

# Maple Valley Fire and Life Safety Department Correspondence

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS, SEPTEMBER 3, 2009

Attending: Commissioners McGee and Scott, Chief Doerflinger; Deputy Chief Rude; Office Manager Barker; Camille Walls; Bill Van Ruff; Kam Cayce, Attorney, Cayce & Associates; other staff and members of the public

Chairman McGee called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session for fifteen minutes.

**Executive Session:** RCW 42.30.110(1)(h) *To evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office. However, any interview of such candidate and final action appointing a candidate to elective office shall be in a meeting open to the public.*

The meeting resumed after executive session ended at 5:18 p.m.

## **Business:**

Interview of Candidates for appointment to Commissioner:

Bill Van Ruff and Camille Walls each submitted a letter of interest for the Commissioner vacancy. After the interviews are held, the Board will adjourn to executive session and the appointment of Commissioner will be announced during the regular open meeting.

The following questions were asked of each candidate for the Commissioner appointment.

- 1) The Fire Commission represents a diverse community blending commercial areas, residential and rural neighborhoods. The Fire District has traditionally supported the placement of staffed fire stations closer to the center of the higher density commercial and residential areas. This has resulted in slower responses into some of the rural neighborhoods located farther from the community core. Some constituents of these rural neighborhoods feel that they have been asked to pay for services that do not benefit them. How would you respond to these concerned community members?
- 2) How will your community involvement influence or help you in the role of Fire Commissioner?
- 3) Have you or do you have any financial dealings or professional activity with the fire district?
- 4) Employee performance reviews, written performance expectations and employee accountability may limit District liability associated with employee disciplinary processes. Would you please share your experiences with employee review processes?
- 5) Why have you chosen to pursue the position of Fire Commissioner at this time?

The Commissioners completed the interview process and adjourned into executive session at 5:38 p.m. for approximately fifteen minutes to evaluate the qualifications of candidates for appointment to elective office.

With no further business to come before the Board, this meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.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

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Commissioner W. K. Van Ruff

Minutes Prepared by Faye Barker