

NORTH HIGHLINE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS MEETING



June 24, 2019

The regular North Highline Fire District Fire Commissioners' Meeting for June was called to order at 6:00 PM by Commissioner Liz Giba, with Commissioner Julie Hiatt and Commissioner Dominic Barrera in attendance. Also, in attendance were Mike Marrs, Ray Pettigrew, Bob Price, and Shauna Sheppard.

Chief Marrs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Julie Hiatt moved to accept the meeting agenda as presented. Dominic Barrera seconded. Motion carried (3-0).

Meeting Minutes

Julie Hiatt moved to accept the minutes of the May 29th regular meeting as presented. Dominic Barrera seconded. Motion carried (3-0).

Accounts Payable

Julie Hiatt moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as follows:

- 190601001 to 19061010 in the amount of \$345,993.80 (June Month End Vouchers)
- 190602001 to 19062001 in the amount of \$139,550.37 (Sales Tax for the 2 New Engines)
- 190603001 to 19063002 in the amount of \$896.00 (April-June 2019 Commissioner Payroll)
- 190604001 to 19064001 in the amount of \$8.74 (2nd Quarter L & I)

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

Correspondence

- None

Public Comment

- None

Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Hiatt reported: The July 12th meeting for King County Fire Commissioners Association will be held in Shoreline. Commissioner Hiatt also asked Chief Marris about NHFD's participation in Jubilee Days. He responded that we will have an engine in the parade. The new engines, smoke house, gator, and the districts booth with safety information, plastic helmets, pencils, and color books will be at the street fair.

Commissioner Barrera reported: None

Commissioner Giba reported: (1) At NHUAC's last meeting, State Senator Joe Nguyen heard a discussion about the new roundabout at SW 108th and 8th Ave SW near Mary's Place and the White Center Food Bank (WCFB). Metro stopped running buses on 108th because of the roundabout, negatively impacting access to the WCFB. Folks who used the bus stop on 108th before the roundabout was built must now walk much further with their groceries. Senator Nguyen immediately texted King County Councilmember (KCC) Joe McDermott asking about the roundabout. Good news: the KCC McDermott's office has advised that the county will be working on 108th from June 25 to 28th to allow buses to drive over the roundabout. 108th will remain open while the work is being done, but there will be a flagger. (2) Coronado Springs will remain tax-exempt for many years. The Washington State Housing Finance Commission recently announced that the owners of Coronado Springs have received an estimated \$29.7 million via a tax-exempt note and an estimated \$13.3 million in federal housing tax credits to renovate the 148-unit apartment building. The units were built in 1966 and last rehabilitated 16 years ago. The renovations will include new kitchens, flooring, roofs and water systems.

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- None

Financial Reports

The Board received copies of the May 2019 Treasurer's and Cash Flow Reports.

Chief Marris reported that this month's vouchers include the May invoices from King County District #2 for shared expenses and the 2018 true-up invoice. Our expenses for 2019 are still tracking. We will be reviewing the June payments for District #2 and District #11 to ensure the financial models are holding true and appear to be tracking as projected.

Chief's Report

Chief Marris reported on the following:

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- Contractual consolidation has been consistent. The accounting team met with Trina regarding the random sampling process, has done a brief review and will start auditing the first 6 months. We will review how to proceed after that initial audit. Once the system is set up, we will have them meet with the board to discuss how the future process will look.
 - Crews have been integrating amongst the 4 stations for overtime and trades. The transition has been positive and appears to be moving steadily in a great direction. The change has been progressive. The patch committee is slowly coming together and will be instrumental in establishing a unified team dynamic between District #2 and District #11.
 - Our new engines have been delivered to Hughes in Tacoma. The final brackets and compartments are being installed and mounted. Puget Sound Regional Fire is working through the acceptance process. The quality assurance process includes putting the engines on a lift and doing a full load testing to be sure all functions, features, and instruments are working at optimal levels. We will plan a public event to welcome in the new engines. It will likely include a re-enactment of the tradition of pushing the new engines backwards into the station backwards as they used to do with horse-drawn engines.
 - Discussion of Firefighter Benefits. – Will be discussed in executive session per RCW 42.30.140(4) (b).
 - Recent Shootings – (1) Three people were shot in White Center yesterday (June 23). It was not called in. However, the victims showed up at Harborview Medical Center. (2) A man was shot today near Top Hat. The victim was shot in the chest. He was combative in the ambulance. It may have been gang related. Chief Marris shared an email from Medic One complementing our crew that had the patient secured and ready for pick up and thanking the NHPD firefighters for their diligent, professional efforts.
 - Recent House Fire - A second floor fire occurred in the early hours of Saturday morning. The smoke detectors were not working. All occupants were able to get out without injuries. It appears to have been started by candles.
 - Holiday Coverage – We will have two extra engines on staff for the Fourth of July holiday to cover the expected call volume.

Attorney's Report

- None

Unfinished Business

- Chief Marris reported that he met with Gordon MacIvvennie on June 5, 2019. It seems to make sense to continue insuring those LEOFF I retirees we currently cover. There are not any better plan options. Additionally, it is not likely we would be able to regain this coverage if we drop it and try to get it back. The commissioners agreed to stay the course and maintain current coverage for LEOFF I retirees.
- Our letter to King County advising of our understanding of the county's contractual responsibilities for collecting delinquent Fire Benefit Charges went out on June 17, 2019. A copy of our letter is on file with the meeting minutes.
- King County Medic One – (1) The Medic One Levy is gaining momentum to get on the November ballot. After legislative changes, a 75% majority--not 100% as originally required is needed to put it on the ballot. So far, 11 cities support putting the Levy on the November ballot. (2) Ray Pettigrew met with South King County to review their "Cares" program and Chief Mike Marris met with Puget Sound Fire on low acuity calls to review how this could benefit our District.

New Business

- Surplus - MSA Thermal Imaging Cameras Model #E5200HD2; Serial #'s A1-42996-L08 and A1-42993-L08 - Commissioner Julie Hiatt moved to surplus the inventory items as listed on the surplus list because these items are obsolete or no longer serviceable. Commissioner Dominic Barrera seconded. Motion carried (3-0).
- 2019 Summer Newsletter - Commissioners will review the draft Newsletter and provide Shauna with feedback and any changes.

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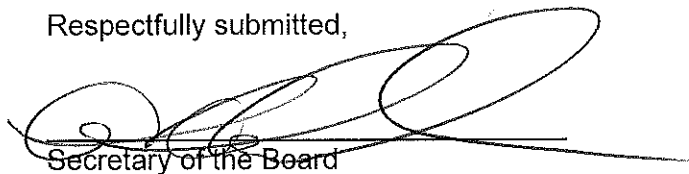
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Executive Session

A 20-minute executive session was called at 6:41PM to discuss labor negotiations per RCW 42.30.140(4) (b). The meeting reconvened at 7:00PM.

As there was no further business, Julie Hiatt moved to adjourn. Dominic Barrera seconded. Motion carried (3-0), and the meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,




Secretary of the Board

Chairman, Commissioner



Commissioner



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