

Snohomish County Fire District #4

MEETING MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

DATE:	Monday, November 21, 2016
LOCATION:	Headquarters Fire Station #43 – Cochran Room 1525 Ave. D – Snohomish, WA

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	JAMES H. SCHMOKER, JR. , Chairman MARK HINTZ , Fire Commissioner ROGER H PORTMANN , Fire Commissioner
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:	Ron Simmons, District Secretary/Fire Chief Mike Gatterman, Deputy Chief Sharon Wilson, Executive Assistant

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 0905 hours. All members of the Board were present.

ADOPT/ADJUST AGENDA

There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public in attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 0906 hours, the session is not to last longer than 15 minutes to discuss Labor Negotiations.

RECONVENE SPECIAL MEETING

At 0922 hours the Special Meeting was reconvened.

Action

Commissioner Hintz made a motion to accept the CPI of 2.4 for a cost of living increase for all non-represented staff. Commissioner Portmann seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Purchase Authorization – Sonic Wall Software Maintenance – Two Years

Chief Simmons said this was a document that was misplaced and is needed to keep our IT equipment running.

Action:

Commissioner Portmann made a motion to accept the purchase authorization, Commissioner Hintz seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Resolutions 493, 494, & 496

Resolution 493 is for a levy increase for the EMS levy for the maximum calculated at \$1,652,350.79 which is a 1% increase. Resolution 494 is a Substantial Need statement for the EMS Levy and 496 is a Substantial Need statement for the expense (fire) levy because the IPD is less than 1% for 2017. These resolutions are needed in order for the District to collect 1% or more above the 2016 assessment.

Action

Commissioner Hintz made a motion to accept the resolutions, Commissioner Portmann seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolutions 495

Resolution 495 is regarding the expense fund levy and how much the District can collect in taxes in 2017. Commissioner Portmann stated that of all the options that were presented, he initially approved of the 6% increase without the banked capacity.

Chairman Schmoker said he would like to approve the option for a 6% increase with the banked capacity. Chairman Schmoker went over the reasons he believes this would be a good choice. A lengthy discussion followed which included the pros and cons of taking that option and how he believes that this would be acceptable to the public.

Commissioner Hintz said that he thinks we should only ask for the banked capacity. This was funding we chose not to take that the public would recognize that we lose and it funds some of those things we believe that we can get done.

Commissioner Portmann says he agrees that Chairman Schmoker has made a strong argument for taking 6% and the banked capacity.

A lengthy discussion followed which included talking about the upcoming levies, possible bond needs for a station, hiring options, and number of medics vs. firefighter to hire. Also discussed were our current levy rate and that we would still be below the maximum rate in 2017.

Commissioner Hintz wants to make sure we are giving the citizens what they voted for. Chief Simmons said that he believes the option Chairman Schmoker suggested is still doing what the voters wanted and he explained why. There is a pro that for the next levy we will be asking for it to be renewed at the same amount which is still not more than we would receive in 2017.

Action

Chairman Schmoker made a motion to approve Resolution 495 to assess 6% above the 2016 tax assessment and include the available banked capacity for 2017 for an increase of \$655,561.08. Commissioner Portmann seconded the motion. Commissioner Hintz voted against the motion. The motion passed.

At 1002 hours, the Special Board Meeting was adjourned.

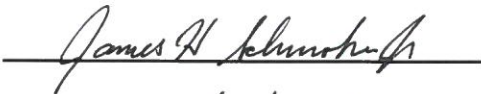
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Minutes prepared and submitted by:



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MINUTES APPROVED BY FIRE COMMISSIONER:



11/28/2016

Date