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King County Fire Protection District 40

*Regular Commissioners' Meeting*

March 10, 2011

4:30 p.m.

Commissioner

MIKE WARFEL

Commissioner

CHARLOTTE RYAN

Commissioner

RONNIE LITTLE

Commissioner

RUSS PRICE

Commissioner

LINDA SARTNURAK

Deputy Chief

ERIK WALLGREN

Board Secretary

DEANNA GRATZER

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Commissioner Ryan called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for King County Fire Protection District 40 to order at 4:31 p.m. Commissioners present for the Call to Order: Ryan, Little, Warfel, Sartnurak and Price. Also attending were Secretary Gratzler, Consultant Paul Witt, Attorney Kinnon Williams, Deputy Chief Erik Wallgren, Firefighter Ryan Simonds, Judy Hayward, Mindi Mattson, David Cromer and Kevin Ellis.

**BENEFIT CHARGE APPEALS HEARING:**

Commissioner Ryan recessed the regular meeting of the Board and called the Benefit Charge Appeal Hearing to order at 4:47 p.m.

There was one Benefit Charge appeal to be considered. Administrative adjustments for monitored alarm and sprinkler credits were submitted to King County.

Kevin Ellis presented Petition No. 11-001 requesting a 50% reduction from the 2011 calculated amount of the benefit charge. The basis of the request for adjustment lies in the argument that his house meets and often exceeds current building code requirements.

A copy of Petition No. 11-001 is on file with the minutes.

After discussing Mr. Ellis' appeal at length, a **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Price and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Warfel to deny the petition for adjustment of the benefit charge assessment as there is no adjustment category or classification or provision which allows for an adjustment based upon compliance with meeting building codes. The **MOTION CARRIED (5-0)**.

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Board Chair Ryan called for further comments regarding the Benefit Charge. Hearing none, the Benefit Charge Appeals Hearing closed at 5:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 5:00 p.m.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS:**

There were no citizen comments.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Correspondence received consisted of cash transmittal receipts in the amount of \$121,187.45 deposited to the Expense Fund.

A copy of the cash transmittal receipts are on file with the minutes.

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

#### **Safety/Support Services:**

There is nothing to report at this time.

#### **Response Operations:**

Deputy Chief Erik Wallgren presented the Fire District 40 Incident Type Report for January 2011. The report includes number of responses by response type and transport data.

A copy of the Incident Type report is on file with the minutes.

Deputy Chief Erik Wallgren was contacted by a representative of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to verify and document insurance and mileage on the 1986 Chevy Brush truck. The representative recommends upgrading the brush truck to a more current model. DNR has vehicle loan and purchase options available

Deputy Chief Erik Wallgren will research the options for acquiring a newer model, better equipped model.

#### **Significant Incidents:**

There were no significant incidents.

#### **Office of the Fire Chief:**

The King County Sheriff's Office, Fire Investigation Unit (KCSO FIU) Report For Fire District 40 was presented for review. The report included activities for January 1 through December 31, 2010.

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### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **Special Meeting Agenda – March 26, 2011**

The special meeting agenda was finalized and will be posted in accordance with RCW 42.30.080.

#### **Surplus Aid Unit – Donation to RECS**

David Cromer, RECS, stated arrangements have been made at Trim Design in Tukwila, to remove the decals and striping from the surplus aid unit. He also requested the light bar remain on the vehicle with the lenses changed from red to amber. The RECS will pay the cost of decommissioning the vehicle.

Attorney Kinnon Williams stated the seller/donor is legally responsible for decommissioning, therefore, the District cannot give up control of the vehicle the decommissioning is complete. The City of Renton will arrange pickup and delivery to Trim Design and then confirm through City Shops the vehicle is fully decommissioned per Title 20 WAC.

Deputy Chief Erik Wallgren will arrange the delivery to Trim Design, and then to City Shops to insure decommissioning of the surplus aid unit meets the requirements of the WAC.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting – February 10, 2011
- b. Expense Fund Vouchers No. 03001 through 03020 – Amount \$41,870.19

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

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **WFCA Seminar – Ocean Shores - March 19, 2011 and Chelan - June 4, 2011 and Non- Board Meeting Attendance and Policy:**

Commissioner Little requested approval to attend the WFCA Seminar in Ocean Shores on March 19, 2011 and Chelan on June 4, 2011.

Commissioners Ryan and Warfel expressed concern over the need, relevance and public perception in attending so many meetings and conferences; and the commissioner compensation that is incurred in attendance at meetings on topics that is not beneficial for our District.

Commissioner Little stated that as president of the King County Fire Commissioners that she represents the District.

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Attorney Kinnon Williams stated the law required that commissioners are paid for attendance at meetings and conferences, however, the Washington State Auditor requires attendance is approved by the Board. The Board decides what to approve and authorizes the activities of the commissioners.

The Board denied Commissioner Little's attendance at the WFCB Seminar on March 19, 2011. The Board approved attendance and one night lodging for the WFCB Seminar in Chelan on June 4, 2011 for Commissioners Little and Sartnurak.

Non-Board Meeting Attendance and Policy will remain on the agenda under Unfinished Business for further discussion.

### **King County Fire Commissioners Meeting – May 18, 2011**

Commissioner Little requested the Board host the King County Fire Commissioners Meeting at Station 13 on May 18, 2011.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Little and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sartnurak to host and provide refreshments for the King County Fire Commissioners meeting on May 18, 2011. The **MOTION CARRIED (5-0)**.

### **Workshop**

The Board will hold a special workshop on March 26, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at Station 13.

### **WORKGROUP REPORTS:**

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

There was nothing new to report at this time.

#### **Community Relations:**

There was nothing new to report at this time.

#### **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:**

There were no Citizen Comments.

**ONCE AROUND THE TABLE:**

Commissioner Little announced that Maple Valley Fire and Life Safety is hosting the King County Fire Commissioners Meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2011.

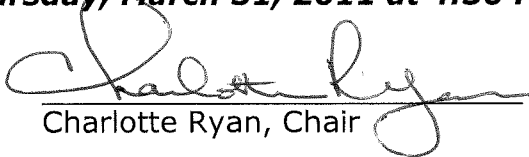
There were no additional Board comments.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was no Executive Session.

There was no further business or discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.


The next regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners will be held on **Thursday, March 31, 2011 at 4:30 P.M.**


  
Charlotte Ryan, Chair

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Russ Price, Commissioner

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Ronnie Little, Commissioner

  
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Mike Warfel, Commissioner

  
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Linda Sartnurak, Commissioner

  
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Deanna Gratzner, District Secretary

Attachment Meeting Agenda  
Petition No. 11-001  
Paul Witt Memo  
Cash Transmittal Receipts  
Chief's Report