

Board of Commissioners Meeting

March 10, 2010

Chairperson Cameron called a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 5:30 p.m. on March 10, 2010, at 701 Vine Street in the conference room. The following were present:

Commissioner Merritt
Commissioner Hallanger
Asst. Chief Headley
District Secretary Bouchard

Commissioner Olson
Commissioner Bergquist
EMS Administrator Ribelin
Section Chief Kelly

Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hallanger to approve the February 24, 2010, Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Merritt seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Administration of Oath:

None

Awards & Recognition:

Commissioner Bergquist noted there were several members from Cowlitz 2 that participated in the annual Stair Climb in Seattle last weekend.

Public Comment:

None

Verbal Reports and/or Discussions:

Station 25 Update: Asst. Chief Headley distributed a preliminary map for the land swap being negotiated with Cowlitz County. He is working on the legal description and working with the Beacon Hill Sewer District regarding the waterline on the east side of the highway. More research will be required on this item. Brian Snure is drawing up the agreement for the land swap; we are negotiating a fire protection rate reduction for a specific time period in exchange for a small piece of adjacent property. The Board inquired about maintenance of the pond and mowing by the County. We will also want to ensure the area is large enough for Waste Control trucks to maneuver in the recycling area. Chairperson Cameron inquired if we have a use for the land that would be exchanged or if it is primarily for the recycling area.

Public meetings will be scheduled in early May; notices to property owners are to be mailed by April 9th for a public hearing to be held at the end of May. Discussion regarding a brochure with plain language to explain to citizens. Also, Chairperson Cameron inquired about tracking staff time spent on this project as those expenses may be included in the LID funding.

Written Reports:

None

Action Item:

Resolution #694-2010; Annexation of 4029 Industrial Way: This resolution authorizes annexation by the landowner of 4029 Industrial Way. The required public hearing was held on February 24, 2010, without any public comment. Asst. Chief Headley confirmed with the County that because there is only one landowner, we do not need to certify the petition.

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to approve Resolution #694-2010. Commissioner Merritt seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Tabled for Future Meetings:

- New POG: Out of District Responses

Chief's Report:

- Chief LaFave is currently in Florida teaching an ICS class.
- Friday morning is a Red Cross "Hero" breakfast in Vancouver; we have individuals to be honored for life saving.
- Ralph Knowles, a former Asst. Chief for C2FR, passed away with his service to be this weekend.
- Asst. Chief Headley attended former Sheriff Les Nelson' service last weekend.
- Homeland Security has approved paying for lighting and some equipment for the prime mover (pick-up) that is on order.
- We have two part-time employees that are leaving for other full-time positions so we will be filling those two part-time positions.
- Wednesday night drill has been working well; we have trained with Castle Rock the last few Wednesday nights.

Payroll:

A motion was made by Commissioner Bergquist to approve payroll totaling \$172,735.47 for warrant numbers 31614 through 31670 dated March 5, 2010. Commissioner Hallanger seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Vouchers:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hallanger to approve vouchers totaling \$39,789.48 for warrant numbers 31671 through 31723 dated March 12, 2010. Commissioner Merritt seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Announcements:

- Commissioner Merritt reported the 911 Council is working on a grant application for CAD replacement.
- A grant was received for an interoperability gap analysis for the Comm Center.
- The Comm Center has three positions open; they are making adjustments to supervisory positions at this time and are going to arbitration in July.
- Commissioner Hallanger reported the Longview Diking District bought a couple of homes over by Fishers Lane. They are going to be used by the Police Department for training, then will be burned by us.
- Commissioner Olson reported that several EMT volunteers from C2FR have really helped out in the ED on several calls lately.
- On that note, EMS Administrator Ribelin reported there are some new issues with EMT volunteers from C2FR participating at the ED because the hospital is now going to require background investigation information that is confidential to be released to them. (District Secretary Bouchard will be researching whether we can do that.)
- Chief LaFave will be attending a tabletop exercise on March 24th in preparation for an MCI drill this summer.

Executive Session:

None

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Cameron at 6:00 p.m.

Chairperson

District Secretary