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MINUTES

RFA Governance Board Regular Meeting

9:00 A.M. – Monday, May 11, 2020

Videoconference

CALL TO ORDER

Governance Board Chair Abercrombie called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Governance Board Members Present:

Kerry Abercrombie, Chair (Fire District 25)

Ruth Pérez, Vice Chair (City of Renton)

Marcus Morrell (Fire District 25)

Ryan McIrvine (City of Renton)

Myron Meikle (Fire District 25)

Randy Corman (City of Renton)

Linda Sartnurak (Nonvoting Advisory Position, Fire District 40)

Administrative Staff Present:

Chief Rick Marshall, Assistant Chief Roy Gunsolus, Deputy Chief Chuck DeSmith, Deputy Chief Mark Seaver, Chief Administration Officer Samantha Babich, Fire Marshal Anjela Barton, Lieutenant Robbie Hyslop, Site Reliability Engineer Wyatt Humphreys, and Administrative Specialist Linda Mann.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no agenda modifications.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no announcements, proclamations, or presentations.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Meikle and **SECONDED** by Board Member Corman to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2020 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED (6-0)**

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Meikle and **SECONDED** by Board Member Corman to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2020 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED (6-0)**

Approval of Vouchers

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Meikle and **SECONDED** by Board Member Corman to approve the vouchers which included the following:

- AP Check Register 3/16/2020 – 4/15/2020, Payroll 3/1/2020 – 3/31/2020 **MOTION CARRIED (6-0)**

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BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Board Committee reports.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Marshall's report included the following:

- **Support from the Chinese American Community:** We were honored to accept 4000 surgical masks from our Chinese American Community on May 1. Their support for first responders throughout King County has been overwhelming and much appreciated. In addition to helping first responders the initial shipment of over 50,000 masks has meant protection for healthcare workers in hospitals, clinics, and skilled nursing facilities.
- **Social Media Events:** We have turned our Communications Manager, Katie Lewis, loose to help us communicate out to our community many of the issues related to the COVID pandemic. They have been messages to assure everyone that we are and will continue to be here for them—and that “We’ve got this Renton.”
- **Community Outreach:** Police Chief VanValey and I had planned a little latte art competition at Boon Boona Coffee. The event was designed to both highlight local small businesses that remain open in some capacity during the crisis and to bring a smile to a community that needs a little more of that right now. Unfortunately, as a result of an officer-involved shooting the night before, we had to re-schedule the event for the week of the 11th. Stay tuned!
- **Red Lion/King County Testimony:** One of the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic has been the arrival of over 200 people to the Red Lion as a part of King County's de-intensification program for the unhoused. They previously resided in an overcrowded facility in downtown Seattle. King County leased the Red Lion for 90 days with options to extend if “necessary”. Since arriving, we have responded 34 times, compared to 1 for the same time period last year. In addition, there have been numerous code violations. To ensure the safety of our responders and the occupants, Chief Marshall has directed OFM to conduct twice-weekly inspections and AC Gunsolus to reiterate to responders the specific protocol to follow when responding to this facility. We are monitoring calls there and Chief Marshall is in communication with the Mayor and City officials daily. Yesterday, Chief Marshall along with officials from the City of Renton, testified at the King County Council meeting to urge the County Council to not extend the lease beyond 90 days and provide some measure of relief for agencies who are now faced with mitigating the effects of the de-intensification program.
- **Overtime Rate Calculation Issue:** As Chief Marshall made the Governing Board aware last month, it appears that the way we have been calculating overtime is not correct. We continue to work with the Department of Labor and the firefighter's union to work through the issues. We first need to find out a solution for moving forward. Once we have that, we will look retrospectively to correct any pay errors. Regrettably, this issue is complicated, and we are having a challenging time determining a clearly approved best practice with all the variations in employment contracts. That said, we are hoping to have an approved and agreed upon resolution by June 1.

DIVISION REPORTS

There were no division reports.

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CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Grant from the Department of Ecology

Renton RFA has written a regional grant for Hazmat equipment that will be shared with the Puget Sound RFA. We have partnered with Puget Sound RFA over the 2 previous grant cycles. These previously awarded grants provided each department with the Foam Trailers in 2017 and the Tow Vehicles for the trailers in 2018. This is a 2019 grant that was postponed until 2020. We have until June 30th of 2021 to purchase the equipment. The Area RAE system is what we borrowed from the National Guard's 10th CST last year for the underground propane tank leak in Tukwila. This system lets us monitor air remotely.

The Renton RFA has been awarded a 100%, no matching grant from the Department of Ecology to purchase 2 Area RAE systems, 2 Ultra RAE 3000s, 3 HazDust Particulate meters, and associated training. This has been awarded as a regional grant that we will share with the Puget Sound RFA Hazmat Team.

A **MOTION** was made by Board Vice Chair Pérez and **SECONDED** by Board Member Meikle to accept the Department of Ecology Grant for \$194,500, with no matching amount from the Renton RFA. **MOTION CARRIED (6-0)**

Capital Purchase, MX908-C

The Hazardous Materials Response Team would like to make a Capital Purchase of an MX908-C hand-held mass spectrometer chemical detection system. This will enhance their ability to detect and categorize gases/vapors, liquids, and solids. Seattle Fire is currently the only department in the area with this capability.

This is a usual and necessary piece of equipment for the Hazmat Team. The current meter (Hazmat ID) that is remotely similar is antiquated and unreliable. This has been requested for the last 3 years and was approved for the 2020 budget. An example of a current threat that this meter can detect at trace levels is Fentanyl. Pursuant to procurement guidelines, purchases over \$50,000 need to be approved by the Governance Board.

A **MOTION** was made by Board Vice Chair Pérez and **SECONDED** by Board Member Meikle to approve the purchase of HazMat equipment as proposed in the amount of \$69,479.30. **MOTION CARRIED (6-0)**

Cancel Special Meetings and Resume Committee Meetings

At the March 20, 2020 COVID-19 Special Meeting, it was decided to suspend all committee meetings and replace them with special meetings dedicated to updating the Board on COVID-19. Staff is recommending that the special meetings regarding COVID-19 be canceled going forward and resume with the committee meetings effective, June, 2020.

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There was no good of the order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

FUTURE MEETINGS

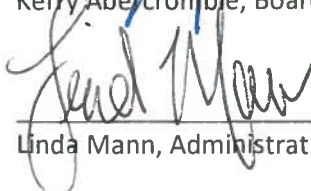
- Monday, June 8, 2020, 9:00 a.m., Governance Board Regular Meeting, Fire Station #13 (18002 108th Ave. S.E., Renton)
- Monday, June 22, 2020, 9:00 a.m., Budget and Finance Committee Meeting, Fire Station #13 (18002 108th Ave. S.E., Renton)
- Monday, June 22, 2020, 10:30 a.m., Operations and Capital Committee Meeting, Fire Station #13 (18002 108th Ave. S.E., Renton)

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:29 a.m. a **MOTION** was made by Board Chair Abercrombie and **SECONDED** by Board Member Corman to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED (6-0)**



Kerry Abercrombie, Board Chair



Linda Mann, Administrative Specialist