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**King County Fire Protection District 40**

**Regular Commissioners' Meeting  
September 9, 2010  
4:30 p.m.**

**Commissioner**  
RONNIE BEHNKE

**Commissioner**  
MIKE WARFEL

**Commissioner**  
CHARLOTTE RYAN

**Commissioner**  
RUSS PRICE

**Commissioner**  
CRAIG VIOLANTE

**Deputy Chief**  
ERIK WALLGREN

**Board Secretary**  
DEANNA GRATZER

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Commissioner Warfel called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for King County Fire Protection District 40 to order at 4:30 p.m. Commissioners present for the Call to Order: Warfel, Ryan, Behnke, Price and Violante. Also attending were Secretary Gratzler, Consultant Paul Witt, Attorney Kinnon Williams, Fire Chief Mark Peterson, Deputy Chief Erik Wallgren, Battalion Chief John Lecoq and Linda Sartharek.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS:**

There were no citizen comments for agenda items.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Correspondence received consisted of a cash transmittal receipt in the amount of \$125,471.00.00 deposited to the Expense Fund.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT - Presented by Chief Mark Peterson:**

**Safety/Support Services:**

Contractors will start the Station 17 roof replacement project on September 20, 2010.

**Response Operations:**

There were no significant incidents to report.

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### Office of the Fire Chief:

An information briefing and discussion concerning 2011 property tax levies will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2010 between 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the King County Courthouse, SW Conference Room, Floor 12. This meeting is to discuss the impacts on the junior taxing districts due to the decline in King County's assessed property values and the number and size of existing levies. Experts are predicting that some junior taxing districts in many parts of King County will be unable to levy their current taxes without exceeding the \$5.90 cap.

The City's Finance Administrator is preparing the 2011 contract costs and will be submitting it to the Finance Workgroup.

The King County Flood District, the most junior taxing district, is the most impacted and would likely have its levy suppressed (unable to be collected). Even with the Flood District's levy being suppressed, there may still be a need to suppress some portion of the levies of other junior taxing districts.

Attorney Kinnon Williams explained that the King County Flood District is requesting fire districts to reduce their levy rates which would allow the Flood District to levy taxes in its entire jurisdiction. There are several fire districts in the Flood Districts jurisdictional boundaries. The Flood District can not levy taxes in sections of the Flood District, therefore all the Fire District's in the Flood District would need to enter into an inter local agreement to reduce the tax levy rates which would then allow the Flood District to levy it's taxes.

Attorney Kinnon Williams will be attending the meeting on September 13, 2010 on behalf of District 34 and 40.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

#### Commissioner Position 1 - Vacancy

Attorney Kinnon Williams recommended that no action is taken on filling Position 1 until Commissioner Violante formally resigns.

Attorney Kinnon Williams stated that the workgroups can continue to meet when Position 1 is vacant since the workgroups do not make a quorum.

### CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting – August 26, 2010
- b. Expense Fund Vouchers No. 09010 through 09020 – Amount \$30,038.46

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Behnke and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Price to approve the consent calendar as presented. The **MOTION CARRIED (5-0)**.

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### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Year 2010 Timeline for General Tax Levy and Benefit Charge for 2011**

The Board reviewed and agreed on the Revenue/Budget Timeline.

#### **Resolution 471**

Secretary Gratzler presented Resolution 471 – Resolution Setting Hearing date and Revenue Sources, Including Benefit Charge for Year 2011.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Price and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Behnke to adopt Resolution 471 – Resolution Setting Hearing date and Revenue Sources, Including Benefit Charge for Year 2011. **The MOTION CARRIED (5-0).**

### **WORKGROUP REPORTS:**

#### **Capital Facilities / Equipment:**

Commissioner Warfel reported the roof replacement at Station 17 will start soon and take approximately 1 week, weather permitting.

Deputy Chief Wallgren stated that parking creates the biggest impact. He is working through parking issues with the crews at Station 17.

#### **Community Relations:**

There was nothing new to report at this time.

Deputy Chief Wallgren presented the Renton Fire & Emergency Services Department Open House flyer. The Open House is on September 11, 2010 from noon – 4:00 p.m. at all fire stations.

#### **Finance:**

There was nothing new to report at this time.

#### **Policy:**

There was nothing new to report at this time.

#### **Risk Management:**

There was nothing new to report at this time.

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**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Linda Sartnurak inquired how the Flood Control District would obtain funds to reimburse the fire districts.

Attorney Kinnon Williams explained that if the Fire Districts suppress their levy, this would allow the Flood Control District to levy taxes and the fire district's would be reimbursed with the tax levy.

**ONCE AROUND THE TABLE:**

Attorney Kinnon Williams announced that he will be doing a presentation at the WFCB conference in Pasco on October 27, 2010. The presentation will be on asset transfers and he will be using District 40 as an example.

Commissioner Behnke reminded the Board of the King County Commissioner's bi-monthly meeting on September 15, 2010.

There were no other Board comments.

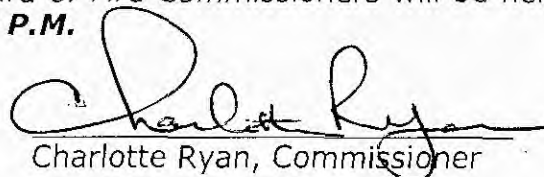
**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Board went into a ten minute Executive Session at 5:12 p.m. to discuss potential litigation under guidelines of RCW 42.30.110. The Executive Session ended at 5:22 p.m.

There was no further business or discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners will be held on **Thursday, September 30, 2010 at 4:30 P.M.**

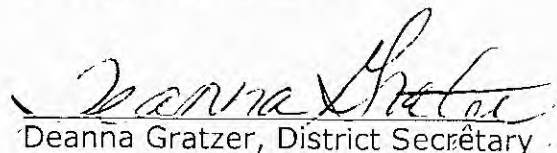
  
Mike Warfel, Chair

  
Charlotte Ryan, Commissioner

  
Craig Violante, Commissioner

  
Russ Price, Commissioner

  
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Attachment Meeting Agenda  
Cash Transmittal  
Resolution 471  
Chief's Report  
Open House Flyer