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KING COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION  
DISTRICT 25  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
07/29/2014

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**DATE:** Tuesday, July 29, 2014 (4:00 p.m.)

**PURPOSE:** Special Meeting

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

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

Chairman Ray Barilleaux  
Commissioner Tom Tasa  
Commissioner Myron Meikle

**RENTON**

Chief Mark Peterson  
BC/SO John Lecoq  
FF Jim Eastwood  
DL Julie Bray

**PUBLIC**

Kerry Abercrombie

**Call to Order:**

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

**Unfinished/Old Business:**

- **Regional Fire Authority** – Barilleaux announced that the business at hand was to decide on partnering with the City of Renton in forming an RFA. He opened the floor for discussion.
  - Tasa reported that he attended a budget meeting spoke to Iwen. The reserve monies should be able to remain with the District. It all depends on how the Planning Committee sets up the contract.
  - Barilleaux commented that, by resolution, the District can be dissolved and representatives would be elected to the Governance Board. If they chose to remain a district, there would still be 3 Commissioners representing the District.
  - Tasa made a **MOTION** to participate in the Planning Committee to form an RFA. **SECONDED** and **PASSED**.
  - The DL will get a letter together for Mayor Law.
- **Transfer of Funds** – Tabled until next monthly meeting.

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

- Kerrie Abercrombie had some questions for the Commissioners:
  - What area does the District cover?
    - The Commissioners explained the boundaries and showed him the map downstairs during their tour.
  - Why doesn't the District own the station?
    - The State Auditor took exception to the City supporting a District building. It was also in the Contract that as the District's response area got smaller due to annexations, the City would take over a percentage of the building upkeep.
  - Who does the Board deal with for the most part?
    - The District has no employees, so they mainly deal with the City of Renton. They mostly review and negotiate the contract as needed.
    - They are currently collecting \$1.50 per assessed value. In 1996, they were only collecting less than that for 14 years. In 2007, housing crashed and they had to up it to \$1.40. In 2010, it was raised to \$1.50.
    - Chief Peterson commented that both the RFA and the Benefit Service Charge have to pass or neither one will. He was concerned about the levy for radio replacement in 2015.
  - As a civilian, how would he know about effective manning levels?
    - Chief Peterson assured him that the other two members on the Board are either active or retired fire service. Tasa knew nothing about the fire service when he started serving in 1995; he picked it up pretty quickly. The manning recommendations are usually made by the Chief.
    - State Law now requires a 2 in 2out service level on all fires.
  - What is the Fire Benefit Charge?
    - Currently, the County is receiving their funding based on Assessed Valuation. With an FBC, the taxing is based on fire flow and risk level. This will shift the majority of the burden on businesses. Right now, the District is 98% residential. We won't know it will play out until the Planning Committee makes some decisions.
  - What about the Errors & Omissions Insurance costs?
    - Tasa explained that the Board just adjusted their insurance coverage last year to bring down costs. The District is low risk; the insurance is only covering the 3 Commissioners.
  - What will happen at the next election?
    - You will need to file a Public Disclosure Statement every year and again when running for election. The District pays for voting costs; any outside campaign costs come out of pocket.

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

- Kerry requested a station tour after the meeting. The Commissioners will take him through the station and answer any other questions he might have. Chief Peterson will schedule him a ride-along in the near future.
- Tasa will submit his letter of resignation to the County with a cc to the DL.

**Adjournment:**

With no further public business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 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