



Renton Regional Fire Authority

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MINUTES

RFA Governance Board Special Meeting

11:30 A.M. – Monday, October 24, 2022

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

CALL TO ORDER

Governance Board Chair Morrell called the special meeting to order at 11:31 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Governance Board Members Present:

Kerry Abercrombie (Fire District 25)

Marcus Morrell, Chair (Fire District 25)

Ryan McIrvine, Vice Chair (City of Renton) - Joined meeting at 11:37 a.m.

Ruth Pérez, (City of Renton)

Governance Board Members Not Present:

Myron Meikle (Fire District 25)

Valerie O'Halloran (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, Site Reliability Engineers Wyatt Humphreys and Javier Esparza, Administrative Supervisor Christine Noddings, Administrative Specialist Samantha Vergara, Planning Lieutenant Richard Laycock and RFA Attorney Brian Snure.

Public Present:

Patrick Gilroy

A **MOTION** to excuse the absent Board Members from this meeting will be entertained during the next regular Governance Board meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

Board Chair Morrell opened the Public Hearing at 11:33 a.m.

- Board Chair Morrell explained the purpose of the public hearing per RCW 84.55.120 and RCW 52.26.230 meeting requirements.
- Chief Heitman presented an overview on the Anticipated Level of Service for 2023.
- CAO Babich presented an explanation for how the RFA will fund the level of service described by Chief Heitman through the 2023 Budget and Revenue.
 - Preliminary 2023 budget is \$50,841,205 – which anticipates economic impacts due to inflation.
 - Proposed property tax revenue is \$18,727,639 and a 2023 tax levy rate of 0.607.
- Lt. Laycock presented an overview of the 2023 Fire Benefit Charge (FBC).

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- Preliminary FBC is 35.2%; cannot exceed 60% of operating budget.
- FBC exemptions include church/religious education buildings, vacant land, buildings less than 400 sq. ft., and tax-exempt housing added by House Bill 1467.
- Board Chair Morrell opened the meeting for public comment.
- Board Secretary Vergara announced guidelines for public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Patrick Gilroy, a local business owner of 2829 NE 3rd Street, asked what sets the fire flow factor that affects the FBC. Lt. Laycock stated he will forward information to Mr. Gilroy.


Board Chair Morrell closed the public hearing at 11:49 a.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Monday, November 14, 2022, 10:00 a.m., Governance Board Regular Meeting, Fire Station #14 (1900 Lind Ave SW, Renton) / Video Conference
- Monday, November 28, 2022, 9:00 a.m., Budget/Finance Committee Meeting, Video Conference
- Monday, November 28, 2022, 10:30 a.m., Operations/Capital Committee Meeting, Video Conference

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.


Marcus Morrell (Nov 14, 2022 20:56 EST)

Marcus Morrell, Board Chair

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Samantha Vergara (Nov 14, 2022 16:19 PST)

Samantha Vergara, Board Secretary

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