

Fire District 3

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

July 24, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Rick Steele at 6:00 pm at Station 31 and <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81188830604>. Commissioner Jon Couture, Commissioner Dean Thornberry, Fire Chief Scott Sorenson, Division Chief Chris Drone and Division Chief Jason Mansfield, Barbara Corigliano, Don LaVallee, and Captain Joe Stiffler were present. Captain Charlie Campbell was present virtually.

Award Presentation

- Dave O'Brien Twenty Year award – Postponed

Minutes

- The minutes of July 10, 2023, for approval.
- Commissioner Thornberry made a motion to approve the June 26, 2023, minutes as written, Commissioner Couture seconded, the motion passed 3-0

Correspondence – none

Public Comment – Don Lavallee stated he supported the levy lid lift, and was available to answer questions.

Financial Report

- Investments in Fund 6204 \$ 4,659,987.50
- Cash in Fund 6204 \$ 647.50
- Transmittal FD307242023 \$ 180,249.34
- Payroll FD3 07/25/2023 \$ 362,895.90
- Bond Fund 6225 \$ 25,783.80
- Commissioner Thornberry made a motion to approve Transmittal FD307242023, Payroll 07/25/2023. Commissioner Couture seconded the motion, the motion passed 3-0.

Old Business

- Multi Family Tax Exemption City Council Meeting Report – Chief Sorenson reported the Council will wait for more information on impacts to fire service funding before making a decision.
- Harvest Days – Chief Sorenson reported that the events went well.
- Larch Closure – Chief Sorenson reported that a letter issued by the Department of Corrections clarified the hand crews will be kept in service but moved to a different location.
- Cares Interlocal – Chief Sorenson reported that the draft has been shared with the Board via email.

New Business

- Chief Reports – Division Chief Mansfield reported on recent significant events, public events, operations/training, and call statistics.
- Lid Lift Feedback – Chief Sorenson reported recent questions related to the levy lid measure; does this apply to Battle Ground, do we collect impact fees for new development, is it \$1.50 plus 6% increase per year, budget request for last two years? Chief Sorenson responded to every contact.

- EMS District 2 – Chief Sorenson reported the City of Vancouver is beginning the process to request proposals for a ambulance services contract. EMS District 2 agencies; Fire District 6, Clark Cowlitz Fire and Rescue and Fire District 3 will have the opportunity to provide input.
- Mailbox – Chief Sorenson reported that for mail security we will switch to a PO Box for receiving mail.
- Rasmussen - Barbara Corigliano was present to provide information to consider prices and offer on a new station location in Battle Ground. The Board decided to discuss price in an executive session.

Executive Session – 19:47 to 19:27 for RCW 42.30.110(1)(c)

- The Board returned to regular session and directed the Chief to, if the lid lift measure is passed by voters, prepare a sales contract to present to them for the consideration of land for a new station.

Meeting Schedule

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| • Monday August 14, 2023 | 18:00 hrs. | Board Meeting |
| • Monday August 28, 2023 | 18:00 hrs. | Board Meeting |

Adjournment 19:35



 Fire Commissioner Jon Couture



 Fire Commissioner Rick Steele

 Fire Commissioner Dean Thornberry



 Fire Chief Scott Sorenson