

# NORTH HIGHLINE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS MEETING



## August 20th, 2018

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The regular North Highline Fire District Fire Commissioners' Meeting for August was called to order at 6:00 PM by Commissioner Liz Giba with Commissioners Julie Hiatt and Dominic Barrera in attendance.

Also in attendance were:

Eric Boutwell  
Loretta Brittingham  
Jamie Cissell  
Colby Cruz  
David Dilley  
Jon Goins – Lieutenant, Seattle Fire Dept.  
Bryan Hastings – Assistant Chief, Seattle Fire Dept.  
Bob Lawson  
Mike Marrs  
Wayne Metz  
Matt Nugent  
Ray Pettigrew  
Kenny Pittman – City of Seattle  
Bob Price  
Tony Rosenthal  
Shauna Sheppard  
Brian Snure

Chief Mike 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 approve the June 18, 2018 and July 23, 2018 regular meeting minutes. Dominic Barrera seconded. Motion carried (3-0).

Guest - Kenny Pittman of the City of Seattle

Kenny Pittman greeted the Board and said he was there in response to their letter inquiring whether Seattle had an interest in working with NHFD outside of annexation. Seattle is interested, if working with NHFD would meet the needs of SFD and the North Highline community. Commissioner Hiatt expressed concern about Seattle's slow response to the Board's inquiry. Mr. Pittman acknowledged that the letter asked for a response by May 1, 2018, but he did not offer a reason for the delay.

Julie Hiatt asked for a realistic timeframe to negotiate an agreement. Mr. Pittman estimated six months. Dominic Barrera asked about Seattle's availability to meet and Liz Giba asked who would represent Seattle. Assistant Chief Hastings, Lieutenant Goins and Mr. Pittman indicated they could meet once every ten days. Kenny Pittman noted that they are ready to talk and negotiate. Liz Giba asked who had asked him to respond. He received a directive from a senior deputy mayor.

Julie Hiatt asked whether the Board's concerns about Seattle's Medic One's response times to North Highline and the future of Station #18 have been resolved. Kenny Pittman indicated that nothing has changed since he addressed the Board in May 2016. He said if there is an annexation, there will need to be improvements and upgrades to Station #18.

Liz Giba asked him about annexation. In 2016, Mr. Pittman told the Board he expected Seattle would put an annexation vote for the Duwamish/Sliver/Delta Marine area on the ballot in 2016 or 2017 and, in November of 2017 or 2018, a vote for citizens in Area Y/ White Center. He was wrong. He did not make a new prediction but said there would not be a vote in November 2018. Seattle and King County have not been able to negotiate an interlocal agreement regarding the Sliver. It is 95% negotiated, but septic issues remain difficult to resolve. The timeline also slipped due to other factors, such as the change in administration and finances. Information needs to be gathered, analyzed and then reviewed by the Seattle City Council.

Accounts Payable

Julie Hiatt moved to approve the August, 2018 accounts payable vouchers as follows:

- 180801001 to 180801025 in the amount of \$86,640.00 (August mid-month)
- 180802001 to 180802032 in the amount of \$24,562.14 (August month-end vouchers)
- 180811001 to 180811032 in the amount of \$223,674.17 (August payroll - ACH)
- 180811101 to 180811107 in the amount of \$53,306.68 (August payroll)

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

### Correspondence

None

### Public Comment

Loretta Brittingham asked if NHFD is responsible for ensuring that the striping and markings are visible in fire lanes and "No Parking" areas. Chief Marrs replied that the King County Fire Marshall has authority to manage these areas and the King County Sheriff's Office is responsible for enforcement in the unincorporated areas. Assistant Chief Ray Pettigrew added that, if she does not get a reply from King County, to contact the Burien/Normandy Park Fire Marshall's office and he will follow-up.

### Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Hiatt – The Medic One gala will be on October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Meydenbauer Center. September 12<sup>th</sup> is the next King County Fire Commissioners Meeting and the topic is the King County Medic One Levy. She thanked the union for being present.

Commissioner Barrera – Legislative committee meeting, elections and primaries and the takeaway from these sessions is the idea of moving to a pay by mile system rather than a tax gas so we could be exempt of gas taxes. Pushing for exemption of apparatus purchases, but no changes are expected right now or in the coming year. We currently buy the over the road tax exempt diesel, off road vehicle diesel so it is a substantial savings to us.

Commissioner Giba – The White Center Eagles will be holding the Heroes in Action, First Responders' Appreciation Dinner on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 3:00-6:00 pm. The flyer is on file with the meeting minutes. King County is still waiting for information about the occupancy for the Vintage complex at Top Hat. She is checking-in with the county weekly.

### IAFF Local #1461

Bob Lawson – Regarding the recent Janis decision, the local has 100% participation and submitted signed opt-in forms by every member of the union.

### Financial Reports

Chief Marrs reported that because overtime has reached 105% of the budgeted amount for 2018, we are only utilizing overtime to staff the aid car when an apparatus goes out for training. The cost of labor on the new server has also gone over our budgeted amount. The rest of the year-to-date expenditures align with the budgeted amounts.

### Chief's Report

Chief Marrs reported on the following:

Fire Benefit Charge Contract with Neil Blindheim – Brian Snure has reviewed this contract, it is the same contract as previously used and we can move forward with the FBC process. Julie Hiatt Moved to have Chief Marrs sign the Interface Systems Management Consultants. Dominic Barrera seconded. Motion passed (3-0). The contract is on file with the minutes.

June 2018 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter King County Fire District Reports – Nothing major to report. The key aspects are the dollar amounts of loss and the location. The reports are on file with the meeting minutes

Firefighter Dow has returned safely from the Mendocino Complex Fires. We are very supportive of our firefighter's participation. Firefighters with this experience are great resources for our community. Because we have these events so seldom, this is important training that can be used in very serious situations. If we have a similar event, we are more equipped because our crew members have hands on experience. Joe Kupferling was also down there. He oversaw 5 structural teams and worked on division commander tactics and GIS on fire behavior.

#### Attorney's Report

Brian Snure reported on a letter regarding a proposed King County Agreement that will result in some property taxes for Lakewood Park, White Center Workshop, and South Park Marina. There will be discussions amongst districts and legal counsel about sections that need to be clarified and/or changed. Julie Hiatt asked if the districts would negotiate collectively or individually. Brian Snure responded that the greater the collective agreement between the districts, the easier changes will be to implement. The letter is on file with the minutes.

#### Unfinished Business

Commissioner Hiatt expressed concern that Seattle had waited so long to direct Kenny Pittman to respond to the Board's March 22<sup>nd</sup> letter even though we had requested a response by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Meanwhile, Burien/Normandy Park Fire did respond as requested and the Board has been working on a proposal.

#### New Business

WFOA Annual Conference – Attendance

Special Commissioners' Meeting: At Global Fulfilment located at 4 S. Idaho Street, Seattle, WA 98134-1119 on Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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Letter of Recognition from South King County Fire Training Consortium  
Re: Captain Matt Lemanu

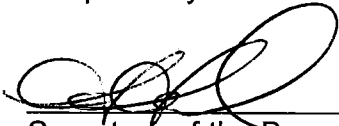
Southern Heights Elementary - Adrianna Austenburg left a phone message thanking the crew of Station #19 for their work handling a fire at Southern Heights Elementary School on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Ms. Austenburg said that they did a "wonderful job managing the fire, the surrounding brush area, the crowd... wanted us to know that our crew is great and feels awesome about being a part of the White Center community knowing that we have such a kind, cordial, and extremely professional fire department."

Executive Session

A 25-minute executive session was called at 6:50 pm to review the performance of a public employee per RCW 42.30.110(1) (g). The session was extended 10 minutes and then again for 20 additional minutes.

As there was no further business, Julie Hiatt moved to adjourn Dominic Barrera seconded. Motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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