

NORTH HIGHLINE FIRE DISTRICT 11 BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS



MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 22, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of North Highline Fire District 11 was held remotely on September 22, 2022 commencing at 4:00 p.m., pursuant to proper notice. District officials in attendance, pursuant to virtual meeting software GoToMeeting were Commissioners Giba, Hiatt and Barrera. Also attending virtually were Chief Mike Marrs, Assistant Chief Wayne Metz, Assistant Chief Ray Desmarais, and District Secretary Christina Parker. Others in attendance were Jim Hall and Ruth Peterson of the King County Assessor's Office.

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Commissioner Giba.

Agenda Approval. Commissioner Hiatt moved to accept the meeting agenda as presented. Commissioner Barrera seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.


Discussion. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Fire Benefit Charge (FBC) and the King County Assessor's data for tax-exempt properties.

Commissioner Giba called for discussion on the Fire Benefit Charge (FBC) and the Assessor's Office data. Chief Marrs gave a brief history of the FBC and tax-exempt parcels and the fact that although their owners do not pay taxes, they are required to pay the FBC because it is a fee not a tax. Chief Marrs went onto explain how the Assessor's data impacts the FBC apportioning. Commissioner Giba added this is an equity issue. Jim Hall of the Assessor's Office gave background on the Assessor's statutory requirements. During the meeting, Ruth Peterson, also with the Assessor's Office, checked on several of the parcels on the list NHFD provided to the Assessor's Office months ago. She said many of the parcels appear to have been updated with data provided by NHFD. Jim Hall stated that he would contact Neil Blindheim regarding the deadline for updating the assessor's data prior to the FBC calculation. Jim Hall will be in contact with Chief Marrs within the next few days.

Public Comment. None.

Adjournment. Commissioner Giba moved to adjourn. Commissioner Hiatt seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Christina Parker (Nov 3, 2022 13:01 PDT)

District Secretary, Christina Parker


Liz Giba (Oct 26, 2022 10:43 PDT)

Chairman, Commissioner Liz Giba


Julie Hiatt (Oct 27, 2022 14:49 PDT)

Commissioner Julie Hiatt


Dominic Barrera (Nov 3, 2022 12:58 PDT)

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