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MINUTES

RFA Governance Board Regular Meeting

10:00 A.M. – Monday, September 12, 2022

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

CALL TO ORDER

Governance Board Chair Morrell called the regular meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Governance Board Members Present:

Kerry Abercrombie (Fire District 25)

Marcus Morrell, Chair (Fire District 25)

Myron Meikle (Fire District 25)

Valerie O'Halloran (City of Renton)

Ruth Pérez, (City of Renton)

Linda Sartnurak (Non-Voting Advisory Position, Fire District 40)

Governance Board Members Not Present:

Ryan McIrvine, Vice Chair (City of Renton)

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Pérez and **SECONDED** by Board Member Meikle to excuse the absent Board Member from this meeting. **MOTION CARRIED (5-0)**

Administrative Staff Present:

Fire Chief Steve Heitman, Chief Administration Officer Samantha Babich, Fire Marshal Anjela Barton, Deputy Chief Mark Seaver, Board Secretary Samantha Vergara, Facilities Manager Scott Murphy, Site Reliability Engineers Wyatt Humphreys and Javier Esparza, Planning Lieutenant Rick Laycock, Fleet Manager Brice Callaway and RFA Attorney Brian Snure

Public Present (virtual):

Kinnon Williams

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Request by Chief Heitman to move the Executive Session to the beginning of the meeting.

Request by Deputy Chief Seaver to move the 2022 Fire Prevention Week Proclamation from the Division Reports to Announcements, Proclamations and Presentations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.

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Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b), to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price.

Executive Session called at 10:02 a.m. for 30 minutes. The meeting reconvened at 10:32 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

2022 Fire Prevention Week Proclamation – Fire Marshal Barton presented the proclamation. This year's theme is *Fire Won't Wait, Plan Your Escape*.

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member O'Halloran and **SECONDED** by Board Member Meikle to approve the Proclamation of the Fire Marshal. **MOTION CARRIED (5-0)**

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of minutes from the Aug. 8, 2022, Regular Meeting and Approval of Vouchers.

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Meikle and **SECONDED** by Board Member Abercrombie to approve the consent agenda for September 12, 2022. **MOTION CARRIED (5-0)**

SIGNING OF VOUCHERS

The Governance Board Members signed the Voucher Approvals for September 12, 2022.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Board Committee reports.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Duty Chief Seaver presented an overview of Chief Heitman's report.

DIVISION REPORTS

Administration (CAO Babich)

Chief Administrative Officer Babich stated the RFA was approached by a community member about starting another non-profit, with the funds directed toward supporting the FD CARES Program. Renton RFA is requesting the Board's support in establishing another fund to allow the community member to make the original endowment as was offered.

Board Chair Morrell offered the full support of the Board and requested the RFA create an initial draft for managing the fund. Discussion led to clarification that the level of involvement of the Board is at the Board's discretion; the RFA would look into grant opportunities to further supplement the program; and communications are in progress to highlight social workers replacing firefighters on the CARES unit.

EMS/Health Safety

Deputy Chief Seaver presented an overview of Deputy Chief DeSmith's report.

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Office of the Fire Marshal

Fire Marshal Barton provided an overview of the OFM Quarterly report.

Board Member Meikle inquired about the inter-local agreements (ILA) for inspections with King County. Fire Marshal Barton noted the county is looking to sign in the first quarter of 2023 and bring all ILAs to council at that time.

Support Services

Deputy Chief Seaver presented an overview of his report. Puget Sound RFA has given notice for Renton RFA to vacate the Logistics warehouse. Renton RFA is actively looking for commercial space.

Response Operations

Deputy Chief Seaver presented an overview of Deputy Chief Aho's report, and discussed the September 9th trench rescue/recovery incident that resulted in a loss of life.

Board Member O'Halloran shared thanks and appreciation on behalf of the La Crosse Homeowner's Association to fire response for their professionalism and expertise during the trench rescue. The incident occurred in front of their community.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement

Local 2170 contract was voted on and passed.

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Meikle and **SECONDED** by Board Member O'Halloran to ratify the 2023-2025 AFSCME Local 2170 Collective Bargaining Agreement as proposed. **MOTION CARRIED (5-0)**

New Vehicle Purchase – CARES312

With the addition of the new CARES312 unit in 2023, the RFA is in need of an additional vehicle. This vehicle was not originally in the Fleet Replacement Schedule. The schedule was reviewed, and the RFA has the capacity to absorb it.

Board Member Meikle inquired if the vehicle will be outfitted with 800 MHz radios and whether the nurses and social workers will be trained on proper use of the radios. Deputy Chief Seaver will ensure training is given. Fire Marshal Barton noted Response Operations offers training on radio usage, as they have for the Fire Marshals.

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A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Abercrombie and **SECONDED** by Board Member Meikle to approve the purchase of the new CARES unit and authorize the Fire Chief to sign. **MOTION CARRIED (5-0)**

Service Agreement for KFT Fire Trainers 2023-2025

This is a 3-year contract to provide service to the external and internal burn props at the Station 14 training tower. This will replace the contract that expires this year.

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member O'Halloran and **SECONDED** by Board Member Meikle to approve the KFT Fire Trainer contract and authorize the Fire Chief to sign. **MOTION CARRIED (5-0)**

Station 13 Storage Area to Office Remodel - Update

Finishing of the storage space on the 2nd floor of the area to the south of the truck bay. This project provides room to house the IT, Planning, and Facilities Divisions.

Board Member O'Halloran inquired about the increased estimate being a math model. Deputy Chief Seaver confirmed it is, explaining 10% for contingencies.

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Meikle and **SECONDED** by Board Member Abercrombie to start the bid process and move forward with the remodel of the upstairs storage area into office space. **MOTION CARRIED (5-0)**

2025 Purchase of 3 Pierce Engines

As part of our Capital Fleet Replacement Plan, we're due to replace 3 of our engines in 2025. Current lead time for delivery is 30-33 months. Signing the contract prior to October 21st saves us \$201,761 over the next cost increase and puts us in line for a 2025 delivery.

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Meikle and **SECONDED** by Board Member O'Halloran to approve the purchase of 3 new engines in 2022, with billing and delivery in 2025, and authorize the Fire Chief to sign. **MOTION CARRIED (5-0)**

Board Member Meikle inquired if the engine exhausts are still being regenerated. Deputy Chief Seaver noted they are.

Resolution 2022-02 Acquisition of Strohschein Property for Station 16 Build

In order to complete the purchase of property for the relocation of Fire Station 16 through threat of eminent domain, the RFA Governance Board must declare the necessity for acquiring the property and authorize acquisition. The attached resolution has been prepared by counsel to meet this requirement.

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Abercrombie and **SECONDED** by Board Member Meikle to adopt the Resolution 2022-02 and the procedures therein as presented by staff. **MOTION CARRIED (5-0)**

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GOOD OF THE ORDER

Board Member Abercrombie noted that with school now in session, he requests that The RFA reinstate a Distracted Driving/Alcoholic Prevention Program with the high schools this year.

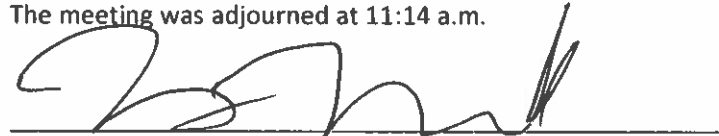
Board Member O'Halloran expressed thanks to all involved in acquisition of the extrication device to Renton's sister-city, Cuautla, Mexico.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Monday, September 26, 2022, 9:00 a.m., Budget/Finance Committee Meeting, Video Conference
- Monday, September 26, 2022, 10:30 a.m., Operations/Capital Committee Meeting, Video Conference
- Monday, October 10, 2022, 10:00 a.m., Governance Board Regular Meeting, Fire Station #13 (18002 108th Ave SE, Renton) / Video Conference

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.



Marcus Morrell, Board Chair



Samantha Vergara, Board Secretary

10/10/2022

