

SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 21

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting

Monday, August 9, 2021 @6:30 p.m.

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Call to Order: Chairman Nordstrom called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Attendees: Chairman Nordstrom, Commissioners Taft & Safford & Chief Schmidt. There were five Crew present. Attorney Tim Shermetzler and one Citizen attended via Zoom.

Flag Salute: FF von Melville led the flag salute.

Public Input: None

Union Input: None

Volunteer Input: None

Executive Session: The Board recessed at 6:41 p.m. and went into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). It was expected to last until 7:23 p.m. At 7:23 p.m., the Board emerged from Executive Session with no action taken and returned to their Regular Meeting.

Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of minutes from July 12, 2021, Regular Meeting
- 2) Payroll: July = \$156,393.52
- 3) Financials: \$478,088.80

Chairman Nordstrom made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 1 through 3 as presented. Commissioner Safford seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Station 50 Update –

- ✓ Waterline language for extension agreement almost complete. At the advice of legal counsel, the Late Comers portion of the agreement will be postponed until a later date.

New Business:

Resolution 2021-08 – Levy Limitation –

Commissioner Safford made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-08 – Levy Limitation. Chairman Nordstrom seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.

North County/Arlington Merger – Staffing changes due to the merger = Staffing reduction from five at Station 46 to three when at minimum Staffing. Arlington to use Jump Crews for E46 & M46. Chief Schmidt will contact the District's Attorney regarding these changes and how they may affect our contracts with the City.

Mobilization Policy – A draft mobilization participation policy was presented with increased pay for Volunteers and Part Paid during deployment.

Chairman Nordstrom made a motion to approve the Washington State All Hazard Mobilization policy. Commissioner Safford seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chief/Secretary Reports:

- ✓ Thank You's received from the children at the Mormon Church.
- ✓ Update on COVID outbreaks at North County RFA and its effect on District 21 Staffing. Part Paid employees were shared.
- ✓ The language for Proposition 1 for our Levy Lid Lift received minor changes from the County. The Board agreed with these changes.
- ✓ Discussion regarding House Bill 1310 and our response. Firefighter safety must be Number 1. If Crews have doubts of safety on scene – do not enter. Had a discussion with a company regarding mental health assistance.
- ✓ The September 13th meeting is being moved to Tuesday, September 14th, due to the Board Chair and Fire Chief attending the City workshop.

Commissioner Reports:

- ✓ Commissioner Safford reported that a Citizen expressed concern to him regarding the \$450,000 waterline cost. He explained the whole process and that the City of Arlington will be responsible for a portion of the cost. He stated that the Board should be careful when explaining the waterline situation so that Citizens fully understand.

Announcements:

- Next Regular Commissioner meeting Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., at Station 49's Bay area.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Minutes Approved By:

Chairman Nordstrom

Commissioner Taft

Commissioner Safford

Fire Chief/Board Secretary Schmidt