

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 November 19, 2024, at Station 152 located at 4301-334th Place SE, Fall City, Washington, 98024. The meeting was also available remotely with Online Video and Audio Conferencing.

Chairman Meredith called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Present:

Chairman Daniel Meredith
Commissioner Lilly Hansen
Commissioner Kristopher Belfield – via Teams
Chief Brian Culp
Secretary Melinda Wall

In Attendance:

DC Patrick LeDoux

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Public Hearing – Testimony on the 2025 Budget:

Chairman Meredith opened the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to take testimony from the public on the District's 2025 preliminary budget and revenue sources.

No testimony was received. Chairman Meredith closed the Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2025 Draft Budget

The preliminary Levy Limitations Worksheet from the Assessor's Office and updated 2025 Draft Budget were provided to the Board for review. The District's total assessed valuation (AV) was \$2,105,582,017, with new construction values of \$9,665,582. The allowable levy was currently listed at \$3,039,531 of which \$14,498 was from new construction. Secretary Wall stated that the levy request on the resolutions are estimated slightly higher at \$3,042,000, because the final values have not been provided from the Assessor's Office.

King County's Qtr 3 Economic Forecast report on Assessed Values and New Construction were provided to the Board. The assessed values in the unincorporated areas of the County were forecasted with moderate growth of 7.47% for 2025, and 5.16% in 2026, new construction values for 2025 illustrated 7.15% increase, and a decrease of 3.99% in 2026. Discussion ensued.

An updated draft Budget Projection summary was provided to the Board for review. Secretary Wall stated that previous projections had a decrease in the District's AV in 2025, and minimal increases in years 2026-2028. The updated worksheet illustrated the 8.6% AV increase in 2025, and 3% increase in the following years. The regular levy amounts were adjusted with increases at the minimum CPI of 3%, which resulted in a tax levy rate at \$1.44 in 2025 and staying below the statutory maximum of \$1.50 in years 2026-2028. Discussion on future new construction ensued.


Secretary Wall provided an update on the 2025 Draft Budget. She expected that there may be some additional adjustments to the training expense, volunteer pay, and utilities. Capital purchases and reserve accounts were also discussed.

After discussion, the Board reviewed and moved on the following Resolutions as presented:

Resolution 2024-2 2025 NORCOM Budget Allocation

The Board reviewed Resolution 2024-2 2025 NORCOM Budget Allocation which formally allocates funds for the interlocal agency which the District is a party of for dispatch services.

On the Motion of Commissioner Meredith and a second by Commissioner Hansen the Board approved Resolution 2024-2 2025 NORCOM Budget Allocation. MOTION CARRIED.



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Resolution 2024-3 Property Tax Increase Resolution

The Board reviewed Resolution 2024-3 Property Tax Increase Resolution which authorizes an increase of \$111,338 or 3.83% (percent) for the regular tax levy from the previous year. This increase is exclusive of additional revenues from new construction, improvements to property and any increases in the value of state assessed property.

On the Motion of Commissioner Meredith and a second by Commissioner Belfield the Board approved Resolution 2024-3 Property Tax Increase Resolution. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 2024-4 Request for 2025 Tax Levy Collection

The Board reviewed Resolution 2024-4 Request for 2025 Tax Levy Collection which authorizes the District to collect in 2025, \$3,042,000 for the Regular tax levy.

On the Motion of Commissioner Meredith and a second by Commissioner Hansen the Board approved Resolution 2024-4 Request for 2025 Tax Levy Collection. MOTION CARRIED.

OTHER

Chief Culp stated the Annual Festival of Lights is scheduled on Saturday, December 7th.

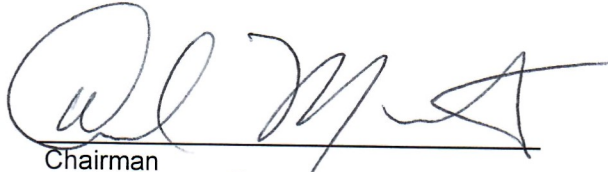
Adjournment:

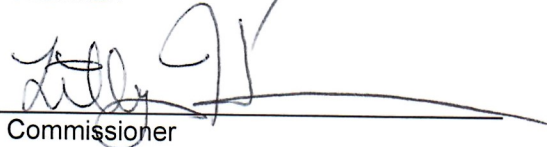
With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Attest:

Melinda Wall
District Secretary

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Chairman


Commissioner


Commissioner

