparatus at the beginning of the year and 2. Covid reimbursements, a preliminary final number for 2021 in terms of what the district has spent in overtime costs for our members working the testing and vaccination sites is $1,055,474.00 this is a significant amount charged against the 2021 budget which we will be reimbursed for.

DECEMBER BUDGET

Executive Director Ganem read into record the list of expenditures for the month of December.

Mid-Month Utility Warrants (#115982-116029) totaling	$223,696.20
Accounts Payable Warrants (#116030-116125) totaling	$1,276,588.87
Payroll Direct Deposit Document for 181 indiv. DD024416--024596 totaling	$1,216,495.14
Payroll Warrant for 0 individual #	$0
Payroll Electronic Federal Tax Payment totaling	$273,827.93
Medical Claims as of December 21, 2021	$391,841.64
TOTAL approval	$3,382,449.78

We are 1.29% over budget, however if you back out the cost of the Engines and the COVID reimbursements we are actually .46% under budget.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Commissioner Gates requested a Motion and a second to approve tonight's vouchers. Commissioner Berger so moved. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

There was some additional discussion about the budget and revenue for the year, to listen to the discussion please listen to the recording of the meeting via our website.

Commissioner Thompson requested a point of personal privilege as President of the King County Fire Commissioners to recognize Commissioner Rickert for his service. He has served on the EMS Advisory Committee Urban Representative and done an extraordinary work. He has also worked on the King County Medic One Levy, EMS Levy. A plaque has been ordered for you unfortunately the plaque was not ready yet; as soon as it is completed, we will invite you to a meeting so we can present it to you. Thanks for your service; you always did a stellar job representing our citizens and the interests of all Fire Districts, RFAs and the citizens of King County.

Meeting adjourned at 1823 hours.

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