# SOUTH KING FIRE & RESCUE

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Station 64
March 26, 2012

Commissioner Gates called the meeting to order at 1800 hours with Commissioners Thompson, Rickert and Freitas present. Board Secretary Lauri Perry recording.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Thompson.

Commissioner Gates reported that this is a Special Board Meeting so that all of our Board members could join us here tonight and we are not in violation of the Open Public Meeting Act.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**
Commissioner Rickert had no comments.

Commissioner Thompson had no comments.

Commissioner Freitas had no comments.

Commissioner Gates had no comments.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**
There were no public comments.

***TOWN HALL MEETING PRESENTATION***
Chief Church talked about South King Fire & Rescue. We are a standalone fire district, serving citizens in Des Moines, Federal Way and parts of unincorporated King County. We are the only fire district in the state to have achieved a Class 2 Insurance Rating. Our revenues are down over 22% in the last three (3) years, we have implemented significant cuts across all portions of the budget and here are some of the cuts:

- Closed one (1) Aid Car in Twin Lakes and reduced this Aid Car (A64) to part-time staffing
- We are currently down 23 positions, (13 frontline firefighters and 10 support staff positions)
- Maintain hiring freeze on all positions
- Local #2024 has worked with Administration the last two (2) years and given back their cost of living concessions
- Salaries for non-contract employees have been frozen at 2010 levels
- Reduced Public Education programs
- Reduced capital expenditures so that only debt service and critical infrastructure purchases are initiated
- Eliminated all non-mandatory program costs

Chief Church added that the Excess Levy would collect 3.5 million each year for four (4) years beginning in 2013, this currently equates to .29 per $1000/assessed value so for home with an assessed value of $200,000 the cost would be approximately $58.00 per year or just less than $5.00 per month along with their current assessment. With the passing of the excess levy, it would fill the current 2 million budget gap, allow the department to restaff one (1) of the previously closed air cars

and allow us to fund some capital expenses and projects that have been put on hold the last two (2) years.

The volume on the speakers was not working so we were unable to show the video, if you would like to watch it, please visit our website at www.southkingfire.org. This is an informational video about the excess levy.

Tracy Galland asked what the department was going to do with the land they purchased for the Training Center. Chief Church replied that the land is considered a long-term investment for the training and emergency operation needs. The plans for developing this property are on hold pending better economic times and the potential to partner with neighboring jurisdictions. It is hoped that this property would be developed within 10-15 years.

Chief Church noted that Captain Michaels and his crew would be happy to provide a tour of the station and the apparatus if anyone is interested.

The meeting adjourned at 1814 hours.

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