

Board of Commissioners Meeting

May 9, 2007

Jeff Cameron, Chairperson, called a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 5:30 p.m. on May 9, 2007, at the 701 Vine Street Conference Room. The following were present:

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| Commissioner Hallanger | Commissioner Olson |
| Commissioner Bergquist | Asst. Chief Headley |
| District Secretary Bouchard | Deputy Fire Marshal Graham |
| Driver Operator Neely | |

Approve Previous Minutes:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hallanger to approve the April 25, 2007, Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Awards & Recognition:

Promotional ceremony postponed until future meeting.

The graduation ceremony for the recruits and interns will be on Wednesday, May 16, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. at Station 21.

Public Comment:

None

Risk Management:

None

Verbal Reports:

ESHB #1368; Commissioners Compensation: Changes allowable Commissioner compensation from \$70 per day to \$90 per day. Commissioner Hallanger asked Staff to run this by Clark Snure for the proper language for the Resolution and other details. Staff will bring information to a future meeting.

Commissioner Bergquist noted he is declining compensation.

Written Reports:

Distributed the draft copy of ESCI's findings to the Board. This will be discussed later with the Chiefs. It has been distributed to all staff. Asst. Chief Headley is working on recommendations and an implementation strategy. This will be complete by the end of May.

Action Items:

Volunteer Point Value Increase (Staff Report 5-1-001): The commission approved using the current volunteer point system many years ago and the point value has not been adjusted to reflect the increased cost to volunteers for rendering service to the District. Points are intended to reimburse volunteers for their expenses while training and responding to calls. The increase in the cost of living has made the current point value significantly inadequate and we have heard that fact reiterated from our volunteers. Staff is proposing to increase the point value from the current \$1.25 to \$2.00. In addition, we are evaluating the number of points assigned for each activity due to the increased demands in calls for service and the additional training mandates that have occurred in recent years. We currently expend approximately \$156,250 per year on volunteer points. This proposal is projected to increase that amount to approximately \$250,000 per year.

Commissioner Olson made a motion to approve increasing the volunteer point value to \$2.00 per point. Commissioner Bergquist seconded the motion. Further discussion. Motion was withdrawn.

The Board requested Staff review the entire volunteer reimbursement policy and bring back a revised version addressing all current concerns. Commissioner Hallanger also requested this item is discussed with Clark Snure to ensure compliance with labor laws.

Tabled for Future Meetings:

- New POG: Out of District Responses
- Email Issues
- Private Fire Protection Contract – Eyer (Chairperson Cameron has provided verbiage to include in this contract.)
- New POG: #4008 – Emergency Vehicle Driving
- New POG: #4007 – Callback Procedure

Chief's Report:

- Training was held on 5/8/07 for mid-management employees and was also attended by Asst. Chief Headley. This training covered management styles, etc. and provided more in-depth insight into strengths and weaknesses.
- Structure fire a week ago; acting officer Huff did a good job.
- Commissioner Olson and Asst. Chief Headley attending seminar in Ellensburg that will provide information on the new six-year lid lift.
- We have a couple people going to Norfolk, Virginia, for MFSA training.

Drill Points:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hallanger to approve the April 30, 2007, quarterly drill points totaling \$13,241.25 for warrant numbers 23955 through 24032. Commissioner Olson

seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Payroll:

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to approve the May 4, 2007, payroll totaling \$168,919.86 for warrant numbers 24033 through 24081. Commissioner Bergquist seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Vouchers:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hallanger to approve the vouchers totaling \$46,787.96 for warrant numbers 24082 through 24147 dated May 11, 2007. Commissioner Bergquist seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Announcements:

- Commissioner Bergquist will be on vacation next week.
- Intern/Recruit Academy graduation here at Station 21 on May 16th at 6:00 p.m.
- Retirement for Pat Carmody at Station 26 on May 4th went well.

Executive Session:

None

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m. by Chairperson Cameron.

Chairperson

District Secretary