SOUTH KING FIRE & RESCUE

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Station 68
July 30, 2010

Commissioner Gates called the meeting to order at 0915 hours with Commissioners Fossos, Thompson, Rickert and Freitas present. Board Secretary Lauri Perry recording.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Local 2024 President/Lt. Herrera.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
There were no Commissioner Comments

PUBLIC COMMENTS
There were no public comments.

RESOLUTION No. 463, RESCINDING RESOLUTION No. 456
Chief Church read Resolution #463 into record; he then noted that we have already submitted Resolution #456 it has been received by King County Elections, they have accepted it on a provisional basis. Meaning that if Prop One Passes on August 17th King County Elections will automatically pull Prop One from the November 2nd Ballot, if Prop One fails on August 17th it will automatically be on the November 2nd Ballot. Resolution #463 will authorize the King County Elections Staff to remove Prop One from the November 2nd Ballot, this has to be received by August 10th, which is a week prior to the August 17th election, and we do not feel that, there is enough time to begin preparing another campaign to get the message out to our citizens.

With a heavy heart and somewhat disappointed with the deadlines that have been established by the Legislature and King County Elections, to pull out of the November 2nd election by August 10th which is a week prior to the August 17th vote, Commissioner Fossos made a Motion to approve Resolution #463.

Commissioner Fossos asked for comments from Local 2024 President Herrera. President Herrera noted that he doesn't feel there is enough time to put together a campaign between the August 17th and November 2nd election dates, especially with the deadlines that have been established.

Commissioner Gates noted that he is very optimistic that Prop One will pass on August 17th, he added that Commissioner Thompson had a good comment that if Prop One was to fail horribly and then it was back on the November 2nd ballot, our citizens could be upset and wondering why we put it back on the ballot, didn't we get their message, they are not interested. If the results are close we can put it on the February of 2011 ballot.

Commissioner Rickert asked what the dates of collecting the funds on the Benefit Charge are. Chief Church noted that if Prop One passes on August 17th we would begin collecting in April of 2011 if Prop One is on the ballot in February of 2011, we would collect in April of 2012.

After quite a bit of discussion the Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Thompson requested that we write a letter to our Councilmember in regards to the date change and the impact it has on districts that are on the ballot.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

As a member of the public, Chief Church thanked the team for everything that they are doing, obviously with the endorsement of the News Tribune, which we received this morning, the leadership that Vice President/Lt. Ervin has provided as the campaign manager is incredible. We are seeing individuals get involved that normally don't get involved, this is great.

As a member of the public Commissioner Fossos asked what we can do about the false information on Prop One that is being posted and circulated in the Voter's Pamphlet, newspaper and signs. Chief Church replied that there is nothing we can do, other than sue the individuals; they can say anything in the voters pamphlet or other media outlets, we need to continue with our message and let the voters decide what services they want us to provide. A/C Plumlee noted that he will be sending a letter to the editor of the Federal Way Mirror in response to the inaccurate information that was published.

Commissioner Rickert made a Motion for Chairman Gates to write a letter to the local newspapers explaining the Boards position and intent, in maintaining services and keeping the taxes about what they were in 2009; for Prop One which is on the August 17th ballot. Commissioner Fossos added that rescinding Resolution #456 does not change the Boards original intent in approving the Benefit Charge, they still fully support the Benefit Charge on the August 17th Ballot.

Commissioner Rickert amended the Motion, by adding if this is okay by our legal counsel and we are within the PDC Guidelines. Motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Freitas voting against the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 0945 hours.

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