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MINUTES

RFA Governance Board Regular Meeting

10:00 A.M. – Monday, November 12, 2024

Fire Station #14 – 1900 Lind Ave SW, Renton

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Governance Board Members Present:

Kerry Abercrombie, Chair (Fire District 25)

Ryan McIrvine (City of Renton)

Marcus Morrell (Fire District 25)

Valerie O'Halloran (City of Renton)

Andrew Schneider (Non-Voting Advisory Position, Fire District 40)

Governance Board Members Not Present:

James Alberson, Vice Chair (City of Renton)

Sean Cook (Fire District 25)

Administrative Staff Present:

Fire Chief Steve Heitman, Chief Administration Officer Samantha Babich, Fire Marshal Anjela Barton, Deputy Chief Chuck DeSmith, Deputy Chief Mark Seaver, Deputy Chief Dan Alexander, Communications Manager Katie Lewis, Communications Manager Katie Lewis, Site Reliability Engineer Wyatt Humphreys, Facilities Technician Don Highley, Fleet Manager Brice Callaway, Board Secretary Samantha Vergara and RFA Attorney Brian Snure.

Public Present In-Person:

Daniel, Shawna, Shari and Star Hawkins, Annika Mizula, Jade and Kai Bradaff, Kathy and Michael Carpenter, Kelsey, Palmer, Campbell, Hollis and Macall Myking, Cheri and Gary Lyman.

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member O'Halloran and **SECONDED** by Board Chair Abercrombie to excuse the absent board members. **MOTION CARRIED (4-0)** (Refer to *Good of the Order* for details.)

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no agenda modifications.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

Presentation:

Chief Heitman opened the promotional ceremony.

Deputy Chief Seaver presented the promotion of Dan Hawkins to Battalion Chief.

Battalion Chief Anderson presented the promotion of Robert Hyslop to Battalion Chief and the promotion of Brandon Myking to Captain.

BC Steve Wright presented the promotions of Curtis Batts and Angus Brackett to Lieutenant.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of minutes from the October 14, 2024, regular meeting, the minutes from the October 28, 2024, special meeting and the approval of vouchers.

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member O'Halloran and **SECONDED** by Board Member Morrell to approve the consent agenda for November 12, 2024. **MOTION CARRIED (4-0)**

SIGNING OF VOUCHERS

The governance board members signed the voucher approval letter for November 12, 2024.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no board committee reports.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Heitman presented his report. He recognized the promotion of Terry Weaver to Captain, as she was unable to join today's meeting.

At the conclusion of the Chief's report, Board Chair Abercrombie inquired about the frequency of letters of commendation, asked about the Citizen's Advisory Panel view on the annexation of District 40, inquired on whether other fire organizations host the Women in Fire Workshop and asked about which board would review the changes to the fire garage proposal. Chief Heitman responded to each question.

DIVISION REPORTS

Each of the division managers presented an overview of their respective division reports.

At the conclusion of DC Alexander's report for Support Services, Board Member O'Halloran inquired about the lighting of the Renton RFA logo and Board Chair Abercrombie asked about the bidding process. DC Alexander responded. There was further discussion on the Station 16 property as it exists today with Chief Heitman responding.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Heitman shared an appreciation letter from King County Public Health for Renton RFA hosting the Future Women in EMS and Fire Workshop.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2024-02 Property Tax Levy 2025

CAO Babich presented Resolution 2024-02 authorizing the increase of 3.97% from the previous year in the regular property tax levy for 2025.

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A **MOTION** was made by Board Member O'Halloran and **SECONDED** by Board Member Morrell to adopt Resolution 2024-02 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED (4-0)**

Resolution 2024-03 Certifying Property Tax Levy & Adopting Operating Budget 2025

CAO Babich presented Resolution 2024-03 to adopt the preliminary 2025 budget and establishing the 2025 tax levy based on the estimated assessed valuation of property within the boundaries of Renton RFA based upon the

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member O'Halloran and **SECONDED** by Board Member Mclrvin to adopt Resolution 2024-03 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED (4-0)**

Resolution 2024-04 Benefit Charge 2025

CAO Babich presented Resolution 2024-04 to establish the 2025 Benefit Charge in the total amount of \$10,664,850 to be apportioned in accordance with the "2025 Schedule of Benefit Charge".

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member O'Halloran and **SECONDED** by Board Member Mclrvin to adopt Resolution 2024-04 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED (4-0)**

Resolution 2024-05 FD40 Annexation Plan Amendment

Chief Heitman presented Resolution 2024-05 to approve the 2025 Renton Regional Fire Authority plan amendment for the annexation of King County Fire Protection District No. 40.

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member O'Halloran and **SECONDED** by Board Member Mclrvin to adopt Resolution 2024-05 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED (4-0)**

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Board Secretary Vergara confirmed Board Member Mclrvin's vote to excuse the absent members from today's meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Monday, November 25, 2024, 10:00 a.m., Budget/Finance Committee Meeting, Video Conference
- Monday, November 25, 2024, 10:30 a.m., Operations/Capital Committee Meeting, Video Conference
- Monday, December 9, 2024, 10:00 a.m., Governance Board Regular Meeting, Fire Station #13 (18002 108th Ave SE, Renton) / Video Conference

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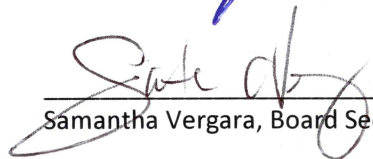
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ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Abercrombie adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.



Kerry Abercrombie, Board Chair



Samantha Vergara, Board Secretary