SOUTH KING FIRE
December 2, 2023
Special Meeting
Station 68 and Virtual

Commissioner Gates called the Special Meeting to order at 0800 hours with Commissioners Berger, Vadino and Thompson in attendance. Commissioner Fuller was excused. Board Secretary Lauri Perry recording.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Vadino.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Berger thanked staff for the tremendous amount of support that they have had through this process. Executive Secretary Lauri Perry and HR Director Mary Stevens as well in supporting us through this process and also our recruitment firm in particular Mike Letcher who has led us through this process and attracted some outstanding candidates to the process.

Commissioner Vadino had no comments.

Commissioner Thompson had no comments.

Commissioner Gates echoed the comments made by Commissioner Berger.

FIRE CHIEF CANDIDATE NTERVIEWS

The Candidates were interviewed individually by answering questions asked by the Commissioners:

- John Sullivan
- Dominick Swinhart
- Patrick Reid

At 0940 hours the meeting recessed for 15 minutes.

At 0955 hours the Special Meeting reconvened.

The Commissioners proceeded to interview the following Candidates:

- Debbie Carpenter
- Dave Van Valkenburg

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1103 hours the Board adjourned into Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g) to discuss the qualifications of an applicant for public employment. Action may or may not be taken after Executive Session. We anticipate Executive Session will last until approximately 3:00 pm.

At 1500 hours Executive Session was extended until 1630 hours.

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At 1730 hours the Special Meeting reconvened.

Commissioner Gates noted that the Board of Fire Commissioners has concluded the interviews for the position for Fire Chief. We would like to thank Mike Letcher of the Mercer Group and all of the candidates who applied and went through the process. All of them were excellent candidates, which made our decision very challenging.

Commissioner Vadino made a Motion that the Board proceed with a conditional offer of employment to Dave Van Valkenburg as our next Fire Chief and direct Human Resources to proceed with the remaining steps to finalize the hiring process. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Gates congratulated Chief Van Valkenburg.

Meeting adjourned at 1732 hours.

COMMISSIONER (CHAIR)

COMMISSIONER (VICE CHAIR)

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BOARD SECRETARY