

King County Fire Protection District No. 27

Minutes

A Special Joint Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District No. 27 and King County Fire Protection District No.10 was held on October 23, 2017 at Eastside Fire & Rescue Headquarters located at 175 Newport Way NW, Issaquah, Washington.

D10 Members Present:

Vice Chairperson Alan Martin
Commissioner Michael Fiset
Commissioner Mike Mitchell
Commissioner Larry Rude
Fire Chief Jeff Clark
Deputy Chief Jon Parkinson
Deputy Chief Richard Burke
Administrative Assistant Jay Hart

Absent: Chairperson Donald Smith

D27 Members Present:

Chairperson Lilly Hansen
Commissioner Eric Hollis
Commissioner Dan Meredith
Fire Chief Chris Connor
Secretary Melinda Evans

Audience:

EFR Chairperson Alan Gothelf
Local 2878 President Jon Wiseman
Local 2878 VP Scott Fleming
Training Captain Pete Brummel
FF Joshua Yancey

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Flag Salute:

Vice Chairperson Martin called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and led the flag salute.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Public Comment

Union President Wiseman spoke on behalf of Local 2878; he stated that the Local supports a D10/D27 merger. He spoke of the mutual benefits of working together; Fall City Firefighters are already members of Local 2878 which remove preliminary barriers of merging independent Unions. Additionally three-person staffing for D27's service area could be attained and alleviating the stress of the M&O levy cycles would be beneficial for the members. VP Fleming also conveyed that these were his member's primary concerns as well. After further comments President Wiseman and VP Fleming thanked the Board for their time and encouraged continued discussions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Potential Partnership Discussion

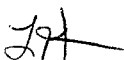
Chief Clark led the discussion with a brief history of D10 and the formation of Eastside Fire & Rescue. Chief Connor provided a summary of D27's career and volunteer staffing, the geographical area of District 27 and its current tax levy rates.

Chief Clark discussed the following; EFR's service area, ILA Efficiencies, and their Volunteer Program which is being restructured. He stated that there is a desire at EFR to develop a sleeper program and model some of what D27 has done. Currently EFR has 11 new recruits in training. The Zone 1 Implementation of Automatic Aid Agreement and 3FF Engine Company standards was also briefly discussed.

Chief Clark discussed the following benefits of a merger; Benefits for D27-Three-person staffing, Battalion Chief, SRT Teams, Reduced Taxes for Citizens in D27. Benefits for D10 - Reduced Taxes for Citizens in D10, Central location within EFR's current service area. Economies of scale would benefit both.

Levy vs Actual Taxes Paid / Fire Benefit Charge Overview

DC Parkinson provided a presentation illustrating cost comparisons using a Fire Benefit Charge (FBC) model and \$1.00 fire levy vs \$1.50 fire levy. The sample data indicated that there would be a cost savings to the taxpayers. DC Parkinson stated that the FBC needs a super majority to pass initially and can be up to six years, subsequent FBC requests only require a simple majority to pass. Up to 60% of your operating budget can be funded by the FBC, though D10 is at about 40%. He also stated that D10 has successfully passed the FBC three times and is not set to expire until 2021. DC Parkinson also conveyed that the FBC model will need to be loaded with all of D10 and D27's parcel information to get an accurate representation.



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Other Considerations

Chief Connor discussed the Commissioner positions of a merged district. In the beginning all of the Commissioners from both Districts will be on the Board. The merged district's Commissioners seats will be vacated at the end of their term. He also stated that Commissioner districts could also be established within the merger district boundaries as part of an agreement.

Discussion ensued regarding the efforts to form a Regional Fire Authority with D38 and why it did not receive approval from the voters. Commissioner Hollis also discussed the role that the fire department has in the community since Fall City does not have a local government. After further discussion it was decided that the two Boards would meet again to review the financial data using the FBC model once it is uploaded and complete.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Vice Chairperson Martin at 7:38 p.m.

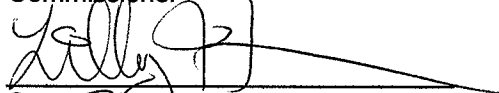
Attest:

Melinda Evans
District Secretary


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Commissioner



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