



Renton Regional Fire Authority

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MINUTES

RFA Governance Board Special Meeting

11:30 A.M. – Tuesday, October 27, 2020

Video Conference

CALL TO ORDER

Governance Board Chair Abercrombie called the Special Meeting to order at 11:41 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Governance Board Members Present:

Kerry Abercrombie, Chair (Fire District 25)
Ruth Pérez, Vice Chair (City of Renton)
Ryan McIrvin (City of Renton)
Randy Corman (City of Renton)
Linda Sartnurak (Non-Voting Advisory Position, Fire District 40)

Governance Board Members Not Present:

Myron Meikle (Fire District 25)
Marcus Morrell (Fire District 25)

Administrative Staff Present:

Assistant Chief Roy Gunsolus, Chief Administration Officer Samantha Babich, Lieutenant Rick Laycock, RFA Attorney Brian Snure, L864 President Robbie Hyslop, Senior Finance Analyst Jennifer Zhou, Facilities Manager Scott Murphy, Administrative Supervisor Christine Noddings, Administrative Specialist Dudley Jackson.

Public Present:

Charlotte Ryan

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Pérez and **SECONDED** by Board Member Corman to excuse the absent Board Members from the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED (4-0)**

PUBLIC HEARING ON REVENUE SOURCES, 2021 PROPOSED EXPENSE BUDGET, PROPERTY TAX, AND BENEFIT CHARGE

The public hearing was opened at 11:42 a.m. by Board Chair Abercrombie.

- Board Chair Abercrombie explained the purpose of the public hearing.
- Assistant Chief Roy Gunsolus provided an overview of anticipated levels of service, RRFA collaboration and shared services with other departments, continued support for mobile integrated health services and RRFA's pursuit of equity in hiring and recruitment.
- Chief Administration Officer Samantha Babich provided an overview of the proposed 2021 expense budget and estimated property taxes with consideration of the impacts from COVID-19, maintenance of emergency response staffing levels, continued commitment to fiscal responsibility, funding of operating and capital reserves and addition of an Assistant Fire Marshal position.

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- The proposed 2021 balanced budget is \$43,185,686.
- The RFA's funding system is made up of property taxes (based on AV), the fire benefit charge (based on property size, use and risk) and other revenue sources.
- Lieutenant Rick Laycock provided an overview of the 2021 benefit charge.
 - The benefit charge can't exceed 60% of the operating budget (RCW 52.26.180 (1)).
 - The preliminary 2021 Renton RFA benefit charge is 39.8% of the preliminary operating budget.
 - The funding of the fire benefit charge is apportioned from the following categories: residential buildings (51.0%), commercial buildings (28.1%), apartment buildings (20.6%) and mobile homes (0.3%).

PUBLIC COMMENT

KCFD 40 Commissioner Charlotte Ryan asked what the dollar amount is for the proposed fire benefit charge since it is 39.8% of the preliminary operating budget. That amount is \$17,203,289.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Tuesday, November 10, 2020, 4:00 p.m., Governance Board Regular Meeting, Station #14 (1900 Lind Ave SW, Renton)
- Tuesday, November 17, 2020, 4:00 p.m., Governance Board Special Meeting, Station #14 (1900 Lind Ave SW, Renton)
- Tuesday, November 24, 2020, 9:00 a.m., Budget/Finance Committee Meeting, Station #13 (18002 108th Ave SE, Renton)
- Tuesday, November 24, 2020, 10:30 a.m., Operations/Capital Committee Meeting, Station #13 (18002 108th Ave SE, Renton)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Kerry Abercrombie

Kerry Abercrombie (Nov 13, 2020 14:51 PST)

Kerry Abercrombie, Board Chair

Dudley Jackson

Dudley Jackson, Board Secretary