SOUTH KING FIRE
September 24, 2024
Station 68 and Virtual

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Executive Director Ganem.

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 August 27, 2024. Commissioner Burrus reported that he was disappointed when he read the August 27th minutes and there was nothing in regard to his statement against the proposed station visit policy. He talked a lot about how Chief Gaspard was able to embezzle a bunch of money from the department over a long period of time. Commissioner Burrus even asked Executive Director Ganem "If it was fair to say that the reason he was able to do that, was too much information was concentrated with one person, with no checks and balances?". "And he agreed with me."

Commissioner Gates made a Motion to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fuller. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Fuller – Comments were inaudible due to proximity to the microphone.

Commissioner Burrus reported that he missed the September 11th memorial ceremony for the first time ever and he is super bummed about that, he was in Alaska.

Commissioner Vadino had no comments.

Commissioner Gates had no comments.

Commissioner Baruso reported that he also missed the September 11th ceremony, he had to work. However he did think about that day and he took a moment to think about what we lost on September 11th and honor all of those that are working today.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dean Bastin, President of Local 2024 apologized for missing the last meeting. He was in Boston at the International Convention but he wanted to say thank you for allowing us to speak at the August meeting. To hear his full comments, please listen to the recording of the meeting.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM REPORT

Chief Van Valkenburg noted that all of the Commissioners should have received the Staff Reports, a few things to highlight. There is information about the promotional process our members have invested a lot of time and energy and effort into preparing themselves for the Lieutenant, Captain and Battalion Chief Promotions which are currently taking place. The assessment centers are this week so we are looking to have new lists for promotions. Chief Van Valkenburg added that he wanted to call out the amount of effort it takes to get promoted and the amount of effort and time that it takes to study and be prepared as it takes away from time with your family, we should applaud those individuals that are in the process. We also started the Cadet (Explorer) program, they have had two meetings. This is for young adults that are attracted to the fire service. Commissioner Fuller commented on how great the reports are and thank you to those that put them together, he knows it's a lot of work but we appreciate all of the information.

SEPTEMBER BUDGET

Executive Director Ganem reported that we are through the month of September and we are tracking very well from a budget perspective. We should expect to be at 75% and we are currently at 74.96% so we are .04% under budget for the year.

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

Mid-Month Utility Warrants (#119644-119661) totaling	$88,736.02
Accounts Payable Warrants (#119662-119733) totaling	$1,645,162.56
Payroll Direct Deposit Document for 213 indiv. DD005104-005117 totaling	$1,619,646.21
Payroll Electronic Federal Tax Payment totaling	$360,244.82
Medical Claims as of September 17, 2024	$267,628.04
TOTAL approval	$3,981,417.65

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1709 hours the Board convened into Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (c) to consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price. However, final action selling or leasing public property shall be taken in a meeting open to the public; Action may or may not be taken after Executive Session

Joining the Board in Executive Session will be Chief Van Valkenburg, Executive Director Ganem, Director Lee, Executive Secretary Perry, Legal Counsel, Matt Anderson and Evan Schneider

At this time, we will recess for 2 minutes to get everyone transferred into Executive Session. We anticipate Executive Session lasting for 30 minutes. Action may or may not be taken after Executive Session. At the end of Executive Session, we will take a 2 minutes recess to get everyone transferred back over to the Regular Meeting.

At 1741 hours Executive Session was extended for 5 minutes.

At 1746 hours Executive Session was extended for 5 minutes.

At 1751 hours Executive Session was extended for 5 minutes.

At 1756 hours Executive Session ended and we transitioned back to the Regular Meeting.

At 1758 hours the Regular Meeting reconvened.

Commissioner Baruso reported that we are out of Executive and there is no action to be taken.

At 1759 hours the Board convened into Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. Action may or may not be taken after Executive Session.

Joining the Board in Executive Session will be the Executive Secretary Perry and Legal Counsel.

At this time, we will recess for 2 minutes to get everyone transferred into Executive Session. We anticipate Executive Session lasting for 30 minutes. Action may or may not be taken after Executive Session.

At 1831 hours Executive Session was extended for 5 minutes.

At 1836 hours Executive Session was extended 5 minutes.

At 1841 hours Executive Session ended and we transitioned back to the Regular Meeting.

At 1843 hours the Regular Meeting reconvened.

Commissioner Baruso announced that we are out of Executive Session and there is no action to be taken.

The meeting adjourned at 1844 hours.

COMMISSIONER (CHAIR)

COMMISSIONER (VICE CHAIR)

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