

NORTH HIGHLINE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS MEETING



April 25, 2022

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the regular North Highline Fire District Fire Commissioners' Meeting for April was called to order via GoToMeeting (virtual online meeting) at 6:00 PM by Commissioner Liz Giba with Commissioner Julie Hiatt and 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 Hiatt moved to accept the Amended Agenda as presented, which includes the Meeting Minutes of February 28 and March 28, 2022 Commissioner Barrera seconded. Motion carried (3-0).

Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Hiatt moved to accept the minutes of the February 28, 2022 and March 28, 2022 regular meetings as presented. Commissioner Barrera seconded. Motion carried (3-0).

Accounts Payable

Commissioner Hiatt moved to approve the April accounts payable vouchers as follows:

- 220401 to 220407 in the amount of \$344,835.47 (April month-end vouchers)

Commissioner Barrera seconded. Motion carried (3-0).

Correspondence

- None

Public Comment

- None

Commissioners' Reports

- Commissioner Hiatt reported that a professional fireworks show on the 4th of July at Steve Cox Memorial Park will not be possible this year as the Fish Sticks minor league baseball team (formerly the Highline Bears) have booked it.
- Commissioner Giba reported that Executive Constantine's office has sent its proposed North Highline Subarea Plan to the King County Council (KCC) for review and approval. The process will take some time so we can attempt to educate the KCC about our concern that the Subarea Plan as proposed will adversely impact the districts' ability to provide fire and emergency services the community needs and expects.

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- None

Financial Reports

The Board received copies of the April 2022 Treasurer's and Cash Flow Reports and the updated March 2022 Treasurer's Report, which reflects the bond adjustment allocation for the non-voted bond. All is tracking well.

Chief's Report

Chief Marrs reported on the following:

- Station 18 Remodel Update – This month's packet included the Fire Station 18 Proposal Package from GLY Construction, Inc. It is more than 50% over the \$300K allocated in this year's budget for tenant improvements. We wanted to use the small work roster and streamlined negotiation process but that does not look plausible. A project must be under \$350K to qualify for the small work roster process rather than the time-consuming formal bid process. Unfortunately, it is unrealistic to think Station 18 will get the remodel it needs for \$350K. The better option is to find more money and do things right the first time. We might do that by delaying the remodel to next year, carrying over this year's budgeted funds, and budgeting the balance next year. Chief Marrs is hearing from people in the building industry that prices are not likely to come down and might continue to rise. We need more information. He will meet with the architect to discuss the options tomorrow, We will revisit the Station 18 remodel at the May 25, 2022 meeting.
A hard copy the Station 18 Proposal Package is on file with the meeting minutes.
- COVID Update – There has been an uptick in COVID cases. Three (3) firefighters tested positive. Two (2) original North Highline firefighters were separated from service with non-disciplinary terminations for failing to comply with the Vaccination Mandate. One filed a grievance.
- Fire Benefit Charge (FBC) Update – Chief Marrs spoke with Brian Snure about King County's apparently inaccurate and incomplete data. Chief Marrs believes Neil Blindheim can act as an intermediary to secure accurate information so we can be sure the FBC and discounts are applied fairly.
- Assistant Chief Pettigrew's Retirement Celebration will be held on April 28th, 2022 from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. The commissioners thanked him for his many years of service.

- King County’s Proposed Subarea Plan for North Highline - Chief Marrs sent a color-coded map to the commissioners to review. Chief Marrs noted that the increased housing density appears significant. Clearly, there is a target number from a planning perspective; yet that has not been shared. The information that has been disclosed causes concerns including: increased call volume from increased population; inadequate revenue to support fire and emergency services to a larger population increase due to proposed tax exempt status units; possible inadequate water flow amounts in areas with increased density; possible inadequate roads standards to support emergency response routes; increased building heights to accommodate density and inadequate specialty equipment available within the NHFD to respond to high rise emergencies.

Attorney’s Report

- None

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- None

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- None

As there was no further business, Commissioner Hiatt moved to adjourn. Commissioner Barrera seconded. Motion carried (3-0). The meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary of the Board



Chairman, Commissioner

Julie Hiatt

Commissioner



Commissioner