

Board of Commissioners Meeting

January 8, 2020

Chairperson Cameron called a regular Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 5:30pm on January 8, 2020, at Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue Headquarters Station in the high school classroom.

The following were present:

Commissioner Hallanger	Commissioner Olson
Commissioner Headley	Commissioner Neves
Chief LaFave	DC Ribelin
FA Ballinger	DFM Huff
BC Sanders	VC Meller
HSO Agren	Public: Jake LaFave

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hallanger to approve the December 11, 2019 board meeting minutes with edits by Chairperson Cameron. Commissioner Neves seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Election of Board Officers:

A motion was made by Commissioner Neves to keep the current slate of Board Officers, Jeff Cameron as Chair and Bill Hallanger as Vice Chair. Commissioner Headley seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

None

Awards & Recognition:

None

Verbal Reports:

Staffing: Chief LaFave informed the board that a staffing plan presentation will be given at the second meeting in February.

Written Reports:

Capital Improvement Project Update: DFM Huff provided a written report that was included in the board packet. March 1 is the approximate date to open both new stations. At station 25 the tile work in bathrooms and installation of countertops and cabinets are all complete. Finish electrical, finish plumbing and drop ceiling are almost complete. The old station demolition should occur the week of January 20.

At station 22 floor polishing and exterior civil work are complete. The sheetrock repair and floor polishing repair are almost complete. Cameras on exterior of building will be installed soon.

Action Items:

Resolution 809-2020: Salaries Effective January 1, 2020: A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to approve Resolution 809-2020: Salaries Effective January 1, 2020 as presented. Commissioner Headley seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Chief's Report:

- Firefighter/Paramedic Mike Turner will be retiring effective February 6, 2020.
- A new Firefighter/Paramedic will be starting on January 13. This was to replace Mike Zainfeld. We now will need to hire one more for Mike Turner's replacement.
- Staff is continuing to recruit for qualified medics for our hiring list. Our current list is exhausted.
- Both the union and district's attorneys agree that the MERP language in the bargaining agreement does not conflict with the JANUS ruling. This was a follow-up to Chairperson Cameron's question at the last meeting.
- Working on getting the ladder truck ready to go into service.
- An updated WSRB rating sheet was distributed at the meeting. We improved our rating from a 4 to 3 and a 5 to a 4 with the new ratings going into effect January 1, 2020.
- Key fobs are going to be installed for our medic units due to the recent theft.
- Chief LaFave recognized Chairperson Cameron for his career and years of service with the City of Longview and congratulated him on his upcoming retirement on January 30, 2020. Chief LaFave presented him with an historic Fire District 2 Commissioner Badge. Congratulations on your retirement Jeff!

Payroll:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hallanger to approve payroll totaling \$223,055.50 for warrant numbers 59187-59198 and EFT's dated December 20, 2019; and \$226,029.17 for warrant numbers 59263-59276 and EFT's dated January 3, 2020. Commissioner Neves seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Vouchers:

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to approve vouchers totaling \$632.39 for warrant number 59186 dated December 17, 2019; \$410,535.73 for warrant numbers 59199-59246 dated December 27, 2019; \$22,561.99 for warrant number 59247-59262 dated December 31, 2019; and \$22,319.87 for warrant number 59277-59297 dated January 10, 2020. Commissioner Headley seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Announcements:

- Commissioner Headley gave an update on Cowlitz 911 dispatcher staffing and property search status. A workshop will be occurring soon for future budget and fee schedules.
- January 29 at 7:00pm at station 21 is the department all call. Commissioners are welcome to attend.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Cameron at 6:24pm.

Chairperson Cameron

District Secretary