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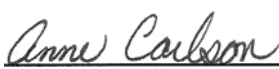
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing to discuss the proposed revenues and tax levy in 2005 will be held immediately prior to the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire District 34 on Thursday, October 21, 2004, at 1 :30 p.m., at Redmond Fire Department Station 11, located at:

8450 161st Avenue NE
Redmond, Washington

DATED THIS 15th DAY OF OCTOBER 2004

Time: 10:45 a.m.


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

Posted: Stations 11, 13, 14, 15

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Colson
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Dick Radtke, Acting Fire Chief

KING COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 34
PUBLIC HEARING and REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 21, 2004

I. Call to Order - Public Hearing Regarding the 2005 Tax Levy and Budget

Commissioner Johnston opened the public hearing for the purpose of discussing the 2005 tax levy and budget, at 1 :35 p.m. on October 21, 2004. Chairman Russ Caney (by phone), Commissioner Sherman Colson, Commissioner Tom Johnston, Secretary Anne Carlson, Attorney Kinnon Williams, Acting Fire Chief Dick Radtke, Deputy Chief Andy Hail, Deputy Chief Loren Charlston, and City of Redmond Assistant to the Mayor Jane Christenson were present.

Commissioner Johnston stated that the public hearing was not to actually set the levy or establish a budget but to inform the public and consider any comments that the residents of the district may have with reference to revenues or to proposed tax increases.

II. Public Comments - None

III. Discussion

Finances - Commissioner Johnston estimated that there should be a slight surplus at the end of the year. The 2004 levy amount was \$3.5 million, and 2004 expenses will be approximately \$3.2 million. Fiscal needs in 2005 should be similar to 2004, but the levy rate may be raised to help with increased costs anticipated in 2006. Only legal fees have been over budget this year due to legal assistance necessary during contract negotiations with the City of Redmond.

Estimated Revenues - The preliminary levy worksheet dated 10/21/04 stated that new construction increased approximately \$200,000 and the levy allowed was \$4.6 million. The recommendation for 2005 would be \$4 million and \$4.8 million in 2006. Chief Radtke stated that the 2005 budget would increase due to firefighter contract salary contingency increases of \$2 million for the past three years. Commissioner Johnston asked that Redmond's Finance Department create a worksheet of the estimated amount of salary increases and overtime. It is not contemplated but if the full levy was requested, it would be an increase of \$833,000 over 2004 or 23.83%. Approximately \$600,000 to \$700,000 will remain in the Expense Account at the end of 2004. Commissioner Johnston will develop a proposed budget by the November meeting. Jane Christenson agreed to have the Finance Department provide necessary figures and invited the commissioners to attend the budget meetings or watch them on the web.

IV. Public Hearing Adjournment - Commissioner Johnston adjourned the Public Hearing at 2:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order- Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order on October 21, 2004, 2:00 p.m., at Station 11, located at 8450 161⁵¹ Avenue N.E., Redmond, Washington. Chairman Russ Caney (by phone), Commissioner Tom Johnston, Commissioner Sherman Colson, Attorney Kinnon Williams, District Secretary Anne Carlson, Acting Fire Chief Dick Radtke, Deputy Chief Andy Hail, Deputy Chief Loren Charlston, and City of Redmond Assistant to the Mayor Jane Christenson were present.

II. Public Comments - None

III. Attorney's Report

Station 18 - Kinnon Williams has been working with Lieutenant Tom Langton and Deputy Chief Hail to get final Station 18 costs. He will endeavor to get that figure by the November meeting for inclusion in budget consideration.

District Population - The King County Demographer has not given final information to Kinnon but had told Kinnon previously that he felt Kinnon's figures were relative. He was going to try pulling other figures together for comparison. The recent increase in registered voters has skewed the figures used to determine population by the registered voter criteria.

IV. Chiefs' Reports

Chief Radtke distributed a report from the King County Fire Marshal regarding fire investigations that have occurred in the district. There was a \$47,000 loss in District 34 from July 4 to September 4, 2004. A large house fire near Ames Lake was not included in the figure.

Annexation has been completed on the north border of Redmond. It should be known by the end of 2004 if Redmond will annex the area west of the city near 132nd Avenue NE.

The first 2005-2006 budget meeting occurs tonight. The CIP will be discussed first.

Twenty-six applications were received for the fire chief position. The recruiter will reduce that number to the best candidates, and interviews will probably occur in December.

The new Pierce aerial truck has been received. The commissioners were invited to see it at the Maintenance Shop.

A low angle rescue of a girl trapped in her vehicle off Union Hill Road went well.

As of October 20, 2004, the fire department budget was 89% spent and the ALS budget 84% spent. The overtime budget is estimated to be over budget by about \$215,000.

The district's operational plan will be revised by the November meeting.

V. Approval of Minutes

Motion from Chairman Caney to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 23, 2004. Motion seconded by Commissioner Colson. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Secretary's Report

- A. Vouchers - Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080 and those expense reimbursement claims required by RCW 42.24.090 have been recorded on a listing that has been made available to the board. As of October 21, 2004, the Board by a unanimous vote does approve for payment those vouchers included in the aforementioned list or lists and further described as follows:

Expense Fund Vouchers: No. 7914 through 7927 for a total amount of \$6, 146.01

- B. King County Investment Pool - The September 2004 net earnings rate was 2.28%.

- C. Legal Usage - There were 7.9 hours of legal usage in the month of September 2004

VII. Commissioners' Report

- A. Johnston - There is a Level 3 sex offender living near Station 14 at approximately 260 Avenue NE and NE 40 Street. The firefighters will be notified.

Commissioner Johnston has spoken with a King County Police Officer regarding taking over a fire station. The officer told him it probably would not happen due to a current office in Sammamish and the office they will have in Station 18. Possibilities to lease a vacated station could be a government entity, the Training Division, City of Sammamish, a water district, etc.

VIII. Other

- A. Last week, the city presented their six-year forecast. They identified stressors on the budget, and one was Station 17 staffing. They are considering staffing the station in 2007. The current options are staffing only an aid car or full staffing of the station.

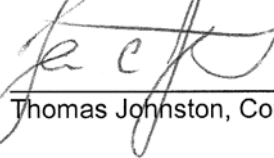
IX. Adjournment - Chairman Caney adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

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Russell C8'Key, Chairman

Sherman Colson, Commissioner



Thomas Johnston, Commissioner

ATTEST



Anne Carlson, District Secretary
Board of Commissioners
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