

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 October 26, 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 4:00 p.m.

Present:

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

In Attendance:

DC Patrick LeDoux
Lt. Steve Bandy
FF Marcus Noble – 4:44
Dave Hart

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Public Comment Period - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2024 Draft Budget

The 2024 draft budget and preliminary tax levy worksheet were provided to the Board for review. The preliminary regular tax levy for the 2024 tax roll was \$1,769,624, an increase of \$15,561 of which \$6,088 was from new construction values. The 2024 levy rate was currently estimated at \$0.91 per thousand and the District's overall assessed valuation (AV) decreased 14.78%. The Maintenance and Operations (M&O) levy for the final collection year in 2024 is \$731,000, though if the ballot measure to raise the levy rate to \$1.50 is approved by the voters the M&O levy would not be collected.

A tax levy rate at \$1.50 per \$1,000 of AV would provide the District an estimated \$2,889,355 for next year. Two new revenue line items Mobilization-Equipment, and Transport Fees, were included in the draft budget and discussed with the Board.

Secretary Wall briefed on the expense line items with emphasis on the following: Salaries and Benefits, Overtime, Training, Facilities and Vehicle Maintenance, and Capital Expenditures. The budget included funding for an additional Firefighter in 2024, increased funds for Facility Maintenance, and earmarking funds for the replacement of the 2004 Pierce engine. An additional expense line item - Wildland Program, was included in the draft budget, to account for those equipment and program costs, separate from the personnel costs.

Further discussion ensued on the fire training consortium and potential cost savings in that program. The Board also discussed the District's next 3-yr audit which will occur in 2024. Chief Culp briefed on the timeline and estimated costs for the engine procurement.

After discussion, Chairman Meredith noted that the special meeting and public hearing to take testimony on the District's revenue sources was scheduled to occur on November 28th at 7:00 p.m.

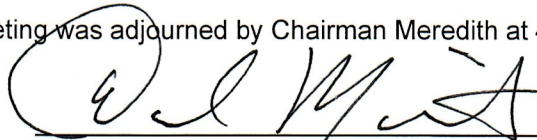
Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Meredith at 4:52 p.m.

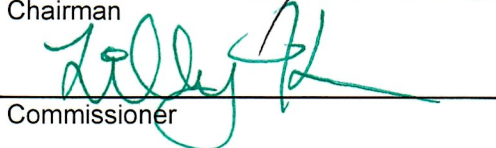
Attest:

Melinda Wall
District Secretary

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Chairman



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