

# Board of Commissioners Meeting

September 8, 2021

Vice Chair Hallanger called a regular Board of Commissioners meeting to order via zoom at 5:30pm. The following attended:

Chairperson Cameron

Commissioner Olson

Chief Neves

DC Huff

Commissioner Headley

Commissioner Hutcheson

DC Sanders

FA Ballinger

## Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:

*A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to approve the August 25, 2021 board meeting minutes as is. Commissioner Headley seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.*

## Public Comments:

None

## Awards & Recognition:

We received a letter from the City of Kelso and Kelso Police Department thanking us for our participation and support at National Night Out in August.

Chief Neves wrote a letter to Longview Fire Department thanking them for their fire suppression assistance at a large commercial structure fire in August.

## Verbal Reports:

**911 Public Authority:** Commissioner Headley stated that he is now the chair for the 911 Public Authority and Sheriff Brad Thurman is the vice chair. Alan reported on a COVID policy they are working on, as well as the new facility, staffing updates and contracts.

## Written Reports:

None

## Action Items:

**POG 2072: COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements:** In order to be consistent and in compliance with the Governor's proclamation, staff presented a COVID-19 vaccination policy. Commissioner Headley expressed his concerns and feels this is government overreach. While the rest of the Board agreed and empathized, they feel it is a bigger liability for the District to not enact and follow the orders.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to approve POG 2072: COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements with edits. Commissioner Hutcheson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried with Commissioner Headley voting no.*

**Station 21 Upgrades (Staff Report 9-1-001):** Staff prepared a summary of station 21 upgrades that need to be addressed with bond funds. Project includes flooring, painting, counter tops, HVAC, slight office remodel and lighting. The total project cost for all components are estimated to be \$140,000. Staff has followed all bid laws to obtain quotes.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Hutcheson to proceed with Station 21 Upgrades as outlined in Staff Report 9-1-001, with an approximate cost of \$140,000. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.*

### **Chief's Report:**

- Saturday is our annual 9/11 ceremony, starting at 6:45am.
- Planet Fitness stated we will be receiving some donated fitness equipment towards the end of October. Thank you to Lt Hodnot and Lt Ditterick for their work on this.
- Been a busy, active fire season with crews still out.
- Staff is busy with COVID Vaccination mandate requirements and ensuring compliance.
- Working on our part time and intern lists.
- Station 22 open house is scheduled for the end of September. With the increase in COVID, the Board has chosen to postpone this event until it's safer to do so.
- Same issue with our annual Fire Prevention Week activities. Staff will be working on a plan to do a more virtual platform or drive through event instead of in-person.
- Hilander Festival Parade is this Saturday. We will have a couple of apparatus in it.

### **Payroll:**

*A motion was made by Commissioner Headley to approve payroll totaling \$333,255.26 for warrant numbers 61894-61905 and EFT's dated September 3, 2021. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.*

### **Vouchers:**

*A motion was made by Commissioner Hutcheson to approve vouchers totaling \$60,869.22 for warrant numbers 61906-61946 dated September 10, 2021. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. All questions by the Board were answered by staff. No further discussion. Motion carried.*

### **Announcements:**

- Commissioner Hutcheson will not be able to attend the next meeting.

### **Adjournment:**

*Meeting was adjourned by Vice Chair Hallanger at 5:59pm.*

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Chairperson

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District Secretary

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