



Clark County Fire & Rescue Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2019

Present: Commissioners Stan Chunn, Bob Johnson, Larry Bartel, David Town, Dave Lester, Ken Ayers. Chief John Nohr. Division Chiefs Ben Peeler and Mike Jackson. Recording Secretary Kathy Streissguth.

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Chair Chunn at 4:00 p.m.

CALL FOR LATE AGENDA ADDITIONS

None.

Chief Nohr introduced Gordon MacIlvennie, our insurance agent for the Risk Management Group. Advised that the coming rate increase is only 2%. There have been fewer claims and the building and equipment deductibles are expected to increase to \$1,000. There was a negligible premium reduction in increasing the vehicle deductible, so it will remain at \$250. This will be confirmed at the next Risk Management Group meeting on October 2. Commissioner Bartel asked if there were any outstanding lawsuits. Mr. MacIlvennie advised that the Clark 6 claim was released with no liabilities and there are no other issues known to him at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Johnson to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second Commissioner Bartel. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Nohr received an invite from RPD Chief Brooks to participate in a Public Safety Forum for the public on October 3. Captain Josh Brooks' email request to use reserve apparatus for another coat drive in Woodland to be held in November has been approved. The event was quite successful last year. Captain Jason Leavitt email advising the Station 26 bay painting is complete. The crews did a great job. County flyer for a Public Hearing on the 179th Street/I-5 comprehensive plan proposal on October 8.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Clark County Risk Management Group

No meeting. No report.

Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board

No meeting. No report.

Finance Committee

No meeting. No report.

Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Johnson reported he attended the Strategic Planning meeting on September 17. He also attended a Countywide Chaplaincy dinner.

District Secretary/Chief

Chief Nohr reported he discussed the issue of posting no parking signs at the Hillhurst property with legal counsel. Counsel advised that either the district or the properties with easement rights may establish a no parking area to keep the ingress/egress clear. The tow company will not enforce a no-parking zone without an agreement with the property owner (the district). Discussion. Commissioner Bartel is one of the private property owners with easement rights. Following prior approval of the Board he has been posting temporary no-parking signs at the end of the driveway during events at the school. There hasn't been a problem since he started putting out the signs. Will address the placement of signage if parking on the property becomes an issue.

Shared that Firefighter Tyler Chenoweth's father Todd, a well respected member of the Ridgefield Community passed away last week. The service will be held on October 3. Personnel planning to attend are requested to wear uniforms.

Discussed the line of duty death of Cowlitz Fire & Rescue 2 Battalion Chief Mike Zainfeld. District personnel have been very involved in assisting the department with funeral home stand by and peer support services. The service is scheduled on Tuesday, October 1 at 1 p.m. The ladder truck will be in attendance as well as some personnel providing station coverage. L&I has confirmed that off duty employees staffing CFR2 rigs are still covered.

A meeting to review CRESA governance options was held on September 10. The committee will continue to assess the government's structure (PDA verses interlocal agreement). The City of Vancouver advised they do not plan on withdrawing from the agreement.

Shared press releases on the Price Foundation smoke alarm grant awarded to the District's Firefighter Association. 560 alarms were purchased.

Chief Nohr shared in participated in the Give More 24 fundraising event for the Clark County Food Bank, where he serves on the Board of Directors.

Summarized the Strategic Planning meeting held on September 17. The next meeting will occur on October 1. As there is a conflict with the Zainfeld service, if enough people have to leave the meeting will end and be continued to the next date in November.

2020 REVENUE HEARING

Chair Chunn opened the hearing at 4:16 p.m. Discussion. Comments solicited from the audience. There being none the hearing was closed at 4:17 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

LATE EDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – FIRE CHIEF’S ANNUAL REVIEW

Moved to executive session at 4:20 p.m. to review the performance of the Fire Chief. Anticipated length of session 30 minutes. Action anticipated. Meeting extended 20 minutes at 4:50 p.m. Meeting resumed at 5:10 p.m.

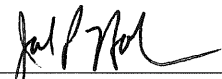
Chief Nohr advised that Commissioner Bartel left to catch a flight at 4:55 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Town that following the Chief’s review, his monthly pay be increased to \$14,050 retroactive to September 1, with a 2-year contract extension to December 31, 2024. Second Commissioner Lester. Discussion. Commissioner Town advised that this will put the Chief’s pay in the middle third of our comps. Commissioner Johnson thanked the Chief for his work. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Bartel absent). Board direction to implement the Division Chief’s scale as a percentage of the Chief’s as previously discussed, also to be retroactive to September 1.

OLD BUSINESS/OTHER

Chief Nohr advised an Open House event has been scheduled for Saturday, October 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Station 21.

No further discussion. Meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.



Attest, John Nohr
Fire Chief/District Secretary