

MARYSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT
Meeting Minutes
Special Board and Planning Committee Meeting
September 28, 2026 – 10 AM – St 62/Zoom

The following were in attendance:

Board of Directors:

Kamille Norton (*zoom*)
Steve Muller (*zoom*)
Tonya Christoffersen (*zoom*)
Mark James (*zoom*)

Staff Members:

Ned Vander Pol, Fire Chief (*zoom*)
Jeff Cole, Assistant Chief
Josh Farnes, Fleet and Facilities Supervisor
Taylor Matsumura, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Muller called the September 28, 2026, MFD Special Meeting and Planning Committee Meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Muller opened the floor for public comment, and none was given.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Station 61 Remodel

- Chief Cole provided a detailed overview of the phased project approach including preliminary layout plans and proposed facility upgrades. Phase one includes remodeling the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), which will involve removing a wall, applying new wall treatments to improve crew pass-on, and incorporating windows to increase natural light. The entryway will also be remodeled to create a public meeting space on the second floor.
- The next phase focuses on improvements to the second floor of Station 61, including expansion of the crew kitchen and dining area and conversion of existing offices into additional workspace. Chief Vander Pol noted that the added space will support board meetings and public education events, reducing the need for meetings at Station 62.
- Updates will be made to the men's second-floor locker room to mirror recent renovations completed in the women's locker room.

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- The toilets in the jail area will be removed and capped to prevent standing water and potential plumbing issues.

Station 63 Update

- Chief Cole shared receipt of a document from TCA outlining progress to date.
- Further progress has been slowed due to outstanding questions regarding property acquisition as well as required notice period that had to be observed.

Station 65 Plans

- Chief Vander Pol reported that information gathering is underway to determine whether the existing site can be utilized or if new property will be required.
- Board Member Norton inquired about the rental home owned by the Marysville Fire District. Chief Cole confirmed the property was purchased in anticipation of future station construction needs.
- Board chairperson Muller inquired about the location of the septic system at the current site. Chief Cole confirmed the rental property was also considered as a potential site of the septic system, but this was not done.
- Attorney Noel Treat will collaborate with Chief Vander Pol and Marysville Fire District staff to ensure compliance with state laws regarding tenant removal for government purposes if required.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Muller opened the floor for public comment again, and none was given.

Agenda Bill: Resolution No. 2026-005; Authorizing the Acquisition of Certain Real Property by Eminent Domain for a Fire Station.

- Attorney Noel Treat reported that negotiations with the property owner of the Station 63 site have been ongoing but remain unsuccessful. He noted that, as a Fire District and Regional Fire Authority, the District has the legal authority to exercise condemnation powers for acquisition of property needed for this project.
- He explained that the first step in this process is adoption of a board resolution authorizing condemnation. This action does not initiate litigation but provides the District with the authority to proceed with condemnation should negotiations continue to fail.
- If a lawsuit becomes necessary, state law provides a process that would allow the District immediate use and possession of the property while the case is pending. The property owner would receive just compensation based on fair-market value. If negotiations do not result in agreement, the matter would advance to trial, where a jury would determine the fair-market value. Potential additional costs could include expert witness fees and attorney fees owed to the property owner.

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- Chief Vander Pol confirmed that the property owner has been formally notified of the hearing and the District's initiated process, and that notice has been published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county.
- Attorney Noel Treat added that the property owners have acknowledged their awareness of the process. They were provided with documentation via email and certified mail and were aware of the meeting date.
- Vice Chairperson Christoffersen asked about the current timeline. The Board Chairperson stated that the District is proceeding under the expedited process, though a required notice period had to be observed.
- Attorney Noel Treat reiterated an important distinction under the condemnation process, where the Marysville Fire District would be taking ownership of the property as opposed to a lease agreement which has been discussed in negotiations

Motion:	To approve Resolution No. 2026-005, authorizing the acquisition of certain real property and property interests by eminent domain for a fire station.
Made By:	Christoffersen
Seconded By:	Norton
Action:	PASSED unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

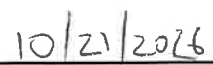
Chairperson Muller called for a motion to adjourn the September 28, 2026, Special meeting and Planning Committee meeting.

Motion:	To adjourn the September 28, 2026, Special Meeting and Planning Committee Meeting.
Made By:	Christoffersen
Seconded By:	Norton
Action:	PASSED unanimously

With no further action, the Special Board and Planning Committee meeting was adjourned Monday, September 28, 2026 at 10:27 AM.



 Ned Vander Pol
 District Secretary



 Date approved

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THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND

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