

King County Fire Protection District No. 27

Minutes

A Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District No. 27 was held on January 24, 2023, at Station 152 located at 4301-334th Place SE, Fall City, Washington, 98024. The meeting was also available remotely with online video and audio conferencing.

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

Present:

Chairman Daniel Meredith
Commissioner Lilly Hansen
Commissioner Kristopher Belfield
Chief Brian Culp
Secretary Melinda Wall

In Attendance:

DC Patrick LeDoux
Dave Hart

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Public Comment Period - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Future Revenue Sources; Fire Benefit Charge Analysis

A five-year budget projections worksheet was provided to the Board for review. Discussion focused on future capital expenditures, staffing needs, and increased costs of operations.

Chief Culp discussed the hiring of an additional Firefighter in 2024 and the promotion of an Officer to a daytime Training Officer position. He also stated that the District could potentially reduce the Training Consortium costs by sharing the Training Officer with the Consortium for a limited number of weeks.

Inflationary Increase 2.5% - 5% for supplies, fuel, insurance, protective equipment, and utilities and increases for facility and vehicle maintenance were shown in the worksheet.

The tax revenue modeled a regular levy rate of \$1.30 and eliminated the M&O levy and would generate about \$2.9 million dollars based on the current assessed valuations.

Several worksheets comparing the Fire Benefit Charge fee structure with the District's levy-based taxing structure were provided to the Board for review. Various samplings of District parcels were included in the worksheets which compared the cost differences in the two taxing structures.

Discussion ensued on the commercial buildings and the factor used in the model. Commissioner Belfield asked about changing the factors to lower the impact to the commercial properties. Secretary Wall stated that the factors in the formulas can be changed though it would increase the costs to the residential properties.

The Board's discussion turned to the levy lid lift option and determining what the appropriate levy rate, number of years, and inflationary factors should be for that proposal. Further discussion ensued. Chief Culp and Secretary Wall will continue to work on the budget modeling for the ballot measure.

Annual Performance Review and Employment Contracts; Chief Culp and DC LeDoux

Executive Session:

The Board convened into a 30-minute Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(g); to review the performance of a public employee. At 6:31 p.m. Chief Culp joined the Executive Session. At 6:45 p.m. an additional 10 minutes was requested. At 6:55 p.m. DC LeDoux joined the Executive Session, an additional 10 minutes was requested.

At 7:05 p.m. the Board convened back into the Special Meeting to take action on Chief Culp's and DC LeDoux's employment contracts.

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Belfield, the Board approved DC LeDoux's Employment Agreement with the District beginning January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2025.
MOTION CARRIED.



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On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Hansen, the Board approved Chief Culp's Employment Agreement with the District beginning January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2025.
MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Meredith at 7:08 p.m.

Attest:

Melinda Wall
District Secretary

Melinda Wall

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Chairman

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

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