

# Maple Valley Fire and Life Safety Department Correspondence

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS, AUGUST 10, 2009

Attending: Commissioner McGee; Commissioner Scott via telephone; Interim Chief Doerflinger; Deputy Chief Rude; Training Chief DiDonato; Lieutenants J. Brown, Madden and Whitmore; Facilities Manager Larry Jensen; Firefighters Ager, Jones and McCormick; Office Manager Faye Barker; Citizens Advisory Committee Members Kathy Williams, Warren Iverson and Erin Weaver; Kathleen Kear, Voice of the Valley; Dennis Box, Maple Valley Reporter; Camille Walls and Cathy Lemon

Commissioner McGee called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Scott was put on speaker phone to participate in the proceedings.

## **Business:**

Appointment of Interim Chief: Commissioner McGee explained that this had been done informally, but needs to be announced. **A MOTION was made, seconded and unanimously passed to appoint Deputy Chief Brad Doerflinger as Interim Chief.**

District Secretary: Commissioner McGee asked Chief Doerflinger for a recommendation. Chief Doerflinger stated that historically it has been the Fire Chief as District Secretary. The Commissioners agreed that at this time, they want to keep it the same. **A MOTION was made, seconded and unanimously passed that along with the responsibilities of Interim Chief, Chief Doerflinger will also be appointed as District Secretary.**

Resignation of Commissioner: Commissioner McGee reported that a letter of resignation was received from Commissioner Granlund on 8/7/09. Commissioner McGee then read the letter for those in attendance. A copy of that letter will be attached to the Minutes. **A MOTION was made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept the resignation of Commissioner Granlund.**

Appointment of Commissioner: Commissioner McGee commented that after reading the RCW's he would prefer to let legal counsel handle the process of appointing a Commissioner. Commissioner Scott concurred and legal counsel will handle the process.

Press Release: Commissioner McGee has been advised by council to release the statement that was previously released to the two local papers. Legal counsel's advice is to only release this statement. Commissioner Scott was in agreement with that and the Commissioners would release further information based on advice from legal counsel.

Appointment of Chairman: **A MOTION was made by Commissioner Scott to appoint Commissioner McGee as Chairman of the Board, seconded and unanimously passed.**

**Public Comment:**

Warren Iverson reviewed his past history in relation to the District, and with the Citizens Advisory Committee. The Committee is stunned by the results of the last Commissioner meeting and feels like they have been duped. Mr. Iverson requested that the meetings of 8/20, 9/3 and 9/17 be held at Station 81 so there is room for public to attend.

Kathy Williams, a resident of Maple Valley and Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee, commented that the Committee took their role very seriously. The recommendation of the CAC was for building up and standing up for the department in the committee. She wishes great success to this organization and would like to see it move in a positive manner.

Stanette Marie Rose, commented on recent developments within the District.

Erin Weaver, Citizens Advisory Committee member, joined the committee because of Chief Lemon and during the process enjoyed meeting other firefighters. She also commented on the recent developments within the District.

With no further business to come before the Board, this meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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Chairman Brian McGee

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Brad Doerflinger  
Fire Chief/District Secretary

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Commissioner Mike Scott