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MINUTES

RFA Governance Board Regular Meeting

10:00 A.M. – Monday, November 14, 2022

Fire Station #14 – 1900 Line Ave SW, 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)
Ryan McIrvine, Vice Chair (City of Renton)
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)

Administrative Staff Present:

Fire Chief Steve Heitman, Chief Administration Officer Samantha Babich, Deputy Chief Chuck DeSmith, Deputy Chief Mark Seaver, Fire Marshal Anjela Barton, Assistant Fire Marshal Kevin Carolan, Battalion Chief Steve White, Battalion Chief Dan Alexander, Cpt. Mark Dos Remedios, Cpt. Luke Alvarado, Lt. Nathan Risen, Lt. Jacob Smith, Chaplain Loretta Green, Facilities Manager Scott Murphy, Communications Manager Katie Lewis, Site Reliability Engineer Wyatt Humphreys, Administrative Supervisor Christine Noddings, Administrative Specialist Samantha Vergara, and RFA Attorney Brian Snure.

Public Present (in-person):

Councilmember James Alberson, Susan Dunham, Michele Risen, Chris Risen, Henrik Risen, Abby Risen, Marie Risen, Linda Ausen, Sandi Casson, Amber Alvarado, Luna Alvarado, Anthony Alvarado, Lorraine Alvarado, Natalie Vollandt, Morgan Vollandt

Public Present (virtual):

Brian Harris

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no agenda modifications.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

Promotional Ceremony – Chief Heitman and Deputy Chief Seaver presented

- Luke Alvarado – Lieutenant to Captain
- Nathan Risen – Firefighter to Lieutenant

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of minutes from the Oct. 10, 2022, Regular Meeting, the Oct. 24, 2022, Special Meeting and the approval of vouchers.

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Mclrvn and **SECONDED** by Board Member O'Halloran to approve the consent agenda for November 14, 2022. **MOTION CARRIED (6-0)**

SIGNING OF VOUCHERS

The Governance Board Members signed the Voucher Approvals for November 14, 2022.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Board Committee reports.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Heitman's presented his report.

DIVISION REPORTS

EMS/Health & Safety

Deputy Chief DeSmith presented an overview of his report.

Office of the Fire Marshal

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

Support Services

Deputy Chief Seaver presented an overview of this report.

Response Operations

Deputy Chief Seaver presented an overview of his report.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Heitman shared a thank you letter for Cory Cappelletti with the Office of the Fire Marshal from a local business for the inspection process.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Address attendance of Board Members during the Oct. 24, 2022, Special meeting.

Board Member Mclrvn noted that Board Member O'Halloran was in attendance, joining with him virtually.

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Mclrvn and **SECONDED** by Board Member Meikle to amend the meeting minutes to reflect Board Member O'Halloran in attendance. **MOTION CARRIED (6-0)**

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Mclrvn and **SECONDED** by Board Member O'Halloran to excuse the absent Board Members from this meeting. **MOTION CARRIED (6-0)**

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NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2022-03 Property Tax Levy

With the adoption of Resolution 2022-03, the Governing Board of the Renton Regional Fire Authority establishes that an increase in the regular property tax levy is required. This resolution authorizes a levy increase of \$252,108, which is a 1.38% increase from the previous year.

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Abercrombie and **SECONDED** by Board Member Mclrvin to adopt Resolution 2022-03, authorizing an increase in the regular property tax levy for 2023 in the amount of \$252,108, which is a 1.38% increase from the previous year. **MOTION CARRIED (6-0)**

Resolution 2022-04 Certifying Property Tax Levy Adopting Operating Budget 2023

With the adoption of Resolution 2022-04, the Governing Board of the Renton Regional Fire Authority adopts the preliminary 2023 budget of \$50,841,205 and establishes the 2023 tax levy based upon the estimated assessed valuation of property within the boundaries of the Renton Regional Fire Authority based upon information from the King County Assessor's Office.

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Mclrvin and **SECONDED** by Board Member Meikle to adopt Resolution 2022-04, adopting preliminary 2023 budget in the amount of \$50,841,205 and establish the 2023 property tax levy in the amount of \$18,708,522 for the Renton Regional Fire Authority and to direct staff to provide certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate King County agencies. **MOTION CARRIED (6-0)**

Resolution 2022-05 Benefit Charge 2023

With the adoption of Resolution 2022-05, the Governing Board of the Renton Regional Fire Authority establishes the 2023 Benefit Charge in the total amount of \$18,038,195 to be apportioned in accordance with the "2023 Schedule of Benefit Charges."

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Abercrombie and **SECONDED** by Board Member Mclrvin to adopt Resolution 2022-05, establishing the 2023 Benefit Charge in the total amount of \$18,038,195 to be apportioned in accordance with the "2023 Schedule for Benefit Charges."
MOTION CARRIED (6-0)

Regional FDCARES Pilot Project Interlocal Agreement

The FDCARES partnership has grown to include Renton PD, Kent PD, Enumclaw Fire and Tukwila Fire (now part of Puget Sound RFA). A regional interlocal agreement will ensure program consistency while the service evolves to serve our communities.

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member O'Halloran and **SECONDED** by Board Member Mclrvin to authorize the Fire Chief to sign the presented Regional FDCARES Pilot Project ILA. **MOTION CARRIED (6-0)**

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Board Member Abercrombie welcomed newly appointed Governance Board Member James Alberson, who's term takes effect January 1, 2023. Board Member Mclrvin, whose term expires the end of this year, also welcomed Councilmember Alberson.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 was called at 10:40 a.m. for 15 minutes and was extended another 10 minutes. The meeting reconvened at 11:07 a.m.


FUTURE MEETINGS

- 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
- Monday, December 12, 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 11:09 a.m.



Marcus Morrell, Board Chair

Samantha Vergara, Board Secretary