SOUTH KING FIRE
September 26, 2023
Station 68 and Virtual

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Fuller.

To listen to the full meeting, please visit our website.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gates asked for a Motion and second to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from August 24, 2023.

Commissioner Thompson moved approval of the August 24, 2023 minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Berger. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Fuller commented on the report adding that it continues to get better. The webinar was excellent, thank you. Commissioner Fuller added that the Strategic Bridge Plan is starting to show a lot of success, things are getting completed and crossed out and a lot of solid plans. You are reaching out to and cooperating with other agencies in Zone 3, and the Fire Benefit Charge is a good example of that. And partnering with Renton on that the communication focus, is nice.

Commissioner Berger echoed what Commissioner Fuller was saying about the Administrative Staff Report, it continues to be excellent. Commissioner Berger added that he wanted to call out DC Smith for including a brief report on the deployment to Maui and to assist the local emergency responders dealing with the aftermath of the terrible tragedy there. Thank you for an incredible job with the team going with you.

Commissioner Thompson echoed Commissioner Berger's comments about the staff report, it definitely seems more inclusive and informative than the verbal reports we used to get. The reports also show that there is a lot going on and it provides transparency. Commissioner Thompson reminded everyone that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, support it by wearing your Brest Cancer t-shirt.

Commissioner Vadino noted that she also appreciates the time that goes into writing the Staff Reports, it's nice to see what's going on and hear what everybody is doing.

Commissioner Gates mentioned that he is impressed with the conference room, he understands that there are a few more things to come. It is certainly a major improvement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mandy Anson made a public comment.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Berger provided a report on behalf of the Adhoc Committee meeting. Our previous Chief (Mataftin) worked with Heartland in applying for a rezone of our property on 320th. The City of Federal Way Community Development Department agreed to include this property in a pending comprehensive zoning application. This will change the zoning from residential to commercial, this may increase the value of the property. Heartland is expecting several proposals from industrial development companies that are interested in the property. Bids are due by October 5th, and we will have a Special Meeting shortly thereafter to review the bids with Heartland.

RESOLUTION 635 – FLOWERS and APPROPRIATE EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Interim Chief Van Valkenburg read Resolution 635 into record. Commissioner Fuller moved that we approve Resolution 635. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 636 – PURCHASE OF TWO (2) FIRE ENGINE APPARATUS

Interim Chief Van Valkenburg read Resolution 636 into record. Commissioner Thompson moved approval of Resolution 636 for the Purchase of two Fire Engines. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vadino. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDENDUM TO DIVISION CHIEF SMITH CONTRACT

Commissioner Berger moved approval of the Amendment to Chief Smith's employment contract. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

MOU – RETURN OF UNVACCINATED FIREFIGHTERS

Commissioner Thompson moved that we approve the Memorandum of Understating regarding the Return of the Unvaccinated Firefighters. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Berger. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM REPORT

DC Crossen asked if the Commissioners had any questions based on what he provided for his staff report. Commissioner Fuller inquired about all of the acronyms that are used, sometimes we can figure them out. Is it possible for the first-time use of the word to spell it all out and add the acronym? DC Crossen agreed, we will try to do a better job at spelling the acronyms out. It's stuff that we are used to hearing all the time, but I understand that you guys don't hear it all the time.

Executive Director Ganem added that he appreciates the acknowledgement of the room, the teams put a great deal of work into it. We have a budget meeting coming up next month and he asked if they could get the room ready so we can actually have a system that people can hear us on and see the presentation. They have put a lot of work into the room, we are looking forward to seeing what it looks like next week.

SEPTEMBER BUDGET

Executive Director Ganem reported that we are 75% through the year and we are currently sitting at 73.58% of the budget expensed or 1.17% under budget.

Finance Specialist Shirey read into record the list of expenditures for the month of September.

Mid-Month Utility Warrants (#118303-118313) totaling	$336,867.53
Accounts Payable Warrants (#118319-118397) totaling	$1,420,755.43
Payroll Vouchers Deleted DD #2509-2697	0
Payroll Direct Deposit Document for 189 indiv. DD002698-002886 totaling	$1,543,523.24
Payroll Electronic Federal Tax Payment totaling	$355,585.97
Medical Claims as of September 19, 2023	$105,725.89
TOTAL approval	$3,483,944.66

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Commissioner Gates requested a Motion and a second to approve tonight's vouchers. Commissioner Thompson moved approval of the vouchers to pay the bills. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vadino. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1735 hours.

COMMISSIONER (CHAIR)

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