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KING COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION  
DISTRICT 25  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
07/15/2014

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**DATE:** Wednesday, July 15, 2014 (4:00 p.m.)

**PURPOSE:** Regular Monthly Meeting

**LOCATION:** Station 16, 12923-156th Ave. SE, Renton

**ATTENDANCE:** **KCFD #25**

**RENTON**

Chairman Ray Barilleaux  
Commissioner Tom Tasa  
Commissioner Myron Meikle

Chief Mark Peterson  
Iwen Wang, Renton Finance  
DL Julie Bray

**PUBLIC**

Kerry Abercrombie

**Call to Order:**

- Chairman Barilleaux called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- **MOTION** made by Meikle to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 18, 2014. **SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.

**Unfinished/Old Business:**

- ***CPR Class Update*** – The DL reported that the July 8<sup>th</sup> class was cancelled. Still waiting on the billing from the City. The budget will be updated once a voucher has been requested.
- ***Commissioner Replacement*** – Tasa will be resigning at the August meeting.

- ***Regional Fire Authority Proposal*** – Barilleaux met with Jay Covington, Iwen Wang and Chief Peterson from the City of Renton. It is the City’s intent to partner with District #25 and they would like to proceed as soon as possible. Chairman Barilleaux opened up the floor for questions:
  - Tasa remarked that it appears that considerable work needs to be done. Chief Peterson reiterated that one of the major benefits would be not relying on the City for revenue. Their budget is based on the economy, so when the economy fluctuates, an RFA would be in a better position.
  - Tasa asked whether District #40 has decided. Chief Peterson told him that they have agreed to participate in discussions. They just renewed their benefit charge; it passed because the District promised that an engine & aid unit will staff Station #17, and that they would transport for free. They may have to wait 5 years.
  - Tasa inquired about the District’s Reserve & Expense funds. Iwen told him that there will be no change to any cash based accounts – the District will still be able to maintain a separate account while still remaining as a district.
  - Barilleaux asked about assets and responsibilities, such as the LEOFF I retirees. Chief Peterson told him that the Planning Committee will decide how their accounts are handled and that the District would be 3 out of 6 people on the committee.
  - Tasa asked whether the RFA and the Service Benefit Charge will be separate votes. Chief Peterson told him that they would both be on the same ballot; this is something the Planning Committee will decide.
  - Meikle asked about the civilians in the department. Chief Peterson assured him that all civilians will stay with the RFA.
  - Meikle asked how the taxes would work out. Iwen explained that taxes on a single family home would be lowered to \$1/per thousand of their assessed valuation; however, the Fire Benefit Charge of up to 60% of the operating budget will be assessed on each facility. The combination will raise taxes slightly. High risk facilities like Castle Ice would pay significantly more. Exact figures won’t be known until they have gone to the Planning Committee.
  - Meikle was concerned about any extra costs, such as Union negotiations. Chief Peterson assured him that they will have to bargain normally just as they do now.
  - Meikle commented that there are currently no inspections being done by the County. Chief Peterson told him that by going with an RFA, two more inspectors could be hired, making business and multi-family occupancies safer. In addition, with the construction of Station #15, there would be an enhanced level of service at Station #16.
  - Barilleaux remarked that if the contract went to phase 2 the City would assume all assets and liabilities; except for \$400,000 in the reserve fund for District operating costs.
  - Barilleaux asked what impact this would have on the District contract amount if done mid-year. Iwen has not run the numbers yet.
  - Chief Peterson informed the Board that they are projecting a 5 month planning period, with the RFD being on the April, 2015 ballot. The RFA would become effective July 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Chief Peterson also remarked that the structure of the RFA will remain the same as RF&ES, unless the Planning Committee decides otherwise.
- Chief Peterson informed the Board that District #20 is extremely interested in the RFA as long as they can retain their volunteer program.
- Tasa asked when the City needed a response. Chief Peterson told him as soon as possible. Meikle would like to see a breakdown of the potential taxes for single-family, business, etc.
- Tasa told Chief Peterson that they would like to be involved in the discussions as long as the District has a way out. Chief Peterson told him the District could always bow out with 30-day notice.
- Chief Peterson expects the Planning Committee to start in either mid- or late-August. They would meet twice a month in a public meeting forum.
- At this point (17:15 hours) the DL requested a 5 minute break. Meeting resumed at 17:20 hours.
- ***Open Government Trainings Act*** – Information was distributed at the last meeting. This issue was tabled on a **MOTION** by Meikle. **SECONDED** and **PASSED**.
- ***Survey & Rating Report*** – Copies of the report were distributed to the Commissioners. The Districts rating went from a 5 to 4.

#### **New Business:**

- ***Investment Pool*** – the DL informed the Board that participants would be receiving a rebate. It should be reflected in the June Report.

#### **Correspondence:**

- ***WA State Boundary Review Board*** – the Board reviewed the notice and there was no discussion.

#### **Citizen and/or Other Comment:**

- Kerrie Abercrombie would like to sit down with one of the Board members to get more information on a Commissioner's duties. The DL will be sending him org charts with the structure of the department.

#### **Seminars/Meetings/Conferences:**

- None

#### **Good of the Order:**

- The Commissioners would like to hold a special meeting to discuss the RFA and get citizen input. The date of July 29<sup>th</sup> at 16:00 hours was decided. The DL will post the special meeting notice and post it on the District's website.

**District Reports:**

- The Board reviewed all submitted reports. Tasa suggested that the Board consider moving funds from Expense to Reserve. It was decided that it would be an issue to discuss at the special meeting. Tasa requested the contact information for Hazel Gantz at King County.

**Vouchers:**

Vouchers prepared by the DL were reviewed by the Commissioners. It was **MOVED** by Tasa and **SECONDED** to approve said vouchers. Submitted for payment (#060 - #067) in the amount of \$3,276.81. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Adjournment:**

With no further public business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm on a **MOTION** made by Commissioner Barilleaux. **SECONDED** and **CARRIED.**

Submitted/Transcribed by:

Julie Bray, Renton Fire  
Admin 1/District Liaison

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: KCFD 25 Board Member