SOUTH KING FIRE
February 3, 2025
Station 68 and Virtual

Commissioner Baruso called the Special Meeting to order at 1500 hours with Commissioners Gates, Vadino, Burrus and Fuller in attendance. Board Secretary Lauri Perry recording.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Gates.

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COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Fuller had no comments.

Commissioner Vadino had no comments.

Commissioner Gates had no comments.

Commissioner Baruso had no comments.

INTERVIEW INTERIM FIRE CHIEF CANDIDATE

Commissioner Baruso reported that we will begin the interviews with the candidates for the Interim Fire Chief.

The Board of Commissioners interviewed Mark Chubb.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1551 hours Commissioner Baruso reported that the Board convene into Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g) to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.3.140 (4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary or an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action 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 Executive Director Ganem, 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 the end of Executive Session, we will take a 2 minute recess to get everyone transferred back over to the Special Meeting.

At 1551 hours Mark Chubb joined Executive Session

At 1615 hours Mark Chubb left Executive Session.

At 1623 hours Executive Session ended, and we began the transition back to the Special Meeting.

At 1625 hours the Special Meeting reconvened. Commissioner Baruso announced that we are out of Executive Session.

INTERVIEW INTERIM FIRE CHIEF CANDIDATE

At 1625 hours the Board began the interview with Interim Fire Chief Candidate Scott Lewis.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1702 hours Commissioner Baruso reported that the Board convene into Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g) to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.3.140 (4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary or an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action 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 Executive Director Ganem, 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 the end of Executive Session, we will take a 2 minute recess to get everyone transferred back over to the Special Meeting.

At 1702 hours Scott Lewis joined Executive Session.

At 1728 hours Scott Lewis left Executive Session.

At 1734 hours Executive Session ended, and we began the transition back to the Special Meeting.

At 1736 hours the Special Meeting reconvened. Commissioner Baruso announced that we are out of Executive Session.

INTERVIEW INTERIM FIRE CHIEF CANDIDATE

At 1736 hours the Board began the interview with Interim Fire Chief Candidate Kyle Long.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1822 hours Commissioner Baruso reported that the Board convene into Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g) to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.3.140 (4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary or an individual employee or class of employees, or

discharging or disciplining an employee, that action 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 Executive Director Ganem, 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 the end of Executive Session, we will take a 2 minute recess to get everyone transferred back over to the Special Meeting.

At 1822 hours Kyle Long joined Executive Session.

At 1850 hours Kyle Long left Executive Session.

At 1854 hours Executive Session was extended 3 minutes

At 1857 hours Executive Session ended, and we began the transition back to the Special Meeting.

At 1859 hours the Special Meeting reconvened. Commissioner Baruso announced that we are out of Executive Session.

INTERVIEW INTERIM FIRE CHIEF CANDIDATE

At 1859 hours the Board began the interview with Interim Fire Chief Candidate Patrick Reid.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1932 hours Commissioner Baruso reported that the Board convene into Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g) to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.3.140 (4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary or an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action 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 Executive Director Ganem, 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 the end of Executive Session, we will take a 2 minute recess to get everyone transferred back over to the Special Meeting.

At 1932 hours Patrick Reid joined Executive Session.

At 1954 hours Patrick Reid left Executive Session.

At 2004 hours Executive Session ended, and we began the transition back to the Special Meeting.

At 2006 hours the Special Meeting reconvened. Commissioner Baruso announced that we are out of Executive Session.

INTERVIEW INTERIM FIRE CHIEF CANDIDATE

At 2006 hours the Board began the interview with Interim Fire Chief Candidate Brent Swearingen.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2112 hours Commissioner Baruso reported that the Board convene into Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g) to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.3.140 (4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary or an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action 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 Executive Director Ganem, 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 60 minutes. Action may or may not be taken after Executive Session. At the end of Executive Session, we will take a 2 minute recess to get everyone transferred back over to the Special Meeting.

At 2112 hours Brent Swearingen joined Executive Session.

At 2138 hours Brent Swearingen left Executive Session.

At 2214 hours Executive Session was extended 30 minutes

At 2144 hours Executive Session was extended 10 minutes.

At 2154 hours Executive Session was extended 10 minutes.

At 2204 hours Executive Session was extended 10 minutes.

At 2214 hours Executive Session ended, and we began the transition back to the Special Meeting.

At 2216 hours the Special Meeting reconvened. Commissioner Baruso announced that we are out of Executive Session.

Commissioner Gates moved to narrow down the pool of candidates for the Interim Fire Chief to three (3) individuals: Mark Chubb, Scott Lewis and Patrick Reid. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vadino. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 2217 hours.

COMMISSIONER (CHAIR)

COMMISSIONER (VICE CHAIR)

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BOARD SECRETARY