SOUTH KING FIRE AND RESCUE
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
April 25, 2023
Station 68 and Virtual Meeting
5:00 PM
AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting on March 28, 2023
4. Commissioners Comments
5. Public Comments – Please state your name and address for the record (please limit comments to 3 minutes or less)

   Individuals addressing the Board, who are not specifically scheduled on the agenda, will be requested to give their name and address for the record, and should limit their remarks to three (3) minutes. All remarks will be addressed to the Board as a whole.

   Decorum and respect of others and others' opinions is of utmost importance in the conducting of public business in a public meeting forum. Breach of decorum and/or disrespect of anyone in this public meeting will not be tolerated. Should there be a lack of decorum by those in attendance they will be asked to leave these proceedings. If the lack of decorum disrupts the meeting or distracts participants from the public meeting process, the meeting shall be immediately recessed by the Chairman until decorum is restored as provided by the Open Public Meetings Act, RCW 42.30.050 and SKFR Commissioner Guidelines.

   The Chair has the authority to preserve order at all meetings of the Board, to recess the meeting and/or to cause the removal of any individual from any meeting for disorderly conduct and to enforce the Rules of the Board.
6. Commissioner Committee Reports
7. Resolution 629 – Authorizing the Multi Year Lid Lift Primary Election
8. Resolution 630 – Authorizing Payment of Election Costs Primary Election
9. Resolution 631 – Authorizing Multi Year Lid Lift General Election
10. Resolution 632 – Authorizing Payment of Election Costs General Election
11. Administrative Team Report
12. April Budget
13. Approval of Vouchers
14. Adjournment

We will respect each other and their opinion, and we will hold each member accountable to confront inappropriate behavior, or behavior that does not add value.

The Board of Fire Commissioners may add items and take action on items not listed on the agenda.

SOUTH KING FIRE & RESCUE
March 28, 2023
Station 68 and Virtual

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Berger.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gates noted that we have four sets of minutes to approve tonight and he asked if there were any comments about the minutes; if not we will approve all of them at once. None of the Commissioners had any comments. Commissioner Gates asked for a Motion and second to approve of the following meeting minutes;

- Special Meeting on February 21, 2023
- Regular Meeting on February 23, 2023
- Special Meeting on March 6, 2023
- Special Meeting on March 14, 2023

Commissioner Berger so moved. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vadino. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Fuller had no comments tonight.

Commissioner Vadino had no comments.

Commissioner Thompson had no comments.

Commissioner Berger had no comments.

Commissioner Gates had no comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Gates noted that in your packet is the list of Commissioner Committees for 2023.

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RESOLUTION 628 - NAME CHANGE TO SOUTH KING FIRE

Chief Mataftin read Resolution 628 into record. Commissioner Thompson so moved Resolution 628. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fuller.

Commissioner Berger asked Chief Mataftin for an outline of what will need to change physically and virtually on our structures, apparatus, website and etc. Chief Mataftin replied that the patches on our uniforms and our new vehicles already say "South King Fire". Over time, we will gradually be updating our name on Stations, the Website and apparatus. It's going to take some time, it's not something that we are going to do overnight.

Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSS VACCINE MANDATE

Chief Mataftin noted when the Commissioners imposed the mandate there was a concern that if we did not follow suit with the rest of the valley agencies, in particular the big three, it would have impacted mutual aid. The risk of not receiving mutual aid, and locking us out of providing mutual aid, was a concern of the Board. As time has transpired, the mandates of COVID have eased and has changed over time. Currently, the State has dropped the mandate as has King County. Chief Mataftin added that he believes it is time we consider dropping the mandate. We have returned some firefighters that were displaced because of the mandate; it seems a little cumbersome if we have this in place for some but not for others. The cleanest way to handle this is just to eliminate the requirement and that is Chief Mataftin's recommendation. Commissioner Thompson moved to rescind the current policy of the Board of Commissioners of South King Fire requiring COVID-19 vaccines as a condition of employment. Further, the Board of Commissioners is dropping all mandated COVID-19 vaccine requirements for future employees joining the department. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Berger.

Commissioner Thompson added that the Governors mandate included EMS providers. If we hadn't initiated the mandate, we could have lost our EMS license which would have been a drastic impact to the communities that we serve. There were a lot of contributing factors that lead to us to initiate the mandate.

Commissioner Berger added that he believes that this is the right thing to do. He didn't agree with it at the time, but the Board did the right thing by having the mandate in place given what the nature of the disease was at the time.

Commissioner Fuller added that we are not saying what we did was wrong. We are saying it's time to rescind a rule that made sense at the time.

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO CHIEF MATAFTINS CONTRACT

Commissioner Gates reported that when we did Chief Mataftin's contract we listed dependents singularly and it should have been plural. So, the suggestion is to change the word dependent to dependents and remove the word spouse. Commissioner Thompson so moved that in Section 6, sub-

section M of the professional services contract for Chief Mataftin by changing the word dependent to dependents (plural) and remove the word spouse. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Berger. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM REPORT

Chief Mataftin

Chief Mataftin noted that a few public comments were made by Mr. Monroe at the February 23, 2023, regular meeting and at the time he wasn't prepared to answer them. After looking into the questions Chief Mataftin read his prepared response into record.

Commissioner Fuller thanked everyone for the staff report.

Commissioner Berger thanked DC Crossen for everything including building his division from the ground up, they have made amazing strides. Including making it much easier and simpler for customers to purchase simpler one-time permits online.

MARCH BUDGET

Executive Director Ganem mentioned that we are closing out the first quarter of the year and we are exactly where we were last month at 1.14% over budget.

Finance Specialist Lorraine Young read into record the list of expenditures for the month of March.

Mid-Month Utility Warrants (#117648-117665) totaling	$80,652.08
Accounts Payable Warrants (#117666-117774) totaling	$1,311,173.57
Payroll Direct Deposit Document for 188 indiv. DD027218-027405 totaling	$1,352,674.65
Payroll Electronic Federal Tax Payment totaling	$288,526.67
Medical Claims as of March 21, 2023	$335,061.79
TOTAL approval	$3,368,088.76

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

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

Meeting adjourned at 1727 hours.

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BOARD SECRETARY

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SOUTH KING FIRE AND RESCUE
a.k.a. King County Fire Protection District #39
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 629

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF SOUTH KING FIRE AND RESCUE (a.k.a. K.C.F.P.D. #39) PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD THEREIN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PRIMARY ELECTION ON AUGUST 1, 2023, A PROPOSITION WHICH WOULD RE-ESTABLISH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT LEVY RATE OF $1.50 PER $1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUATION FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD, AND THEN WOULD ALLOW SPECIFIC INCREASES FOR EACH OF FIVE CONSECUTIVE SUCCESSIVE YEARS, IN PROPERTY TAXES COLLECTED BY THE FIRE DISTRICT APPLICABLE TO ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE DISTRICT, IN EXCESS OF THE LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY CHAPTER 84.55 OF THE REVISED CODE OF WASHINGTON, WITH THE 2029 LEVY DOLLAR AMOUNT BEING USED TO COMPUTE THE REVENUE LIMITATIONS IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS.

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Board of Fire Commissioners (the "Board") of South King Fire and Rescue (the "District"), it is essential for the protection of the public health, safety, life, and property of the citizens and residents of the District that minimum service levels of fire and emergency medical services be maintained; and

WHEREAS, a regular property tax rate of $1.50 per $1,000 of assessed valuation, applicable to all taxable property located in the district, has been previously authorized and may be lawfully levied within the limits prescribed by RCW 84.55 as amended, which limits annual property tax increases to 1% over and above the previous year's tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.55.050 authorizes the 1% limit on annual increases to be exceeded with voter approval, commonly referred to as a "lid lift" election, and

WHEREAS, a 1% limitation would restrict the District from levying up to its full authorized levy rate of $1.50 per $1,000 of assessed valuation, necessitating a cutback in the level of services in the District, such as cancellation of orders for new apparatus and equipment, layoff of personnel, eliminating special services such as hazardous materials and rescue teams, and similar cutbacks; and

WHEREAS, the electorate should be given the opportunity to decide whether the cutbacks should occur or instead, whether the authorized rate of up to $1.50 per $1,000 should be levied and maintained, waiving the 1% limit of RCW 84.55, commonly referred to as "lifting the lid".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, FOUND, DETERMINED AND ORDERED, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A regular property tax rate of $1.50 per $1,000 of assessed valuation, applicable to all taxable property located in the district, has been previously duly authorized, and is necessary and appropriate to levy, notwithstanding the 1% annual increase limitation of RCW 84.55.010 et seq., as amended. RCW 84.55 places a 1% limitation on the increase of tax revenue collected by the District annually. Such 1% limitation on the increase would cause a loss of revenue to the District of approximately $1,000,000 on an annual basis. Such a loss would probably necessitate cutbacks in services as enumerated in the fourth recital above. This resolution and the resultant election would give the voters the opportunity to choose to continue the current level of service pursuant to the previously authorized levy rate adopted pursuant to RCW 52.16.160 (the "third fifty cents"), waiving the 1% limit of RCW 84.55 (commonly referred to as a "lid lift".)

Section 2. The proposal set forth below, if authorized by the qualified electors of the District, will re-establish a levy rate of $1.50 per $1,000 of assessed valuation for a one (1) year period, coupled with specified increases in property taxes collected in each of the five consecutive successive years thereafter. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District, for their ratification or rejection, at an election held in conjunction with the general election on August 1, 2023, a proposition to exceed the 1% limitation (and "lift the lid") of RCW 84.55.010 et seq. and levy the full authorized rate of $1.50 per $1,000 of assessed valuation for a one (1) year period, coupled with specified increases in property taxes collected in each of the five consecutive successive years thereafter, subject to statutory and constitutional limits, which are otherwise applicable. The dollar amount of the levy in the sixth year shall be used for the purpose of computing the limitations on future years' levies.

Section 3. The Board hereby requests the Manager of Records and Elections of King County, Washington, as ex officio County Supervisor of Elections, to call and conduct such election to be held within the District on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, and to submit to the qualified electors of the District the proposition in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

SOUTH KING FIRE

RE-ESTABLISHING PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATE
OF UP TO $1.50 PER $1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUATION
FOR A SIX YEAR PERIOD (2024-2029)

The Board of Fire Commissioners for South King Fire adopted Resolution No. 629, concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund District operations. Proposition No. 1 would restore the District's regular property tax levy rate to $1.50 per $1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2024, and permit annual revenue increases of up to 6% for each of the succeeding five years, with the levy never exceeding the $1.50 per $1,000 rate limit. The dollar amount of the levy in 2029 shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by Chapter 84.55 RCW. Shall Proposition 1 be approved?

YES

NO

Section 4. The locations of the polling places, if any, shall be as specified by the Manager of Records and Elections of King County, Washington, as ex officio County Supervisor of Elections for the District.

Section 5. A notice of special election shall be published at least once, which publication shall take place not more than ten (10) days nor less than three (3) days prior to the date of said election. Said publication shall be in a newspaper of general circulation within the District.

Section 6. Approval of the proposition described in Section 3 above by a simple majority shall be construed and interpreted as qualified elector approval of a tax increase in compliance with RCW 84.55 as amended.

Section 7. For purposes of receiving notice of any matters related to the ballot title, as provided in RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates the Fire Chief as the individuals to whom the County Auditor shall provide such notice.

Section 8. The Fire Chief is authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directives of this resolution, including the appointment of For and Against Committees, the preparation of Explanatory Statements with approval by legal counsel, and modifying the text of the ballot title and any other text, language and/or descriptions relative thereto necessary to conform such ballot title, text, language and/or descriptions to the intent of the parties, consistent with the objectives of this resolution.

Section 9. The Secretary to the Board is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Manager of Records and Elections of King County, Washington, as ex officio County Supervisor of Elections for the District, at least 84 days before the date for the special election.

Section 10. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of South King Fire & Rescue, King County, Washington at a regular meeting of the board, this 25th day of April 2023, with the following Commissioners being present and voting.

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Chair/Commissioner Vice Chair/Commissioner

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Commissioner

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ATTEST:

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Secretary

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Resolution 629

SOUTH KING FIRE AND RESCUE
a.k.a. King County Fire Protection District #39
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 630

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF SOUTH KING FIRE AND RESCUE, AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO KING COUNTY OF A PRO-RATA SHARE OF THE AUGUST 1, 2023 PRIMARY ELECTION COSTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE COST OF PRODUCING THE LOCAL VOTERS PAMPHLET, RELATING TO THE AUGUST ELECTION.

WHEREAS, the King County Department of Records and Elections will be administering on behalf of South King Fire and Rescue, and other agencies, an election in August of 2023, including the publication of a local voters pamphlet; and

WHEREAS, applicable statutes allow King County to charge South King Fire and Rescue a fair pro-rata share of the costs for administering such elections;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, FOUND, DETERMINED AND ORDERED, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board hereby authorizes the Fire Chief to utilize moneys available in the current expense fund of the District to defray the fair and reasonable pro-rata share of the August 2023 election costs, attributable to South King Fire and Rescue, including but not limited to the cost of producing the Local Voters Pamphlet relating to such election.

Section 2. A copy of this resolution shall be provided to the King County Department of Records and Elections.

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ATTEST:

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District Secretary

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Resolution 630

SOUTH KING FIRE AND RESCUE
a.k.a. King County Fire Protection District #39
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 631

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Chair/Commissioner Commissioner/Vice Chair

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Secretary

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Resolution 631

SOUTH KING FIRE AND RESCUE
a.k.a. King County Fire Protection District #39
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Commissioner

ATTEST:

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District Secretary

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Resolution 632