MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 4, 2022 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF KING COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire District No. 2 was held remotely on October 4, 2022, 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: Assistant Chief Ray Desmarais, Assistant Chief Wayne Metz, Trina Norsen, and Acting District Secretary Eric Quinn. Others in attendance will be shown on the Attendance Roster.

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 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: None.

(2) Announcements: October 26-29, 2022 – WFCA 2022 Annual Conference and Snure Laws Update at the Davenport Hotel in Spokane.

Correspondence. None.

Public Comment. None.

Local 1461 Comment. Local President Matt Ready wished the Board good evening but had nothing to report.

Administration Reports. AC Metz delivered the Chief's report as follows:

Operational Update. AC Metz gave the operational report. A residential fire in an attic occurred on September 30th. He commended the responders for their interactions with the public. The following classes are being taken this month: Wildland Chainsaw, Blue Card, and Sprinkler courses.

<u>Fire Prevention Update.</u> AC Desmarais reported on Fire Prevention. There have been a couple of fires over the last month. One was clearly an electrical fire. AC Desmarais believes the city will likely red tag the building. There was another fire involving a person who took a nap while burners were on; a neighbor used an extinguisher in this non-sprinkled building to help the homeowner, who was not injured. The crews did a great job on this fire. AC Desmarais met with Joe Stapleton, the new Burien Building Official, and is very impressed with him.

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Facilities. AC Metz discussed the remodels of Stations 18 and 19. The Chiefs met with the contractor today. The building permit is back on Station 19. Once the projects begin, construction is expected to take 185 days to complete. There will have to be some remediation for asbestos and lead. The next meeting with Chief Marrs and the contractor will be an in-person meeting.

Equipment. Under the Consent Agenda, there is a request to approve the surplus of obsolete and unserviceable items from Station 28.

<u>**Personnel.**</u> There will be a motion under New Business to appoint Seth Maxwell to a permanent captain position.

Also, there will be a motion to make conditional offers of employment to four new hires—named below. Interviews went really well. Chair Elwell asked about the racial makeup and other background of the new hires. At least two have military experience. Three of them are white males. The fourth is a male African-American. All of them are very well spoken. Alex Cortes is Hispanic American; he would have been a great fifth hire but there was no slot available.

Chair Elwell asked about a shooting that occurred near Station 29. AC Desmarais said it may have happened during a burglary.

Burien Police Chief Ted Boe will move shortly to be the King County Sheriff's Office Commander of Patrol. A new Burien Police Chief has not been named.

FF Eric Claflin received a letter of commendation from his Battalion Chief for his work on veterans' benefits.

Events. AC Metz said we are at the beginning of the levy process. The preliminary estimate of the levy is at the rate of \$1.48 per thousand. Inflation seems to be outpacing the levy, but we are still working through the numbers.

Four firefighters have applied for the three spots in the District's Salary Savings Plan. They are BC Anderson, FF Marrs, FF Meagher, and FF Lawson. Also, five firefighters have submitted notice of their intent to retire in 2023. In addition to the foregoing personnel, FF Schneider has so indicated.

AC Metz updated the Board on the resolution of the two grievances. Local 1461 is reviewing the language, as edited by their attorney. AC Metz believes the matter is close to resolution.

President Ready asked a question about lead and asbestos remediation. AC Metz said he owes President Ready on that, as to whether remediation is needed at Station 18 or 19, or both. This is a work in progress.

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 September 20th meeting, and the declaration of surplus for the obsolete or damaged equipment or property not serviceable for current operations (list attached),

Unfinished Business. None.

New Business. <u>1. Motion: Permanent Appointment for Captain Seth</u> <u>Maxwell.</u>

Commissioner Sitterley moved, and Commissioner Peden seconded a motion to appoint Seth Maxwell to a permanent Captain position effective October 1, 2022, as he has completed his twelve-month probationary period. Motion carried, 3-0.

2. Motion: Conditional Employment Offers for Four Firefighters.

Commissioner Sitterley moved, and Commissioner Peden seconded a motion to authorize Chief Marrs to make conditional offers of employment to the following four individuals: **Richard Dutton, Anthony Watkins, Jordan Ryan, and Drew Thomann,** to be January 30, 2022. Each conditional offer is subject to each candidate's successful completion of a background check, medical and psychological tests, drug screen test, fire academy, and completion of an eighteen-month probationary period before appointment is permanent. Seniority ranking will be based on the numerical position on the entry level list, as listed hereinabove. Motion carried, 3-0.

Executive Session. None.

Good of the Order. AC Desmarais thanked Trina Norsen for all of her help during Chief Marrs' absence.

Adjournment. Pursuant to motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Attachments. Attached to these Minutes are copies of:

- 1. the Meeting Notice
- 2. the Meeting Agenda
- 3. the Attendance Roster
- 4. Letter of Commendation
- 5. List of property declared surplus

October 4, 2022 **3** Minutes Approved: October 18, 2022

Attest:

Joseph F. Quinn Joseph F. Quinn, District Secretary

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Chris Elwell Chairman

Ted Sitterley Commissioner

Rudy Peden Rudy Peden (Oct 18, 2022 18:11 PDT)

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