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King County Fire Protection District 40

Regular Commissioners' Meeting and Proposition 1 Public Hearing
March 14, 2013
5:00 p.m.

Commissioner
STEVE PARSONS

Commissioner
LINDA SARTNURAK

Commissioner
RONNIE LITTLE

Commissioner
MIKE WARFEL

Commissioner
CHARLOTTE RYAN

Chief
MARK PETERSON

Board Secretary
DEANNA GRATZER

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Parsons called the regular 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, Little, Sartnurak and Ryan. Also attending were District Secretary Deanna Gratzler, Chief Mark Peterson, Deputy Chief Erik Wallgren, Facilities Director Peter Renner, Captain Kevin Anderson and Firefighter Ryan Simonds.

Commissioner Parsons requested an excused absence from March 28, 2013, regular meeting.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Little and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sartnurak to allow Commissioner Parsons an excused absence from the March 28, 2013 regular meeting. The **MOTION CARRIED (4-0)**.

Commissioner Warfel was excused by prior Board action.

PROPOSITION 1 PUBLIC HEARING:

Board Chair Parsons opened the Proposition 1 Public Hearing at 5:01 p.m.

The hearing is being held for the purpose of meeting the requirements of RCW 52.18.060.

The proposal that has been placed before the voters is for them to decide whether or not to continue to use the Fire Benefit Charge method of financing District operations as they have for over twenty years. Fire Districts that use the Fire Benefit Charge method of financing lose a portion of their taxing authority, but are allowed to impose Fire Benefit Charges which take into account the risks

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incurred in protecting different types of property, which is why the District gives credits to properties with monitored fire alarm systems and those with sprinklers. Fire Benefit Charges must be reauthorized by the voters every 6 years.

Currently the District receives a **combined tax/benefit charge of \$ 3,861,462** in order to maintain current service levels., this is based on the District receiving revenues of \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in property taxes which are supplemented by the Fire Benefit Charge or FBC. A breakdown of those revenues is as follows:

2013 AV \$ 1,752,030,171 X 1.00/100 = \$ 1,752,030 in property taxes
2013 benefit charge \$ 2,109,432
Total \$3,861,462

Without the Fire Benefit Charge the District would be eligible to receive a tax rate increase from a \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This would result in the maximum tax revenues based on current assessed valuation numbers of **\$ 2,628,045 which is an overall reduction in revenues of \$1,233,417 or about 27.8% reduction** in the District's budget, which could have a severe impact on current service levels.

Also, taxes unlike Fire Benefit Charges are subject to being prorated or taken away by other taxing districts such as the county or hospital district if property values continue to decrease.

The Board placed this measure to continue the Fire Benefit Charge method of financing fire and emergency medical operations before the voters because it has provided the District with a safe, consistent funding source for over the last 20 years.

Board Chair Parsons called for comments. Hearing none, the Proposition 1 Public Hearing was closed at 5:03 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

There were no citizen comments.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence received consisted of a Cash Transmittal Receipt in the amount of \$105,052.27 deposited to the Expense Fund. The deposit was from the City of Renton for the 1st half asset transfer loan payment.

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

Office of the Fire Chief:

At their March 11, 2013 meeting, the Renton City Council voted to adopt a resolution placing the 2014-2015 countywide Medic One/EMS Levy on the ballot. In addition, the Council voted to support the proposed six-year, \$.335 per \$1,000 of assessed value and urges voters to vote in favor of the levy.

This year's Renton Firefighter Stair Climb team just completed the 22nd Annual Scott Firefighter Stair Climb up the Columbia Tower in Seattle. Firefighters wore 60 lbs of gear including protective clothing, SCBA and mask to make the climb. Hundreds of departments from across the nation and the world are represented at this event. Of the 1,600 registered participants, 1,473 firefighters were able to complete this year's climb. This year's event is well on the way to breaking last year's fundraising record of \$1.2 million dollars for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society who funds research and cancer patient support. This year's team climbed in honor of retired Deputy Chief Art Larson who passed away earlier this year from this deadly cancer.

Team Renton raised nearly \$25,000 which places them 6th overall in fundraising for 2013 so far.

Team Renton placed 6th in total time for our top three finishers. We had 17 members who climbed this year, our biggest group ever. The top three team finishers were:

Josh Brown - 13:08; 4th in his age group and 14th overall
Stan Engler - 13:58; 1st in his age group, top Chief and 30th overall
Robbie Hyslop - 15:31; 23rd in his age group and 95th overall

Safety/Support Services:

Deputy Chief Wallgren reported that City Shops has reconsidered and would now like to replace the command vehicle. The command vehicle is a 2005 with approximately 60,000 miles. Replacement of the vehicle would meet the replacement schedule per NFPA standards. Total replacement cost of the command vehicle is approximately \$40,000 (includes radios, lights, etc.)

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Ryan and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Little to move forward with the purchase of the command vehicle. The District will pay ½ the cost upon review and approval of the specs and bid documents. The **MOTION CARRIED (4-0)**.

Response Operations:

There was nothing to report.

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Significant Incidents:

There was nothing to report.

Communications:

The District 40 informational flyer has been approved for print; sent to the Consolidated Press for printing and distribution (Friday, March 8); proof approved (Wednesday, March 13); and will be delivered to the Post Office on March 22, 2013; with flyers expected to hit mailboxes on March 23-27, 2013. Distribution will be the same as the previous newsletter.

The District website has been updated with the February 14, 2013 meeting minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Policy 7240 – Facilities – Construction Phase - Revision:

Topic will remain on agenda until Commissioner Warfel is in attendance.

District email:

Commissioner Parsons created a new District email account. The new email is firedistrict40@gmail.com. The website, flyers, etc. will be updated with the new email.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting – February 28, 2013
- b. Expense Fund Vouchers-No. 03001 through 03023 – Amount \$47,140.79
- c. Bond Fund Vouchers-No. 03001 through 03006 – Amount \$22,062.79

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Parsons and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sartnurak to approve the consent calendar as presented. The **MOTION CARRIED (4-0)**.

NEW BUSINESS:

Barbeque:

Lieutenant Craig Soucy telephoned each commissioner directly to inquire if the Board would purchase a barbeque for Station 17. Three barbeque proposals were provided.

The Board will wait until the remodel is complete to consider.

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WORKGROUP REPORTS:

Capital Facilities:

Facilities Director Peter Renner provided an overview of the Station 17 remodel. Work continues on obtaining the permit for the alarm system. TCA is working with the design contractor for the landscaping at the front of the station. A few trees and bushes on the property have been removed and/or trimmed. Flooring should be installed by the end of March. The contractor (at their expense) is resolving an issue with the fiber optics from the street to the station.

Equipment:

The workgroup continues work on disposing of miscellaneous equipment and computer supplies stored in the archives.

Community Relations:

There is nothing new to report.

Finance:

There is nothing new to report.

Special Projects:

There is nothing new to report.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

There were no citizen comments.

ONCE AROUND THE TABLE:

Commissioner Sartnurak stated that as a flight instructor she has information for first responders in regards to the idiosyncrasies of certain aircraft.

Firefighter Ryan Simonds reported the crews have videos and received training on the aircraft.

Commissioner Ryan reminded the Board that PDC forms are due by April 15, 2013.

Facilities Director Peter Renner reported an update on the Petrovitsky project. Plans are on target for 2013, with construction to start in 2014. Due to the high cost of relocating the billboard, the sidewalk will go under the billboard. The billboard is currently on West Brothers property. Facilities Director Peter

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Renner will look into who will assume the billboard lease once the construction is complete.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no Executive Session.

There was no further business or discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners will be held on **Thursday, March 28, 2013 at 5:00 P.M.**




Steve Parsons, Chair



Mike Warfel, Commissioner



Ronnie Little, Commissioner



Charlotte Ryan, Commissioner



Linda Sartnurak, Commissioner



Deanna Gratzer, District Secretary

- Attachment Meeting Agenda
Voter Hearing Outline
Cash Transmittal
Chief's Report
BBQ specs