

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #12
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
August 17, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Bontrager called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

The following were in attendance:

Commissioners:

Gary Bontrager
Marilyn Sheldon
Pat Cook

Staff Members:

Martin McFalls, Fire Chief
Darryl Neuhoff, DC
Paula DeSanctis, Board Secretary

Guests:

Grant Weed, District Attorney

Chairperson Bontrager welcomed everyone and asked for any public comment: MFD firefighter Dave Fennell asked the Commissioners if there was any truth to the rumor that District 12 is in consolidation talks with District 19 and 22. Bontrager assured him that they have had no contact or discussions with either District.

Chief McFalls handed out copies of the Arlington Resolution of intent to form a Regional Fire Protection Service Authority Planning Committee and the Motion by Council Member Muller at August 3, 2016 Council Meeting.

Sheldon Stated that she was happy with the RFA talks resuming, this is what we were wanting. Bontrager reiterated to Sheldon that the City's resolution reads that representation is based upon respective population not equal representation.

District Attorney Grant Weed stated that if District 12 accepts the formation of an RFA, District 12 will be required to extend the existing ILA during the formation.

Bontrager suggested pulling the Last, Best, and Final Proposal Regarding Governance Board for RFA letter that District 12 sent to the City Council on May 31, 2016, and start with a clean slate. He also suggested that if District 12 were interested in accepting the invitation to the RFA formation, that a clause be added to state that the formation happens within a reasonable timeframe. Weed stated a time line for an RFA formation would be based on

successfully negotiating a working agreement. Key issues need to be finalized and an agreement in place before it is taken to the voters.

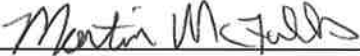
Bontrager stated that in preparation of the upcoming 2017 budget workshop, he has been in discussion with Chief McFalls regarding the minimum number of personnel needed to be added in 2017. He shared that with the number of calls coming in, we have to expand and we may need to ask the City to match funds.

District Attorney Weed asked the Commissioners if they would like to have the two letters prepared for the August 24, 2016, District 12 Special Meeting for the Commissioners to consider. One stating District 12's desire to accept the invitation or that District 12 declines the offer. Commissioner Sheldon expressed that she has some concerns about the population base. She stated that the Tulalip's fluctuating population continues to grow. There are many businesses with A lot of employees and patrons, some packed with people 24/7. These people may not live there but these numbers need to be taken into consideration. Weed shared that the motion states that District 12 has until September 16, 2016, to respond to the offer. Weed stated he was suggesting that the letters be prepared and available for when the Commissioners are ready to take action.

Bontrager stated that we will talk in depth on any concerns at the August 24, 2016, District 12 Special Meeting. All Commissioners were in agreement for District Attorney Weed to have the letters available for a possible vote.

Adjourn:

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm.



District Secretary

9/27/16

Date Approved