



Renton Regional Fire Authority

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MINUTES

RFA Governance Board Special Meeting

11:30 A.M. – Monday, October 25, 2021

Fire Station #13 – 18002 108th Ave SE, Renton / Virtual Conference

CALL TO ORDER

Governance Board Chair Pérez called the special meeting to order at 11:34 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Governance Board Members Present:

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

Administrative Staff Present:

Fire Chief Steve Heitman, Chief Administration Officer Samantha Babich, Deputy Chief Chuck DeSmith, Fire Marshal Anjela Barton, Deputy Chief Mark Seaver, Deputy Chief William Aho, Lieutenants Laycock, Hyslop, and Krystofiak, Facilities Manager Scott Murphy, Sr. Finance Analyst Jenn Zhou, IT Technician Wyatt Humphreys, Administrative Supervisor Christine Noddings, Administrative Specialist Eryn Villa, and RFA Attorney Brian Snure.

Public Present:

William O'Donnell

PUBLIC HEARING ON REVENUE SOURCES, 2022 PROPOSED EXPENSE BUDGET, PROPERTY TAX, AND BENEFIT CHARGE

The public hearing was opened at 11:34 a.m. by Board Chair Pérez.

- Board Chair Pérez explained the purpose of the public hearing per RCW 84.55.120 and 52.26.230 meeting requirements.
- Chief Heitman presented on the RFA's Commitment to Service through collaboration with other departments, continued support for the Mobile Integrated Health (CARES) program, and the pursuit of equity in recruitment and hiring.
- CAO Babich provided an overview of the 2022 Expense Budget and Estimated Property taxes.
 - The preliminary 2022 budget is \$45,870,687 – which accounts for COVID financial impact, funding capital reserve accounts, maintaining staff levels, and two new staff positions.
 - The proposed property tax revenue is \$18,309,064 and a 2022 tax levy rate of 0.737.
- Lt. Richard Laycock provided an overview of the 2022 Fire Benefit Charge (FBC).
 - The preliminary FBC is 38.2%; cannot exceed 60% of Operating budget.

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- FBC exemptions include church/religious buildings, vacant land, buildings less than 400 sq. ft.
- The FBC is apportioned by a formula that incorporates factors such as size and type of structure, fire flow and resources needed, risk premiums, and risk discounts.
- FBC Building Categories are apportioned as Residential (51%), Apartment (20.9%), Commercial (27.8%), and Mobile Home (0.3%).

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment. The public hearing was closed at 11:52 a.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Monday, November 8, 2021, 10:00 a.m., Governance Board Regular Meeting, Fire Station #13 (18002 108th Ave SE, Renton)/ Video Conference
- Monday, November 22, 2021, 9:00 a.m., Budget/Finance Committee Meeting, Video Conference
- Monday, November 22, 2021, 10:30 a.m., Operations/Capital Committee Meeting, Video Conference

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.



[Ruth Pérez \(Nov 8, 2021 18:01 PST\)](#)

Ruth Pérez, Board Chair



Evyn Villa, Board Secretary








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