



Board of Commissioners Meeting

October 30, 2024

Commissioner Hutcheson opened a special Board of Commissioners meeting at 4:30pm. This meeting was also available to the public via Zoom. The following attended:

Commissioner Cameron	Commissioner Olson
Commissioner Headley	Commissioner Hallanger
Chief Goldstein	DC Huff
DC Stich	Finance Director Ballinger
Brian Snure, Snure Law Office (District Attorney)	

Nippon Annexation:

Status Update on Process:

Chief Goldstein provided an agenda summary with an overview of the process to date (Staff Report 10-3-001). Nippon Dynawave Packaging is currently under a 50/50 service area agreement with coverage provided by C2FR and LFD. In January 2024, Nippon advised both C2FR and LFD in a joint meeting of their intent to annex in to the District. On July 23, Nippon submitted their request to annex by petition, which was then brought before the Board on August 14. On August 15, notices were placed in three locations and sent to the media pursuant to the RCW to schedule a public hearing on the matter. On August 28 a public hearing was held with no comments opposing the matter. Since that time, there has been tension surrounding this matter and staff recommended that the Board hold a special meeting with another public hearing before proceeding further.

Nippon Presentation:

Brian Wood, Director of Support Services for Nippon, appreciates the process and opportunity to provide information. Nippon's driving force for annexation is to ensure timely fire and EMS response as well as having a prioritized response and not being secondary to the fire department's service areas. They want to be eligible for statewide support which currently is not the case as a contract service area agreement. Priority of service is their motivation for the annexation and the certainty of fire and EMS response is their focus. They feel that annexing into the District achieves that goal.

Public Comment:

1. Chris Sweet, president of IAFF Local 3828 provided comments and is opposed to the annexation.
2. Brad Hannig, Fire Chief of Longview Fire Department provided comments and is opposed to

the annexation.

3. Dave Lamb, president of IAFF Local 828 provided comments and is opposed to the annexation.
4. Eric Koreis, president of IAFF 3375 provided a written statement that was read aloud by a C2FR representative so it was on the record and is opposed to the annexation.
5. Rick Nielsen, representative of AWPPC Local 580 provided comments and is opposed to the annexation.
6. Johnny Hill, a member of the public, provided comments and is opposed to the annexation.
7. Erik Halvorson, a member of the public, provided comments and is opposed to the annexation.

Executive Session:

Commissioner Hutcheson recessed the regular meeting at 5:10pm to enter into Executive Session to meet with legal counsel (per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(iii)) for 30 minutes and will open the regular meeting at 5:40pm.

Commissioner Hutcheson opened the regular meeting at 5:40pm to enter back into Executive Session at that stated time for 20 minutes and will open the regular meeting at 6:00pm.

Commissioner Hutcheson opened the regular meeting at 6:00pm to enter back into Executive Session at that stated time for 15 minutes and will open the regular meeting at 6:15pm.

Commissioner Hutcheson closed the Executive Session and re-opened the regular meeting at 6:15pm.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Hutcheson at 6:16pm.

Commissioner

District Secretary