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.

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.

COMMISSIONER (CHAIR)

COMMISSIONER (VICE CHAIR)

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BOARD SECRETARY

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