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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING DATE/TIME/PLACE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire District 34 will be held at Redmond Fire Department Headquarters, located at:

8450 161<sup>st</sup> Avenue N.E.  
Redmond, Washington

3:30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2004

to discuss the Fire Department 2003-2004 Budget Update.

DATED THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2004

Time: 5:15 P.M.



Anne M. Carlson, District Secretary  
King County Fire District 34

Posted: Stations 11, 13, 14, 15

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**KING COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 34**

Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Location: Station 11 - 8450 161st Avenue N.E., Redmond, Washington

**AGENDA**

March 2, 2004

3:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER-SPECIAL MEETING

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS (4 minutes per person)

111. FIRE DEPARTMENT 2003-2004 BUDGET UPDATE

IV. ADJOURNMENT

KING COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 34  
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John R. Ryan, Fire Chief

BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS Russell  
Caney, Chairman Sherman  
Colson  
Thomas Johnston  
Anne Carlson, Secretary

KING COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 34  
SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

March 2, 2004

- I. Call to Order - A special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of King County Fire District 34 was called to order at 3:45 p.m. at King County Fire District 34, located at 8450 161<sup>st</sup> Avenue N.E., Redmond, Washington. Chairman Russ Caney, Commissioner Thomas Johnston, Commissioner Sherman Colson, District Secretary Anne Carlson, Fire Chief John Ryan, Deputy Chief Loren Charlston, Deputy Chief Andy Hail, Battalion Chief Ed Carolan, and Union President Ken Weisenbach were present.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the Fire Department's 2003-2004 Budget Overages.

II. Public Comments

Ken Weisenbach stated concerns on behalf of the union membership. He stated appreciation for the commissioners addressing budget issues in a timely manner. The Union feels the city has not effectively budgeted for firefighter overtime and has blamed the Fire Department for overages, causing bad feelings between Fire and other departments. The Union is compiling information in case they need to inform the public. He offered the labor unit's assistance in providing figures and comparables regarding overtime for the district/city negotiations. He submitted a letter to the commissioners that the Union will send to the city.

- III. Fire Department 2003-2004 Budget Update - Chief Ryan distributed the city's 2003-2004 general fund revenue and expenditures. With all adjustments Senior Staff made in 2003, they were still not able to cover overtime. He has given the council three options to solve the overtime overage in the past: hire more firefighters, pay the overtime, or cut operational services. Historically, the city has covered Fire's overtime with other departments' savings. This budget cycle, the city has ordered the department to reduce an estimated \$556,000 overtime overage to zero. The city does not want to cut operations or personnel. Moving prevention personnel to Operations causes difficulty but seems more palatable. A list of proposed reduction measures was distributed and included:

1. Re-assign 2 firefighter-inspectors to Operations
2. Re-assign 1 public educator to Operations
3. Ask the district to contribute \$200,000
4. Re-assign a third firefighter-inspector to Operations

Prevention would end up with 9 personnel instead of 13. Discussion was held regarding the costs already incurred by the district when they hired two firefighters last year to help mitigate overtime and staff Station 14 with 3 personnel. The district currently pays 10% of prevention costs and acknowledged the city's sacrifice of moving them to Operations. The district knew they would have to pay a portion of the overtime overage and were willing to pay annually. The \$200,000 could be looked at as an early payment. The commissioners wanted to ensure that any contribution made now would be included equally with the other measures as part of the reduction plan.

Prevention personnel met this morning and will be reviewing priorities. Commissioner Johnston suggested locating the re-assigned firefighter-inspectors at Station 14 or Station 15 where they could do some plan checks while working in Operations.

Ken Weisenbach warned that if the commissioners don't negotiate to fund overtime correctly or hire more firefighters, this problem will occur every budget cycle. Commissioner Johnston stated that an operational

plan was being developed that would lead into budget negotiations. The fire department must also fund any increase over the city's budgeted amount for union salary increases after arbitration. After the operational plan is in place, the district hopes to have more input into the fire department budget. Weisenbach asked the commissioners to realize that the city has also taken CIP money from the fire department and given it to Parks and Public Works.

Discussion was held on reduction measures. Loren would like re-assigning the third firefighter-inspector held until the end of March to give Prevention time to regroup. The commissioners asked Loren to look at using prevention personnel stationed at a quiet station to review some plans. Loren will discuss this with prevention personnel. Chief Ryan pointed out that there is only one commercial building being built now. All developers are watching the economy until mid-year.

Loren will send a draft reduction agreement to Chairman Caney with the request of \$200,000 expanded, stating what the refunding calculation will be at the end of the year and referencing last year's MOU language.

5:00 p.m. - Break

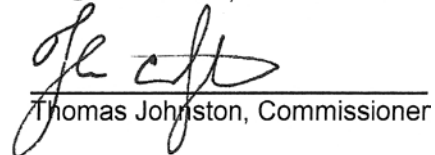
IV. **Executive Session** regarding the 2003-2004 budget- 5:10 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

IV. **Adjournment** - Chairman Caney adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
Russell Caney, Chairman

  
Sherman Colson, Commissioner

  
Thomas Johnston, Commissioner

ATTEST

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Anne Carlson, District Secretary  
Board of Commissioners  
King County Fire District 34