

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 23, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF KING COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT
NO. 2**

A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire District No. 2 was held remotely on June 23, 2020, commencing at 5:00 p.m., pursuant to proper notice. District officials in attendance, pursuant to virtual meeting software Go To Meeting were: Commissioners Elwell, Sitterley and Peden. Also attending virtually were: Chief Mike Marris, Trina Norsen, Captain Wayne Metz and District Secretary Joseph Quinn. Others in attendance, if any, are as shown on the Attendance Roster.

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Commissioner Elwell who led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Agenda Approval. It was moved, seconded and carried 3-0 to approve the agenda as submitted immediately prior to the meeting.

Presentations/Announcements. (1) Presentations: Chief Marris gave the oath of office to newly promoted Captain Ryan McQuade. Captain McQuade's children performed the badge pinning ceremony after the swearing-in ceremony.

(2) Announcements: None.

Executive Session. At 5:09 p.m. the Board adjourned into an executive or closed session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140 to discuss the status and to plan district strategy with respect to an issue currently in mediation. Attorney David Luxenberg and Attorney Quinn participated. The session ended at 5:39 p.m. The Board reconvened at that time in open session.

Correspondence. Chief Marris noted thank you letters from the Philippines Volunteer Fire Department (which was the recipient of the district's surplus bunker gear) and from Seattle Fire Department for our providing of a strike team during a recent protest situation. He also read a short letter from IAFF 1461 requesting bargaining of a new collective bargaining agreement (CBA) as our firefighter CBA expires at the end of 2020. The negotiating team for the district will be Chief Marris and Attorney Luxenberg. Commissioner Sitterley also volunteered to be part of the team. The first bargaining meeting or session will probably be in July. Finally, Chief Marris briefly discussed a letter from an attorney regarding the Rosenthal age discrimination claim. Attorney Luxenberg's firm is representing the district in defense of that claim. It will be discussed more at the Board's July 7 meeting.

Chief Marris said the Valley Comm Annual Report was also received.

Public Comment. None.

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Local 1461 Comment. None.

Administration Reports. Chief Marrs delivered the Chief's Report as follows:

Facilities. Captain Wayne Metz gave the Logistics report. He discussed the status of various PPE items and said the ultraviolet light boxes are "about three weeks out" before delivery. He said we have a five month supply of masks.

Equipment. Chief Marrs said that Puget Sound RFA discovered they have been calculating the maintenance shop hourly rates wrongly. The contract cost may go from \$197,000 to about \$270,000 in the next cycle—an increase of 38%. The new hourly rate will be upped to \$131 per hour. Chief Marrs suggested some savings options such as pre-paying for labor hours. Also, he said leasing shop space to the PSRFA at our Station 29 might save some money. The Board and Chief discussed the pros and cons of that option.

The Chief discussed whether the District should replace the ladder truck, which is 27 years old. He discussed how this might impact our WSRB rating. He said the City of Normandy Park, now rated at a 3, might improve to a 2 rating, assuming a new ladder truck, fully equipped. The North Highline area is rated 3. A new ladder truck might cost \$1.5 million.

Personnel. Chief Marrs said the crews are doing great and no one has come down with Covid-19. King County was approved for Phase 2 re-opening last Friday, he said. The county was showing about 25 cases per 100,000 population for the 14-day period and the R rating was less than one. As of today, he said, positive cases are spiking and that number is up to 32 cases per 100,000. Not enough testing is happening either. Bed usage is up too, but less than 2% of the beds are occupied by Covid-19 patients. Hospitals in King County are starting to take in Covid patients from Yakima County. A large percentage of the newer cases are in the 20-40 age group. Effective Friday, masks are required even in outside areas, when social distancing is not able to be maintained. The Chief noted that our Covid-19 expenses are up to about \$51,000.

Events. Chief Marrs discussed Kids Day, which should be cancelled, and upstaffing for the 4th of July. There will be more engines and volunteers will be mobilized too.

Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda, all of which was approved 3-0, upon a motion made by Commissioner Sitterley and seconded by Commissioner Peden, consisted of the Chief's Report, the minutes of the regular meeting of June 2, 2020, and the Voucher Approval for June: Expense Fund: No. E20-461 through No. E20-552 in the amount of \$1,225, 380.36, due for payment June 30, 2020.

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Unfinished Business. None.

New Business. None.

Good of the Order. Commissioner Sitterley discussed masks.

Adjournment. It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 3-0. At 6:28 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Attachments. Attached to these Minutes are copies of:

1. the Meeting Notice
2. the Meeting Agenda
3. the Attendance Roster
4. thank you letter from Philippines
5. thank you letter from Seattle
6. Local 1461 letter requesting bargaining
7. Letter from attorney for Tony Rosenthal
8. Summary of Covid-19 expenses
9. Valley Comm annual report

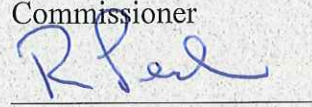
Minutes Approved: July 7, 2020.


Chris Elwell
Chairman

Attest:


Joseph F. Quinn, District Secretary


Ted Sitterley
Commissioner


Rudy Peden
Commissioner

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