

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #12
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
April 14, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Bontrager called the meeting to order at 3 pm.

The following were in attendance:

Commissioners:

Gary Bontrager
Marilyn Sheldon
Pat Cook

City Staff:

Jon Nehring, Mayor
Gloria Hirashima, Chief Administrative Officer

Staff Members:

Martin McFalls, Fire Chief
Jeff Cole, Deputy Chief of Operations
Paula DeSanctis, Secretary

Chief McFalls welcomed and thanked all for attending. Chief McFalls informed everyone that attached to the agenda there are two copies of the ILA. One being the red/blue lined copy showing all changes made. The second being a clean updated copy with the mutual agreed upon changes.

Mayor Nehring thanked Chief McFalls and the Commissioners for calling the meeting. He expressed to the Commissioners that the goal behind the revised ILA is for the executive staff to analyze how a Fire Department is run and report those findings to the Council.

Chief Administrative Officer, Gloria Hirashima thanked Chief McFalls and staff for supplying all requested department and financial information for them to review. Hirashima stated that the September 1, 2016, deadline is a good time frame to make decisions. She would like to continue sharing information up to the deadline to feel confident of any decisions between the two agencies. Hirashima assured everyone that they are studying many options including an RFA/combined operations and a City Department.

Commissioner Sheldon thanked both Mayor Nehring and Hirashima for their positive feedback. She also thanked Chief McFalls and staff for being accommodating to the City's requests.

Commissioner Bontrager stated that the September 1, 2016, deadline ties in with the budget. This will allow us to go into 2017 with a clear vision.

Bontrager asked that while studying the fire district to keep in mind that our call volume is continually increasing every month and we are understaffed. Because of this, you will see an increase in overtime, sick leave, and a lack of completed fire inspections. For the Marysville Fire

District to continue the level of service we provide and that our community expects, we will need to add additional staffing and increase our training. With staffing being the majority of the Fire District budget, it is important that we look at a five or six year plan. Hirashima agreed. She stated that looking long term is imperative.

Hirashima stated that City Finance is looking at the RFA models presented by Finance Manager Reece with updated numbers and the different scenarios of financing future facilities; police, jail, and fire. Hirashima also shared that they are testing the citizen's response to additional taxes to help fund a new police and fire station. This will help determine the level of support we would have from the voters.


Bontrager shared that there is a high concern over the response times to Tulalip and Quil Ceda Village due to train delays. At the Commissioners request, Chief McFalls has been in discussion with the Tulalip Tribes over the possibility of building a station on the reservation and if interested, how much would they be willing to contribute. Bontrager stated that these are just talks and no commitments will be made.

All were in agreement that both agencies want what's best for the public, the citizens we serve in both Marysville and Tulalip.

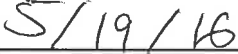
It was decided that the City Executive Staff and the District 12 Commissioners would meet on a monthly bases to share information. The next meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, May 12, 2016, 3 pm at the Marysville Fire District Administration Building.

Adjourn

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:10pm



District Secretary



Date Approved