



## Board of Commissioners Meeting

*November 26, 2024*

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

Commissioner Olson  
Commissioner Headley  
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Commissioner Hallanger  
Chief Goldstein  
Finance Director Ballinger

### **Public Hearing:**

Staff presented the 2025 preliminary budget and appropriate resolutions. Questions regarding banking capacity, GEMT, insurance and utilities were answered by staff.

*Commissioner Cameron opened the public hearing at 4:46pm. No comments were made.  
Commissioner Cameron closed the public hearing at 4:47pm.*

### **Action Items:**

**Resolution 864-2024: Levy Certification & Adopt the 2025 Preliminary Budget:** Commissioner Hallanger made a motion to approve Resolution 864-2024: Levy Certification & Adopt the 2025 Preliminary Budget as presented. Commissioner Headley seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

**Resolution 865-2024: Property Tax Increase:** A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to approve Resolution 865-2024: Property Tax Increase as presented. Commissioner Hallanger seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

**Health Care Program Employer Application:** Commissioner Headley made a motion to approve the Health Care Program Employer Application with FD Ballinger to sign. Commissioner Hallanger seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

**Surplus Chair (Staff Report 11-1-001):** Commissioner Olson made a motion to approve the surplus of the chairs identified in Staff Report 11-1-001 at the discretion of the Fire Chief. Commissioner Headley seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

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

- The career academy was completed last week.

- December 3 at 6pm will be the graduation for career and volunteer academy students.
- Lt Arrera has announced his retirement which will be effective March 20, 2025.
- Lateral recruitment for FF/Medic is now open. We are also recruiting for part-time positions.
- Crews have been busy with several large incidents recently.
- New fire engine is on track to be ready for delivery in June 2025.
- Still working through the large public records request from IAFF 3375 and 828 (Longview).
- Crews will be changing to a 48/96 schedule on January 1, 2025 based on an MOU signed earlier this year. This new schedule will be a 2-year trial with an evaluation to happen sometime in 2026 on effectiveness and impacts before deciding if this will be a permanent schedule change for them.

## **Payroll:**

*Commissioner Hallanger made a motion to approve payroll totaling \$399,236.95 for warrant numbers 66145-66154 and EFTs dated November 5, 2024; \$391,595.23 for warrant numbers 66210-66220 and EFTs dated November 20, 2024. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.*

## **Vouchers:**

*Commissioner Headley made a motion to approve vouchers totaling \$59,807.16 for warrant numbers 66155-66209 dated November 14, 2024; \$129,304.92 for warrant numbers 66221-66264 dated November 27, 2024. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.*

## **Drill Points:**

*Commissioner Olson made a motion to approve drill points \$17,164.28 for warrant numbers 66140-66144 and EFTs dated October 31, 2024. Commissioner Hallanger seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.*

## **Announcements:**

None

## **Adjournment:**

*Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Cameron at 4:58pm.*

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District Secretary