

**"FINAL"**

**King County Fire Protection District 40**

***Special Commissioners' Meeting***

**January 17, 2013**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Commissioner**  
LINDA SARTNURAK

**Commissioner**  
STEVE PARSONS

**Commissioner**  
RONNIE LITTLE

**Commissioner**  
MIKE WARFEL

**Commissioner**  
CHARLOTTE RYAN

**Chief**  
MARK PETERSON

**Board Secretary**  
DEANNA GRATZER

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Commissioner Parsons called the special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for King County Fire Protection District 40 to order at 5:00 p.m. Commissioners present for the Call to Order: Parsons, Sartnurak, Ryan and Little. Also attending were District Secretary Deanna Gratzner, Consultant Paul Witt, Attorney Kinnon Williams, Chief Mark Peterson, Deputy Chief Erik Wallgren, Facilities Director Peter Renner and Communications Director Preeti Shridhar.

Commissioner Warfel was excused by prior Board action.

**COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION:**

**Newsletters:**

Communications Director Preeti Shridhar presented the winter edition of the Fireline. The newsletter distribution to households increased with the inclusion of post office boxes.

The next Fireline newsletter will be distributed in June 2013.

**Fact Sheet Mailer:**

The ballots for the April 23, 2013 Special Election will be mailed to households the first part of April.

A Fire Benefit Charge informational tri-fold mailer will be delivered to residents the week of March 25-28, 2013.

**Station 17 Open House:**

The Station 17 Open House is tentatively scheduled for June 2013.

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## **WORKGROUP ASSIGNMENTS:**

The workgroup assignments remain the same.

Capital Facilities	Sartnurak/Warfel
Equipment	Little/Parsons
Community Relations	Little/Parsons
Finance	Ryan/Sartnurak
Special Projects	Ryan/Warfel

## **BUDGET**

### **Revenue Levels/Service Impacts:**

The District is experiencing minimal growth, declining assessed valuations and loss of other revenues (i.e. Valley Medical Center in 2015). If the service model and expenditures remain at the current level the fire benefit charge (FBC) is projected to reach the statutory limit of 60% in 2015/2016. The cost of fire service is outpacing inflation by 15%.

Reducing the service model to a 3 person engine results in a \$500,000 per year reduction in expenditures. If revenues experience little change, it is estimated that this service model change would prolong the 60% statutory limit until 2023. The District can be proactive in make adjustments without impacting service levels.

If the District experiences rapid growth, the District has \$1.4M in tax capacity due to the Benson Hill annexation.

### **Valley Medical Center:**

Valley Medical Center (VMC) funds are \$307,000 in 2013. In 2015, VMC's agreement with the fire districts will expire and the District will no longer receive these funds. VMC is not going to renew the agreement.

### **Donation Funds:**

Options for the Donation Fund were discussed, Options include a plaque recognizing the donor and heart month supplies.

### **FIRE BENEFIT CHARGE:**

#### **Election Planning:**

The Voter's Pamphlet Pro/Con committees will be appointed at the regular meeting on January 31, 2013.

Commissioner Parsons and Little met with I.A.F.F. Local 864 to discuss their participation in the Proposition 1 election. Attorney Kinnon Williams offered his assistance to insure the Local's message is factually correct.

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The District will hold a Public Hearing at their regular meeting on March 14, 2013. The public hearing will allow citizens to speak for and against Proposition 1.

### **Contingency Plan:**

If the ballot measure fails, Proposition 1 will be resubmitted to voters in August 2013. Consultant Paul Witt will have documents preloaded and ready to submit to meet the May 14, 2013 filing deadline required for the August election.

### **Board Position on Proposition 1:**

The Board will not take an official position on Proposition 1.

### **Voters Pamphlet – Explanatory Statement:**

The Board reviewed and made minor edits to the Explanatory Statement. Consultant Paul Witt will complete the required cover sheet to be included with the Explanatory Statement. Consultant Paul Witt will submit the cover sheet and Explanatory Statement to King County Elections.

King County Elections will include the Voter's Pamphlet in with the ballots for the April 23, 2013 special election.

### **COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION (continued):**

#### **HOA Attendance:**

Commissioners Parsons and Little will attend HOA meetings and provide fire benefit charge (FBC) informational handouts.

The informational handout will include Q & A information from the fire benefit charge hearing to insure factual information is presented. The message will include the benefits, fairness and historical use of the FBC.

### **DISPOSITION OF REAL ESTATE/STATION 42:**

The old Station 42 property will not be actively marketed at this time. Parties interested in the purchase of the property should be referred to the Board for consideration.

### **CAPITAL EQUIPMENT:**

#### **Vehicle Replacement:**

Consultant Paul Witt presented the 5 year capital equipment replacement schedule. The command vehicle is scheduled for replacement in 2013. The District made a commitment to fund 50% of the command vehicle. Deputy Chief Erik Wallgren stated the City of Renton has delayed the replacement of the command vehicle.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was no Executive Session.

There was no further business or discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners will be held on **Thursday, January 31, 2013 at 5:00 P.M.**



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Steve Parsons, Chair



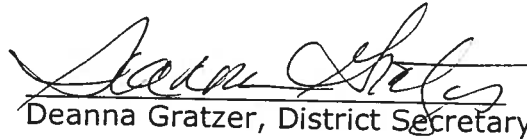
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Mike Warfel, Commissioner

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Ronnie Little, Commissioner

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Charlotte Ryan, Commissioner



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Linda Sartnurak, Commissioner



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Deanna Gratzer, District Secretary

- Attachment Meeting Agenda  
Fireline  
Explanatory Statement  
Capital Equipment Matrix