

NORTH HIGHLINE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS MEETING



August 23, 2021

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the regular North Highline Fire District Fire Commissioners' Meeting for August 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, Captain Ray Desmarais, and Shauna Sheppard.

Chief Marrs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Hiatt moved to accept the minutes of the July 26, 2021 regular meeting as presented. Commissioner Barrera seconded. Motion carried (3-0).

Accounts Payable

Commissioner Hiatt moved to approve the August 2021 accounts payable vouchers as follows:

- 21080101 to 21080103 in the amount of \$1,301.10 (August mid-month vouchers)
- 21080201 to 21080202 in the amount of \$288,121.68 (August month-end vouchers)

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

Correspondence

- None

Public Comment

- None

Commissioner's Reports

None.

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- None

Financial Reports

The Board received copies of the July 2021 Treasurer's and Cash Flow Reports. Chief Marrs reported that all financials are in line with projected budget numbers.

Chief's Report

Chief Marrs reported on the following:

- COVID-19 Update – (A) King County is not meeting any of its key goals. It is being called the 5th wave with 183.9 cases for every 100,000 people. That is almost as bad as it was during the Thanksgiving to Christmas timeframe last year. Hospitalizations, which should be less than 5 per 100,000 people; are 7.5 per 100,000. COVID-19 patients are 20-25% in some South King County hospitals. The risk of death is also increasing. COVID-19's effective Reproductive number should be below 1. It is currently 1.8 and ranging between 1.4 and 2.2 in King County. It was 3 at the height of the pandemic in May of 2020. In the last 24 hours, 1,752 new cases have been diagnosed in King County. The 7-day rolling average of new cases is 624. In November and December of 2020, we were in the 700 range, not far below where we were before vaccinations were available. (B) Masks - Governor Inslee has issued a public mask mandate indoors. All employees must wear masks in the stations. (C) Vaccinations - With Proclamation 21-14 Governor Inslee required mandatory vaccinations of firefighters and EMTs by October 18, 2021. We have about 10 employees who have not been vaccinated. Because of the time lag between the shots and immunity, the vaccination process needs to be started in early September to comply. Attorneys Joe Quinn and Brian Snure have given us their opinions on how to implement Proclamation 21-14 and how to respond if exemptions or accommodations are requested from. This issue will be discussed in Executive Session at tomorrow night's Burien Fire Commissioners' meeting. Chief Marrs will forward copies of Joe Quinn and Brian Snure's legal opinions. Copies of the opinions are on file with the minutes. Shauna 2 opinions.
- Firefighter Hiring Process Update – Four new hires started today and will begin the academy next Monday, August 30, 2021.
- Police Response Update – We have had many calls with the police. They have done a great job of explaining their course of action.
- Cares Car Update – As Kevin Sykes has retired, we need to find a senior firefighter or captain with the experience to quickly make emergency medical determinations to fill the Cares Car role. The union is working on this. Burien will be funding the second position on the Cares Car for the benefit of Burien, Normandy Park, and North Highline. We are looking at a 4–10 schedule. Commissioner Giba asked whether any progress had been made in securing funding from the King County Department of Local Services. Chief Marrs said nothing has been committed so far; Coverage can be expanded if funding increases.
- PulsePoint Program – We entered a PulsePoint Program agreement. PulsePoint is a 911-connected phone app that sends alerts if someone in the area needs CPR. Commissioner Hiatt has experience with PulsePoint and thinks it is fantastic. It shows others who are nearby and the location of defibrillators. It can help save lives. A copy of the PulsePoint agreement is on file with the minutes.
- Fire Benefit Charge Maintenance Contract with Interface Systems, Inc.(Neil Blindheim) - Commissioner Giba is concerned that some tax-exempt property owners are not paying the FBC. She would like to see a list of properties with four or more housing units. Commissioner Hiatt

would like to review the entire 2021 database and evaluate the accuracy of the parcel data. Shauna has requested the 2021 database from Neil Blindheim. Commissioner Hiatt moved to approve the Interface Systems, LLC contract to manage the fire benefit charge process for the 2022 year as presented. Commissioner Barrera seconded. Motion carried (3-0). A copy of the contract is on file with the minutes.

Attorneys Report

- None

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- None

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- None

As there was no further business, Commissioner Dominic moved to adjourn. Commissioner Hiatt seconded. Motion carried (3-0), and the meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

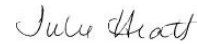
Respectfully submitted,



Secretary of the Board



Chairman, Commissioner



Commissioner



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