

Board of Commissioners Meeting

May 12, 2010

Chairperson Cameron called a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 5:33 p.m. on May 12, 2010, at 701 Vine Street in the conference room. The following were present:

Commissioner Merritt
Chief LaFave
District Secretary Bouchard
Operations Chief Kelly

Commissioner Olson
Asst. Chief Headley
Dep. Fire Marshal Graham

Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:

A motion was made by Commissioner Merritt to approve the April 28, 2010, Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Administration of Oath:

None

Awards & Recognition:

None

Public Comment:

None

Verbal Reports and/or Discussions:

Station 25 Update: Staff had an After Action Review of the open house events at Station 25 in Lexington. Asst. Chief Headley has discussed with Cowlitz County Auditor Kris Swanson the possibility of having their office assist with an “unofficial” or advisory ballot for us. They are willing to discuss this further and have a web-based option that would involve little cost.

Chairperson Cameron is more in favor of a written ballot and Asst. Chief Headley will contact Ms. Swanson again to further develop this option.

Also, Gibbs & Olson had an outside engineer review the letter from 2002 regarding structural issues with the current station. That engineer concurs with the findings of the original letter. Chief LaFave and Asst. Chief Headley did some timed driving assessments in the Westover, Inglewood, Holcomb Rd and Easy Rd areas due to questions at the open houses. They determined that these areas are better served by the Columbia Heights station and will be taken out of the LID boundary. Gibbs & Olson is working on a new map.

Gibbs & Olson has presented an addendum to revise the stormwater piece of the project. The Board directed Asst. Chief Headley to hold off on this item at this time. Discussion of the vote and process including simple majority versus super majority. The ballots will also include a statement that lack of a vote is essentially a “yes” vote. The public hearing will begin on May 26, 2010; it is likely to be continued to a later day, probably July 28th, to ensure time to establish the voting process and materials. Chairperson Cameron asked staff to think about starting to monitor the movement of the current station 25.

Written Reports:

None

Action Items:

Resolution #697-2010: Kerr Contractors, Inc. has requested a private fire protection contract for their asphalt plant located at 618 Stoneyridge Road for an approximate six-month term. This area is a rockpit in the fire district that is only paying timberland assessments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Merritt to approve the private fire protection agreement with Kerr Contractors. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Tabled for Future Meetings:

- New POG: Out of District Responses

Chief’s Report:

- FF/Medic Ellenbolt has resigned his position effective 5/16/10. We have hired Ryan Satcher from the current lateral hire list to fill this spot. He has also been working as a part-time FF/EMT with us. He will start in the full-time position on 5/16/10.
- The Libby Lane legal situation is getting closer to a court date. We expect our attorneys will request an executive session in June.

Payroll:

A motion was made by Commissioner Merritt to approve payroll totaling \$183,599.58 for warrant numbers 32135 through 32192, and number 32245 all dated May 5, 2010. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Vouchers:

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to approve vouchers totaling \$60,044.91 for warrant numbers 32193 through 32244 dated May 14, 2010. Commissioner Merritt seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Announcements:

- Commissioner Merritt provided copies of the spill report and minutes of the last meeting from the LEPC, along with the packet of information from the legislative roundtable.

Results from the DOT exercise will be available by the end of the month.

- We received our new prime mover, which, according to Chief LaFave, looks exactly like a pickup truck.

Executive Session:

None

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Cameron at 6:47 p.m.

Chairperson

District Secretary