

King County Fire Protection District No. 27

Minutes

A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District No. 27 was held on June 24, 2013 at Station No. 271 located at 4301 334th PL SE in Fall City, Washington.

Chairman Hollis called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present:

Chairman Hollis
Commissioner Hansen
Chief Connor

In Attendance:

Lt. LeDoux	FF Krache	FF Jessen	Del Moore
FF Fleming	FF Hansen	FF Turcotte	Nancy Moore
FF Noble	FF Schaefer		

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Tax Levy / Ballot Measure

Chief Connor presented a financial worksheet which contained historical information that showed the Assessed Valuation (AV) of property in the District has been declining in recent years. The City of Sammamish annexation in 2010 also resulted in a large decrease in the total AV. Because of the drop in AV and the \$1.50 limit of the primary tax levy, revenues have declined sharply. Expenses during this same period were shown to have continued to rise slowly each year. Expenses in the 2012 calendar year exceeded revenues, thereby reducing the cash balance.

Chief Connor reviewed financial projection factors that are included in the worksheet. The factors include; Financial projections that have been made by the Chief Economist for King County in a March 2013 update; AV information which has been posted by the King County Assessor's Office in the 2013 Area Report for the Carnation - Fall City Area; Information received from the King County Assessor's Office indicating the most recent AV numbers receiving a senior / disability exemption; New Construction AV projections; Other factors as estimated by staff. The worksheet generally includes factors and projections for 2014 - 2017.

Specific factors included in the worksheet are: Projected increases in AV at 10.0% for 2014, 2.0% for 2015 3.07% for 2016, and 2.68% in 2017. Projected new construction values at \$3 million in 2014, and \$4 million each year for 2015, 2016 & 2017.

Chief Connor reviewed the worksheet details which indicate that the District expenses are projected to exceed revenues during the 2014 - 2017 forecast period. The worksheet projections included: Maintaining Career Staffing at the existing level; Restoring the Training line item in the budget to the level that existed in 2009; Restructuring the E Shift program and increasing the line item on the budget to allow additional opportunities to increase staffing during the daytime; Initiating the purchase of a replacement for the 1988 Pierce Lance fire engine with financing over a five or six year period.

The annual shortfall contained in the forecasted scenario varied from just over \$429,000 in 2014 to just under \$400,000 in 2015 and 2016. Chief Connor reviewed the estimated levy rates for an excess levy in 2014 - 2016 assuming a fixed levy amount of \$425,000 per year. The rate varied slightly from just over \$.50 per \$1,000 AV in 2014 to just under \$.50 in 2015 & 2016.

Chief Connor with assistance from the Commissioners and members of the Levy Committee answered a number of questions regarding specifics of the information presented, from those in attendance including both Citizens and Employees. Several persons shared their opinions and offered suggestions.

There was a brief discussion regarding the need for the District to get the information presented out to our Citizens to make sure they are aware of the issues.


Adjournment:


With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Hollis at 9:12 p.m.
Minutes recorded by Chris J. Connor

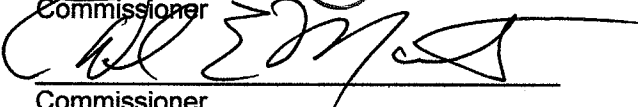
Attest:

Melinda Evans
Board Secretary

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Commissioner


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