



Maple Valley Fire and Life Safety

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, November 4, 2010

Attending: Commissioners McGee, Rydberg, VanRuff and Walls, Chief Doerflinger, District Secretary Barker, members of the public

Commissioner McGee called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes:

Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2010:

Special Board of Commissioner Meeting Minutes, 11/2/10:

A MOTION was made, seconded and unanimously carried to approve the Regular Minutes and the Special Meeting Minutes as presented.

Financial Report:

Expense Report – October: Discussion was held regarding the 3010 account balance. Long Range Plan information will be included in the 2011 Preliminary Budget.

2011 – Preliminary Budget: The Open Public Budget meeting is scheduled for 11/18/10. A budget amendment will be done in January, that will reflect the actual expenditures and carry over from 2010.

Correspondence:

Northwest Leadership Seminar, Portland, OR: Information was distributed to the Commissioners.

Meetings:

- King County Councilmember Reagan Dunn: Commissioner McGee, Chief Doerflinger and Fire Marshal Webster discussed the King County Fire Marshal position. Cuts of county level fire marshals, investigators and inspectors will have an impact on the area in this District that is located in unincorporated King County. With no fire marshal there will be issues with code enforcement, code interpretation, plans review and inspections of new facilities. This increases danger to our citizens and firefighters. The King County Chief's are meeting with Department of Development and Environmental Services to discuss the issue. There was also discussion regarding the senior/junior taxing districts.

- King County Fire Commissioner Meeting: Commissioner Walls reported on attending this meeting. Topics discussed were regional reports, installation banquet in January, 2011 and the cost of medical insurance increases. Commissioner Walls was elected as treasurer of the King County Fire Commissioners.

Public Comment:

Dave Fields

Business:

Interlocal Agreement with King County Flood Control District: Chief Doerflinger reported that the King County Flood Control District is hoping for a decision tonight from the Commissioners.

Commissioner McGee called for a motion to discuss Interlocal agreement for King County Flood Control District and a possible vote.

Commissioner VanRuff commented that the information received at the Special meeting and re-reading the contract, he can see no reason why we shouldn't go ahead and support the flood district.

Commissioner Rydberg commented on the ethics of how the flood district is resolving the financial problem, doesn't sit well, but that is a battle for a different forum and a different day. She has looked at the contract from the perspective of what the District is in now and what may come in the future and how does this agreement position the Fire District in the future. The information that was presented Tuesday by our council was discussed. The fact is the flood control district will lose more money if we do not approve the agreement. If we approve the agreement our tax payers avoid a cumulative tax agreement, which is the benefit for signing the agreement. There is a potential risk that we won't get paid, but by signing the agreement we have been told that it will be a paper transfer of funds and won't physically be a change of cash by hand. The political fallout that would occur if the county does not pay what it is in the agreement would be huge and that is a protection for the fire district. The agreement also includes reimbursement for the attorney's fees. There is the future potential that we may need the county's cooperation for our own pro-rationing that could occur. There would be less incentive with the county to work with us. All of this balanced together Commissioner Rydberg comes to the conclusion that we should approve the agreement, but does not like the late timing, or the lack of transparency. Commissioner Rydberg would like to applaud Chief Doerflinger and Deputy Chief Cowan for the dozens of hours that they have spent coming to understand the agreement and bringing the agreement to what it is today, this has been a huge time consumption on their part.

Commissioner Walls does not approve of the agreement. Laws were put in place for a reason, and this has circumvented those laws for the benefit of the flood control district. She hasn't seen anything in the other meetings to change her mind.

Commissioner VanRuff commented that they are not breaking the law, they are circumventing the law. The Flood Control District is still not sure that it will be approved by all the Districts.

Commissioner McGee wanted to thank Chief Doerflinger for the information presented at the meeting Tuesday, which helps to make an informed decision, and the education about the provisioning which may be needed in the future. He is impressed with the preparedness on Chief Doerflinger's part.

A MOTION TO ALLOW the Chairman to sign the King County Flood Control District Interlocal Agreement, was made, seconded, and a vote of three approve, one opposed, MOTION CARRIED.

Explorer Post: The first meeting is scheduled for 11/10/10, with a following meeting on 11/17/10. There are currently fifteen high school students interested. The third meeting would be the combining of the Maple Valley post with the SeaTac post.

2011 Transport Billing Rates: Resolution R-06-02 increases the transport rate 3% each year. Discussion was held regarding the decision on transporting and billing for transport. Comparable information was given to the Commissioners regarding other districts and their charges for transport. **A MOTION was made to let Resolution R-2006-02 stand as is, motion seconded, and unanimously carried.**

Personnel:

Career/Volunteer Staff: One firefighter has an off-duty injury and will be on light duty for the duration of his recovery.

Operations:

Major Emergency Incident Report: Nothing to report at this time.

Training:

- The National Fire Academy is available for Commissioners who may be interested. Everything but food is paid for by FEMA.
- Volunteer EMT program: Another ten EMT's are starting their ride-along shifts prior to being assigned a shift on 1/1/2011. There will also be five people starting the EMT class in February, 2011.
- A bus extrication training event will be held next week. Firefighter Graziani has organized this event that has been offered to Zone 3 for their participation. Donated school buses will be used for the training.

Support Services:

Impact Fee Program Update: The comp plan amendments are with the WA State Department of Commerce for their sixty day review period.

Apparatus & Equipment: The new engine is expected in our shop next week. It will be two to three more weeks before it will be placed in service.

Facilities: Station 81 Remodel is ahead of schedule and they are hoping to have it completed before Thanksgiving.

Events:

Chief Doerflinger reported that the memorial service for Paul Wantzelius will be held on Saturday at Lake Wilderness Lodge at 11:00 a.m. Paul was a former volunteer with Maple Valley Fire for several years.

Public Comment:

Dave Fields

Vouchers: Review & Approve #11001 through #11037 for \$79,431.42 (General Expense Fund)
 Review & Approve #11038 through #11039 for \$69,802.11 (Capital Expense Fund)
 Review & Approve #11040 through #11060 for \$7,599.35 (General Expense Fund)
 Payroll \$153,080.30
 Taxes \$38,463.96
 Retirement \$26,732.76
 Deferred Comp \$6,753.50

It was determined that the Executive Session would not be held.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Chairman Mike Scott

Commissioner Jennifer Rydberg

Commissioner Brian McGee

Commissioner William VanRuff

Commissioner Camille Walls

Faye Barker, District Secretary