

# NORTH HIGHLINE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS MEETING



## March 28, 2022

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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the regular North Highline Fire District Fire Commissioners' Meeting for March was called to order via GoToMeeting (virtual online meeting) at 6:00 PM by Commissioner Liz Giba with Commissioner Dominic Barrera participating. Also attending via GoToMeeting were Chief Mike Marrs, Assistant Chief Ray Pettigrew, Assistant Chief Wayne Metz, Assistant Chief Ray Desmarais, and Shauna Sheppard.

Chief Marrs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Barrera moved to accept the meeting agenda as presented. Commissioner Giba seconded. Motion carried (2-0).

### Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the February 28, 2022 regular meeting will be reviewed at the April 2022 regular meeting.

### Accounts Payable

Commissioner Barrera moved to approve the March accounts payable vouchers as follows:

- 2203101 to 2203110 in the amount of \$376,621.55 - (March month-end vouchers)
- 2203201 to 2203204 in the amount of \$832.09 – (1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. Commissioner Payroll/L&I/Taxes)

Commissioner Giba seconded. Motion carried (2-0).

### Correspondence

- None

### Public Comment

- None

### Commissioners' Report

- Commissioner Giba reported that the North Highline Unincorporated Council (NHUAC) will continue the discussion on the Subarea Plan next week, after Executive Constantine sends his proposal to the King County Council. Councilman Joe McDermott and Chief MARRS will participate. Commissioner Giba thanked Chief MARRS for his participation.

### IAFF Local #1461

- None

### Financial Reports

The Board received copies of the March 2022 Treasurer's and Cash Flow Reports. All is tracking well.

### Chief's Report

#### Chief MARRS reported on the following:

- Station 18 Remodel Update – Brian Snure has reviewed the architectural contract. After doing some research, including a discussion with Commissioner Sitterly of King County Fire District #2, Chief MARRS believes the \$67,000 fee for architectural services is reasonable. He called attention to the preliminary floor design and noted that it remains the same as originally proposed. The meeting room will be used for temporary dorm facilities during the remodel which will add a new restroom off the existing meeting room.
- Amateur Radio Antenna Locations – The Highline Amateur Radio Group received a \$150K grant to add HAM radio communications at all four stations. The new equipment will provide us with emergency radio communications. The map outlining its placement is filed with the meeting minutes.
- COVID-19 - BA-2 Variant Update - 28% of all COVID cases in Washington state are the new BA-2 Variant and 0% are of the Delta Variant and 72% is the Omicron Variant. The BA-2 is the most contagious. There is concern that another spike in cases may happen in the fall.
- Pizza Hut Fire – Last week's fire at the White Center Pizza Hut caused significant electrical damage. Pizza Hut will be closed for an undetermined amount of time. Commissioner Giba asked if it was an accidental or intentionally set fire. Assistant Chief Pettigrew replied that it was intentionally set from the outside of the building near the electrical system. He also said there were no cameras to add information.
- Fatality Fire Across from Seola Gardens – The fire occurred in early March. The fatality was an adult male whose two juvenile sons escaped uninjured. Chief MARRS stated that this is reminder to regularly reinforce the use of working smoke alarms in homes, including rentals, in our community interactions and on social media.
- 2022 Fire Fighter Stair Climb - Our team consisted of 17 participants and our firefighters raised just shy of \$20,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Great job to all that climbed and fundraised. A special congratulations to Firefighter Harshell who logged the fastest completion time at 17:44 and Firefighter Regnier who raised \$6,301.

- Congratulations to Ray Desmarais, who will become the new Fire Marshal of King County Fire District #2, effective May 1, 2022.

Attorney's Report

- None

Unfinished Business

Exhibit A - North Highline Fire District's Benefit Charge Formula needs to be updated to clarify the requirements and documentation required to receive the (1) Low Income Senior Citizen Discount, (2) Low Income Disabled Discount and (3) Veteran's Discount. Commissioner Barrera believes stacking discounts is fine, but we need to conduct our due diligence to ensure each discount is verifiable. It was noted that King County denotes low income as the standard criteria for the senior citizen and disabled discounts. Commissioner Giba added that veterans who have a 30% and higher rating receive more benefits from the Veteran's Administration. Chief Marrs noted that we have streamlined the appeals process with the sprinkler discount via an administrative process. We need clear standards to determine when discounts are appropriate and how much they should be. Commissioners Barrera and Giba agreed.

New Business

- None

Good of the Order

As there was no further business, Commissioner Giba moved to adjourn. Commissioner Barrera seconded. Motion carried (2-0). The meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,




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Secretary of the Board




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Chairman, Commissioner




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