

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Bontrager called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

The following were in attendance:

Commissioners:

Gary Bontrager
Marilyn Sheldon
Pat Cook

Staff Members:

Martin McFalls, Fire Chief
Jeff Cole, DC
Paula DeSanctis, Board Secretary

Guests:

Grant Weed, District Attorney

Commissioner Bontrager welcomed everyone and asked Attorney Grant Weed to review the City proposed Extended ILA for 2017.

Attorney Grant Weed shared that there were only a few changes to the City proposed 2017 ILA.

- The term was extended by one year terminating December 31, 2017. This allows time for the agencies to work through the RFA processes.
- Section 2 – The negotiation term was moved out one year from September 2016 to 2017.
- Section 3 – The City's financial contribution. Weed stated that Chief McFalls and Chelsie McInnis, MFD Finance Manager worked with Sandy Langdon, City Finance Manager, and Gloria Hirashima, City Chief Administrator on the estimated amounts.

Commissioner Bontrager stated he wanted to make it clear that City's proposed financial contribution was not negotiated, rather the City dictated what they would be willing to pay.

Attorney Weed shared that subsection 17.1 was added concerning the disposition of assets. Consistent with the provisions of the ILA and in accordance with the expectations of the Washington State Auditor, the City and District 12 will agree upon a disposition of assets by February 1, 2017. If the parties cannot reach an agreement section 30 was amended to read, the parties will first attempt to resolve the issue using mediation, If mediation is unsuccessful, the dispute will be resolved by binding arbitration. Weed stated that he will nee

d to meet with McInnis and City Attorney Jon Walker to discuss separation of assets and accounts. Commissioner Bontrager requested that the asset list for District 12 be prepared first. Weed stated there is no intent to divide assets at this time and will add language to assure this.

Commissioner Bontrager stated for the 2018 ILA he will be asking the City to contribute adequate funding for the Fire District. Bontrager shared his concern about the District's current financial situation. Bontrager stated the City should be paying 80% to the District's 20%. Discussion followed concerning extending the ILA into 2018 and the process for how communications should be expressed.

All three Commissioners were in agreement that if the RFA does not form that they will ask the City to either adequately fund the District or that the two agencies will separate. Commissioner Cook stated he feels we should wait to negotiate a 2018 ILA with the City until they feel the RFA is not working out.

Commissioner Bontrager asked that the Commissioners schedule another District 12 Special Meeting. It was agreed that the Commissioners would meet with Board Secretary Paula DeSanctis after tonight's Regular Meeting to select a date for the District 12 Special Meeting.

Adjourn:

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Marta McFadyly

District Secretary

12/21/16

Date Approved