

KING COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 34

Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

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

AGENDA

Wednesday, February 22, 2006

5:00 p.m.

Station 11 Training Room

- I. CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING
- II. PRESENTATION – STATION 15 CITIZENS GROUP
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS (4 minutes per person)
- IV. ATTORNEY'S REPORT
- V. CHIEFS' REPORTS
- VI. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
 - A. Public Hearing of February 27, 2006
 - B. Tracking Sheet
- VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. Special Meeting of January 9, 2006
 - B. Regular Meeting of January 18, 2006
- VIII. DISTRICT SECRETARY'S REPORT
 - A. Monthly Budget Report – January 2006
 - B. Approval of Monthly Vouchers 8137 through 8152
 - C. Investment Report – January 2006
 - D. Legal Usage – January 2006
- IX. OTHER
- X. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Potential Litigation
- XI. ADJOURNMENT

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KING COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 34
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 22, 2006

I. Opening of Meeting

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on February 22, 2006 at Station 11, located at 8450 161st Avenue N.E., Redmond, Washington. Chairman Thomas Johnston, Commissioner Sherman Colson, Commissioner Peter Lucarelli, Fire Chief Tim Fuller, Deputy Chief Andy Hail, Deputy Chief Bob Oliver, Deputy Chief Deb Ayrs, Attorney Kinnon Williams, and District Secretary Anne Carlson were present.

II. Presentation – Station 15 Citizens Group

A citizens group in Station 15's area attended the meeting to present the results of their study regarding District 34's recommendation to relocate Station 15 personnel to Station 18. Attending were Ken Jauch, Frank Parchman, Mike Roy, and Peter Tobin. Mr. Roy gave the presentation and first acknowledged that the fire commissioners had done a significant amount of work in reaching their recommendation. He then stated concerns of the group:

- Commissioners' poor planning timeline
- Lack of community input up front
- The group thought they had 90 days for a response that suddenly became 60 days.

Mr. Roy stated that the commissioners should be responsible to the District 34 residents, not to the City of Redmond or Redmond Fire Department. His group feels that the District's recommendations were created by Redmond Fire Department and are best for the department and the City of Redmond, not District 34. Mr. Roy then went through the District's station relocation options that were presented to the citizens on December 19, 2005, contesting many of the impacts and mitigations.

Option A-Relocate Station 13 to Station 18 – The group felt that Station 18 would be able to take care of responses in Station 13's area if Station 13 was closed. They pointed out that most of Station 13's calls are into the City of Redmond and felt the fact that Woodinville would have to respond more often into District 34 and Redmond is the City of Redmond's issue, not District 34's.

Option B-Relocate Station 14 to Station 18 – Due to its rural location, the group agreed that response times to Station 14's area would be too long for this option to be considered.

Option C-Relocate Station 15 to Station 18 – Felt response time increases to neighborhoods in Station 15's area would be too high and that emergency access corridor openings being sought by the Fire Department would not be approved by the property owners.

Mr. Roy stated that he is a computer program modeler, and packages like Deccan software are only as good as the data entered into them and can be easily skewed. He felt that Station 15 was modeled poorly. Commissioner Lucarelli reminded Mr. Roy that response information used in the software came directly from the dispatch CAD.

Mr. Roy reviewed the group's arguments against the justification used to recommend the closure of Station 15 and reviewed the percentage of calls from each station into the City of Redmond and District 34.

The group's issues:

- Corridor access – not a done deal
- Highway 202 road improvements are still years away, which does not help Station 16's response to 15's area.
- Future Fire Station 17 was not considered in the decision to close 13 or 15.
- The majority of Station 13's calls are into the City of Redmond, and Redmond should pay for what they get.

In conclusion, the group recommended three options to the commissioners.

Option A – Keep Station 13 and Station 15 open

A1: Raise the levy rate to \$1.49, use District 34 reserves, plan for a two-year overlap, and close Station 13 after Station 17 opens.

A2: Bring the City of Redmond to the bargaining table and negotiate for a better split. Have Redmond purchase Station 17 trucks early.

Option B – Relocate Station 13 to Station 18. Huge overlap with Station 18. A large proportion of responses is into the City of Redmond. Most areas with increased response times would still get good response.

If Options A and B are rejected:

Option C – Commissioners need to determine the cost of keeping four stations open and let the public vote for a levy increase. No decision should be made until issues are resolved; then reconsider which of the three district stations should be closed.

Commissioner Lucarelli told the group that the commissioners are looking at consolidating Station 13 and Station 15 in a better location, although no property has been purchased. The commissioners have made it clear to the City of Redmond their desire that Station 17 be built as soon as possible. While the decision to relocate a station is District 34's, due to the contract relationship the City of Redmond must agree.

Kinnon Williams gave some history of the contract relationship between District 34 and the City of Redmond. In the first contract, District 34 gave everything to the City, and the City made the decisions. In the second contract, assessed valuation of the city and district was used to determine city/district contributions, and District 34 paid between 30% and 33%. In the current contract, assessed valuation and station location were used. The district currently pays 33%. For this payment, the City of Redmond provides many things that District 34 cannot: ALS support, ladder truck response, city overhead (finance, human resources, etc.). When the City of Sammamish incorporated, revenues decreased. The commissioners' philosophy has been to keep taxes down, so each year the levy was increased only by the amount of new construction.

Executive Session – At 6:20 p.m., the Board moved into executive session to discuss potential litigation with Legal Counsel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(A) until 7:00 p.m.

At 7:00 p.m., the Board adjourned executive session and returned to the regular meeting.

III. Public Comments – None

IV. Attorney's Report

Chairman Johnston moved that the commissioners direct Attorney Kinnon Williams to work with Deputy Chief Hail to identify a list of possible corridor access improvements necessary and to create a Request for Qualifications for the hiring of a consultant for permitting and property easement acquisitions. Motion seconded by Commissioner Colson. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Chiefs' Reports

- A. Fuller – Deputy Chief Hail and three other fire employees went to the National Fire Academy and developed a pilot presentation for a residential sprinkler ordinance that will be given to the City of Redmond Public Safety Committee.

At the city council study session, Mayor Ives made a compromise in her proposed long-term financial strategy. The plan supports adding nine firefighters to staff a second aid car at Station 12 in 2007 and the start of building Station 17 in 2007 with completion and staffing occurring in 2009. Also included is the complete replacement of 800 MHz radios.

- B. Hail – Specifications will be developed for a new rescue vehicle with more capability. An order will be placed by fall of 2006. New rescue tools were purchased out of the Aid Car Fund.

VI. Commissioners' Reports

- A. Johnston – Chairman Johnston met with homeowners in the Round Hill neighborhood near Station 15. They did not want to see Station 15 sit empty and were happy about the possibility of the Training Consortium moving into the station. They also expressed their concerns about increased taxes.

- B. Citizens' Meeting of February 27, 2006 – Fire staff will present data, and the commissioners will discuss levies and finances. The public will be able to speak, and the meeting will last from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. A final decision regarding station relocation will be made at the regular commissioners' meeting of March 15, 2006.

- C. Tracking Sheet – No new developments

VII. Approval of Minutes

Motion from Commissioner Lucarelli to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2006 special meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Colson. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion from Chairman Johnston to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2006 regular meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Colson. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. District Secretary's Report

- A. Budget Report – The January 2006 report was reviewed.
- B. 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 February 22, 2006, the Board by a unanimous vote does approve for payment those vouchers included in the aforementioned list or lists and further described as follows:

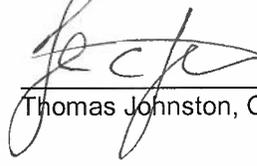
Expense Fund Vouchers: No. 8137 through No. 8152 for a total amount of \$25,805.95

- C. King County Investment Pool – The January 2006 net earnings rate was 4.33%.
- D. Legal Usage – There were 10.2 hours of legal use in January 2006.

VIII. Other – None

- IX. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Thomas Johnston, Chairman

Sherman Colson, Commissioner



Peter Lucrelli, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Anne Carlson, District Secretary
Board of Commissioners
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