SOUTH KING FIRE
February 27, 2024
Station 68 and Virtual

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Burrus.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Baruso asked for a Motion and second to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from January 25, 2024. Commissioner Vadino moved approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 25, 2024. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gates. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Gates stated that it is good to see Commissioner Fuller, welcome back!

Commissioner Vadino echoed Commissioner Gates's comment.

Commissioner Burrus noted that it is good to have Commissioner Fuller at the meeting.

Commissioner Fuller updated everyone on health status.

Commissioner Baruso noted that he attended the Mayors State of the City. Commissioner Baruso thanked those that have departed the department.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

BRIDGE PLAN UPDATE

Seth Rosenbloom provided a quarterly update on the Bridge Plan.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Baruso noted there were no Committee Reports.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Commissioner Baruso read the list of Commissioner Committees and added that he created a new committee called Culture Engagement Committee, it formalizes what we are doing for DEI itself. He added that JLM is a rotating committee. The Culture Engagement Committee is formalizing DEI, they were asked to be on the committee. They look forward to working with HR Director Stevens on some things with DEI. Commissioner Baruso added that he talked with Commissioner Fuller and let him know that he was going to be making some committee assignments and we can always change them. Commissioner Baruso asked if there were any questions. Commissioner Gates had a couple of comments that he wanted to make, adding that the Commissioner Committee list is a little different

than what we have done in the past. We have nine committees, not counting JLM and each committee needs two Commissioners, so that is 18 spots. Commissioner Vadino is on six committees, she has been given one third of the committee assignments. Commissioner Baruso is next serving on five committees so those two have 11 of the 18 spots that leaves seven spots to be split between three Board members. Commissioners Burrus and Fuller each are assigned to two committees and Commissioner Gates is assigned to three committees. Commissioner Gates added that there is some real inequity here and he asked to be taken off the two committees (Mergers and Consolidations and Public Safety) that Commissioners Baruso and Vadino are not on. Commissioner Gates added that for example, Public Safety maybe Commissioner Burrus should serve on this committee due to his experience as Commissioner Gates doesn't have any experience as a firefighter or fire prevention. If someone wants to talk about fire sprinklers, he doesn't know anything about it. Once they appoint themselves to the Merger and Consolidations and Public Safety committee, between the two of them they will be represented on all nine committees, plus when we get to Commissioner Committee reports, the two of them can give all of the reports. Commissioner Fuller added that he has expertise in Emergency Management and Strategic Leadership, he agrees that there should be a better match of what our expertise or experience has been. Commissioner Fuller added that he asked to be on two committees, and he was put as the alternate of those committees. Commissioner Vadino added that she was completely unaware the she was on so many committees until the list came out and there are some that she doesn't feel that she is qualified for, such as Emergency Management. She believes that it would make more sense for firefighters to serve on that committee, she agrees that it is not an equitable split of the committees, and she requests that it be more evenly divided.

Commissioner Baruso added that this was for him to mainly get things done and rotate folks around. He understands that folks may not be comfortable in some of the committees but that's part of growing and learning about the fire department. There was some discussion about the Commissioners having a Special Meeting to discuss committee assignments, however it was decided that isn't the best use of taxpayer money. It was decided that each of the Commissioners will send a list of which committees they wish to be on to Commissioner Baruso and it will be discussed at the next Regular meeting. This was tabled until the March Commissioner Meeting.

RESOLUTION 643 – SURPLUS VEHICLES

Chief Van Valkenburg read Resolution 643 into record. Commissioner Vadino moved approval of Resolution 643. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Burrus. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 644 – SURPLUS AND SALE OF FORD EXPLORER

Chief Van Valkenburg read Resolution 644 into record. Commissioner Fuller made a Motion to sell the Ford Explorer. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vadino. Chief Van Valkenburg added that this vehicle was purchased last year when vehicles were hard to find in the State Bid. This vehicle is a little different than the rest of our Chiefs Vehicles and resembles a vehicle that Police Departments would use so we prefer not to drive it as everyone starts slowing down once they see it. The Des Moines Police Department needs a vehicle, and it matches their fleet, so it is a win win, for both agencies. The funds that we recoup from the sale will be used to purchase an additional rig. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 645 – APPOINTING AN AGENT TO RECEIVE CLAIMS

Chief Van Valkenburg read Resolution 645 into record. Commissioner Gates moved approval of Resolution 645. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vadino. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 646 – ADOPTION OF IFC PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE, AFTER HOURS INSPECTION AND PREVENTABLE RESPONSE FEES

Chief Van Valkenburg read Resolution 646 into record. Commissioner Fuller inquired about the afterhours fees. Fire Marshal Nichols responded. Commissioner Fuller made a Motion. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vadino. Motion carried unanimously.

TIF DISCUSSION

Chief Van Valkenburg reported that they had another meeting with the City of Federal Way staff in regard to the TIF area. They extended an offer for their staff to attend one of our meetings to make a presentation to the Commissioners. After some discussion it was decided that we would schedule a Special Meeting for the City of Federal Way staff to make a presentation on TIF.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM REPORT

Chief Van Valkenburg noted that all of the Commissioners should have received their Staff Reports and he asked if the Commissioners had any questions of staff regarding their reports.

FEBRUARY BUDGET

Executive Director Ganem noted that we have finished the second month of the year which would put us at 16.67% of the budget expense. However, we are currently .62% under budget for the year.

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

Mid-Month Utility Warrants (#118837-118855) totaling	$98,981.45
Accounts Payable Warrants (#118856-118957) totaling	$1,533,828.38
Payroll Direct Deposit Document for 201 indiv. DD003645-003845 totaling	$1,545,441.89
Payroll Electronic Federal Tax Payment totaling	$325,562.33
Medical Claims as of February 20, 2024	$238,045.07
TOTAL approval	$3,741,859.12

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Commissioner Vadino moved approval of the vouchers. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Burrus. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1755 hours.

COMMISSIONER (CHAIR)

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