



North County Regional Fire Authority
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
via ZOOM
September 22 , 2021
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hire three new firefighters, after the completion of the firefighter test, in coordination with the next academy openings; Upon successful completion of these firefighters, promote three command and control BCs to meet the RFA annexation planned outcomes; Hire three additional firefighters in coordination with the September Fire Academy availability.”

Motion was seconded by Longley.

Finance Director Krumm made a short presentation demonstrating from the NCAR financial model, that the additional Training Center funding and the hiring of additional personnel was fiscally feasible based upon current economic and financial data and trends.

Commissioner Iverson suggested that the Finance Committee be re-established to review the Authority's financial condition and affairs in a more detailed fashion. Commissioner Nelson asked how the Station #90 water situation was going to be addressed in this financial model. Chief Cermak detailed the plan going forward to address the water issue. There was some clarification of how many positions were new and how many were filling vacancies. After additional discussion among the board, Commissioner Johnson called for the question.

MOTION TO APPROVE COMMISSIONER JOHNSON TRAINING CENTER MOTION

1st: Commissioner Johnson

2nd Commissioner Longley

Discussion: note above

APPROVED BY CALLED VOTE: Cade: Yea, Iverson: Yea, Johnson: Yea, Longley: Yea, Nelson: Abstain, Oakes: Yea, Oertle: Yea, Tolbert: Abstain, Williams: Yea

NEW BUSINESS

Temporary Contract for Fire Marshal Services

Chief Cermak presented the new need for temporary fire marshal services while our AC/Fire Marshal Makela is out for one to two months. A candidate has been recommended from numerous sources that Chief would like to enter into a contract for services with.

MOTION TO APPROVE CHIEF TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR FIRE MARSHAL SERVICES

Motion made to approve.

1st: Commissioner Johnson

2nd Commissioner Oertle

Discussion: none

APPROVED: Unanimous

Policy 44 update

Chief Cermak presented the first review of the Policy 44 update. We will conduct second review at next meeting.

EMPLOYEE AND PUBLIC COMMENTS (missed earlier, moved to this section of the meeting)

Local representative Greg Koontz shared his thoughts about Training Center and employee hiring approved earlier in meeting.

CHIEF'S REPORT

- Special Meeting held on Monday, September 13, 2021, regarding Training Center Options.
- Chief Kraski and Chief Cermak met with Chief Schmidt from Sno Fire D21 to discuss services previously provided by AFD and will require a contract for services by January 1, 2022 to NCRFA. They discussed current costs or services traded with Arlington as not meeting minimum costs to NCRFA and figuring out a more equitable solution. Chief Cermak suggested that costs recovered from them would likely be budgeted to



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increase the staff at Station 46 to meet the standby and demand impacting our response force that currently not being recovered in full. Chief Cermak reached out to him after his commission meeting and his commission provided him direction to develop a temporary fire station at their current construction site for A50 and adding another person to service the South side of the river with a cross-staffed fire engine/BLS EMS resource to respond to their call volume in lieu of contracting with NCRFA and taking our demand/standby time. They will develop a communication to D21 in the event it is not complete by January 1, 2022, that we intend to collect the cost of service in totality for each one-month period NCRFA is not modified from run cards as current operation.

- A lot of work by staff on all of the new norms and challenges from the merged organization.
- Several large apparatus issues with Arlington A47 (engine failure) and Ladder truck (Turbo Failure) occurred. It will take our mechanic, Ian Wilson four to six months to go through each of the Arlington apparatus and address issues not anticipated with fee for service models versus in house models.
- Working on an ILA with Snohomish Health Department for the mass vaccination records. Rich Davis has developed and is presenting the ILA with SHD for the ongoing handling of the vaccination records and insuring we get reimbursed for records management as part of the disaster recovery.
- Chief Cermak is working with the new Interim City Administrator for Stanwood on current issues relating to ARPA funds and discussions had prior to departure of the past City Administrator.
- Stillaguamish Chairman Shawn Yanity has stepped down as the Chairman of the Tribe, but still very involved with the fisheries and wildlife programs. Chief Cermak would like to recognize him for all that he has done in partnership with our public safety programs and dedication to the community.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn at 5:50pm

1st: Commissioner Johnson

2nd Commissioner Williams

Discussion: none

APPROVED: Unanimous

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