



**North County Regional Fire Authority
COMMISSIONER’S MEETING
via ZOOM
April 28, 2021
4:00pm**

CALL TO ORDER

The following attendees were present:

COMMISSIONERS

Greg Oakes, Chair
Jan Iverson - Excused
Judy Williams
Ric Cade
Larry Longley, Vice-Chair
Rob Johnson

FIRE AUTHORITY STAFF

John Cermak, Fire Chief
Don Bartlett, Assistant Fire Chief
Mike Makela, Assistant Fire Chief
Katie Casey, Board Secretary
~~Randy Krumm, Finance Manager~~
Kayley Mizell, Administrative Assistant
Doug ten Hoopen, Temp. Project Manager

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm

EMPLOYEE and PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments by employees.

Heather Andrus and Elizabeth McKenna expressed their concerns regarding the cell tower placement at Station 97.

Commissioner Oakes let both citizens know he appreciates their input. He also wanted to ensure they understood that North County Fire is not the permitting agency and suggested bringing their concerns to Snohomish County as well.

Commissioner Longley suggested that the materials Ms. Andrus sent to NCRFA be shared with the entire Board of Commissioners. Katie Casey will send those out.

Commissioner Johnson suggested Ms. Andrus and Ms. McKenna contact Nate Nehring with Snohomish County as well.

Ms. Andrus noted that public comment at Snohomish County has passed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1st: Commissioner Longley

2nd Commissioner Johnson

DISCUSSION:

APPROVED: Unanimous

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1st: Commissioner Johnson

2nd Commissioner Cade

DISCUSSION:

APPROVED: Unanimous

APPROVAL OF APRIL 14, 2021 MINUTES

1st: Commissioner Longley

2nd Commissioner Johnson

DISCUSSION:

APPROVED: Unanimous

OLD BUSINESS

Doug ten Hoopen provided an update on the training center.

The strategic planning retreat was discussed

MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE RETREAT TO INCLUDE COMMISSIONERS, STAFF, AND CITY OF ARLINGTON COUNCIL MEMBERS DESIGNATED TO BE FIRE COMMISSIONERS

1st: Commissioner Longley

2nd Commissioner Cade



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DISCUSSION:

APPROVED: Unanimous

Policy 69 – Leave Policy was presented for consideration

MOTION TO APPROVE POLICY 69 AS PRESENTED WITH THE UNIONS SUPPORT

1st: Commissioner Johnson

2nd Commissioner Williams

DISCUSSION: The Union has no objection to the contents of this policy

APPROVED: Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Cermak presented a staff report with lease options of the new Engine 46 (Staff report and agenda state this is for Engine 48, but that was in error)

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FIRE CHIEF TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH PIERCE MANUFACTURING TO COMPLETE OPTION #1 WITH A SEVEN-YEAR LEASE WITH A \$25K PREAPPROVAL FOR ANY CHANGES THAT OCCUR OR ARE RECOGNIZED DURING PRE-TRIP AND FINAL INSPECTIONS TO SECURE FAVORABLE INTEREST RATES TO ACQUIRE A NEW FIRE ENGINE FOR FUTURE FIRE STATION 46

1st: Commissioner Johnson

2nd Commissioner Longley

DISCUSSION: \$25k is the same amount requested for the last two engines we have purchased. The Apparatus Committee comprised of NCRFA and Arlington Fire Dept. personnel have had their input. Commissioner Cade would like to see an apparatus inventory list provided

APPROVED: Unanimous

The Interlocal Agreement for FEMA Funding Eligible Expenditures was presented.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FIRE CHIEF TO SIGN THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR FEMA REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED WHILE MANAGING THE PANDEMIC

1st: Commissioner Longley

2nd Commissioner Johnson

DISCUSSION:

APPROVED: Unanimous

CHIEFS REPORT

Chief Cermak attended the All-American Leadership monthly all-day training academy with a cadre of other Snohomish County Fire personnel as well as throughout the West Coast.

Chief Cermak continued 1-on-1 conversations getting to know Arlington employees.

Continued meetings occurred regarding the RFA annexation. The negotiations group met in preparation for the upcoming meetings. April 20th was the second impact/collective bargaining discussion. We will meet May 4 at 0830 to continue. Chief Kraski, James Trefry and Chief Cermak met April 27 to prepare.

Work was completed to purchase a new fire engine, Pierce Pumper, for Station 46 Arlington. It will be a 13-18 month build. The apparatus committee met one more time to complete the recommendation before you tonight.

The negotiations committee met regarding non-represented staff and corresponding work occurred to support.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The RFA Committee has not met since last meeting so there is nothing new to report.



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CORRESPONDENCE

A card was received from the CERT group thanking Chief Cermak for his presentation.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

N/A

The Board entered into Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(g) to review the performance of a public employee at 4:55pm. The Board resumed the regular meeting at 5:10pm with direction given to the Fire Chief.

MOTION TO APPROVE A 0.5% PAY INCREASE TO ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF TO REFLECT THE SAME PROVIDED TO THE UNION EMPLOYEES, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2021

1st: Commissioner Cade 2nd Commissioner Williams

Discussion:

APPROVED: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn at 5:10pm

1st: Commissioner Williams 2nd Commissioner Johnson

Discussion:

APPROVED: Unanimous

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