

# NORTH HIGHLINE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS MEETING



**July 20, 2010**

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The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of North Highline Fire District for July was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Wayne Alishokis with Commissioners Ray Austin and Rob Spreier present. Also in attendance were:

Rudy Alverado  
Roger Anderson  
Amy Benner  
Larry Briggs  
Paul Fray  
Greg Jackson

Dennis Johnson  
Bob Lawson  
Gill Loring  
Ed Marris  
Mike Marris  
Steve Marstrom

Jeff Miller  
Tony Rosenthal  
Larry Rude  
Charlotte Ryan  
Brian Snure

Chairman Alishokis stated he would like to revise the agenda by moving the Asset Transfer topic from "Unfinished Business" to "Commissioners' Report." Commissioner Austin said he would like to add a discussion of a letter from the Board to elected officials under "New Business." Ray Austin moved to approve the meeting's agenda as amended. Rob Spreier seconded. Motion carried.

Ray Austin moved that the June 14, 2010 special meeting, the June 22, 2010 regular meeting, and the July 1, 2010 special meeting minutes be approved as presented. Rob Spreier seconded. Motion carried.

## King County Voucher Approvals

- No. 07001 — 07034 in the amount of \$40,458.37 (accounts payable as paid on July 14, 2010)

- No. 07035 – 07060 in the amount of \$138,694.78 (accounts payable to be paid on July 28, 2010)
- No. 07061 — 07104 in the amount of \$301,597.26 (July payroll including electronic transfers to be paid on July 28, 2010)

After reviewing the vouchers, Ray Austin moved to approve them as presented. Rob Spreier seconded. Motion carried.

#### Correspondence

None

#### Public Comment

Gill Loring, a citizen of the district, asked the District Attorney what the language meant as stated on the agenda for the reason to hold an Executive Session. Mr. Snure replied that the language is directly from State statute, but that it basically means attorney/client privilege.

#### Commissioners' Report

Commissioner Austin stated he will schedule a meeting with the Battalion Chiefs prior to the next regular meeting to negotiate a settlement for their increased acting chief duties.

Commissioner Spreier reported that Bill Fitchitt (Fitchitt & Benedict CPA's) will be meeting with BC Malo and Secretary Ryan on July 28 to address the asset transfer issue. Another meeting will be scheduled with him in early August and will also include Chief Marrs and himself. At that meeting we will review Mr. Fitchitt's progress and issue partial payment for his services as outlined in his contract.

#### Local #1810 Report

No report

#### Local #3780 Report

No report

### Chiefs' Report

BC Fray reported on the following:

- Department Personnel
  - Two employees injured off duty are recovering from surgery (one came back to light duty on July 15).
  - Our newest firefighter, Colby Cruz began at B Shift, Station 19 on July 1, 2010. He has started his driver training and been given his "rookie book."
- Grant Status:
  - 2009 SAFER Grant: Grants are still being awarded, but we haven't heard anything one way or the other.
  - AFG Grant: We haven't heard anything back, but don't expect to until 2011.
  - Seattle Public Utilities Grant: Still no word when the lighting in our stations will be replaced.
- We called in extra staffing for the 4th of July holiday. During the period of July 3 through 7, we responded to only 38 fireworks-related calls and no fireworks-related injuries.
- We also brought in extra staffing for Jubilee Days (July 17 and 18), and BC Fray thanked District 2 for the use of their fire-prevention house.
- National Night Out is Tuesday, August 3, and we will be participating again this year.
- We received an email from the Chief of Tukwila that Delta Marine and the SeaKing and 93rd Street Industrial Parks would like to annex into their city – about a 16-block area. This would mean a loss of \$103 million assessed value, or approximately \$154,000 (6.9%) cut to our budget. Because the figure is higher than 5%, asset and employee transfers would be necessary.
- BC Anderson reported that we held a meeting regarding Club Evo a few weeks ago with members of the Sheriff's department gang unit, State Liquor Board, and Code Enforcement. One item of note is that they haven't had an active business license since 2005. The County has issued the matter a case number.
- BC Fray then thanked the Board for yesterday's retreat.

### Attorney's Report

Mr. Snure clarified that if Tukwila were to take over Delta Marine and the industrial parks, the statute actually states 5% of the area, not 5% of the budget amount – so the asset and employee transfers would not come into play.

### Unfinished Business

Chairman Alishokis stated that we will be interviewing all four candidates for the Chief Administrator position today.

### New Business

Chairman Alishokis stated that there is a conflict with the September regular meeting date, and he presented Resolution No. 435 (changing the regular meeting date to September 17) to the rest of the Board. Ray Austin moved to adopt Resolution No. 435. Rob Spreier seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Austin stated he would like permission from the Board to write a letter to elected officials informing them of the plight of our fire district. He said that he believes that they may not understand how the Growth Management Act has nibbled away at our district, and we may have another bite taken if Delta Marine and the SeaKing Industrial Park go to Tukwila. Chairman Alishokis said he would like the new Chief Administrator and the Attorney involved in the writing process. Ray Austin moved to allow himself permission to develop a letter to elected officials. Rob Spreier seconded. Motion carried.

### Good of the Order

Commissioner Spreier offered the four Chief Administrator candidates the hospitality of Station 18 while they waited for their turn to be interviewed.

### Executive Session

An executive session was called at 10:28 a.m. for approximately one hour and 10 minutes to discuss legal risks of a proposed action where public discussion of the practice and legal risks associated therewith could likely result in adverse legal or financial consequence to the District per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) and to interview candidates for the Chief Administrative Position per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g). Chairman Alishokis was excused from the first portion of the executive session.

The executive session was extended for an additional hour at 11:40 a.m.

At 12:42 p.m. it was extended again for another 45 minutes.

At 1:30 p.m. the executive session was extended for another 15 minutes.

The meeting reconvened at 1:47 p.m.


Chairman Alishokis announced that the Board will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, July 27 at 10:00 a.m. at which time the Board will hold a brief executive session to evaluate the qualifications of the Chief Administrator applicants (per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), and then announce their choice.

As there was no further business Ray Austin moved to adjourn the meeting. Rob Spreier seconded. Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Secretary of the Board

  
Chairman, Commissioner

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner