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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
Conference Room
8450 161st Avenue N.E.
Redmond, Washington

at

1:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2006

for discussions regarding:

1. KCFD 34/CITY OF REDMOND 2007 CONTRACT ESTIMATES
2. BUDGET PROJECTIONS AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO PROVIDE A BALANCED BUDGET
3. PRE/POST STATION 15 CLOSURE STATISTICS

DATED THIS 14th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2006

Time: 10:35 a.m.



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

Posted: Stations 11, 13, 14, 18

KING COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 34

Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Location: Station 11 Conference Room
Redmond Fire Department Headquarters
8450 161st Avenue N.E.
Redmond, WA

AGENDA

Wednesday, November 15, 2006
1:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER – SPECIAL MEETING
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- IV. KCFD 34/CITY OF REDMOND 2007 CONTRACT ESTIMATES
- V. BUDGET PROJECTIONS & POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO PROVIDE A BALANCED BUDGET
- VI. PRE/POST-STATION 15 CLOSURE STATISTICS
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

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KING COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 34
SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – PUBLIC HEARING

November 15, 2006

- I. **Call to Order** – A special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of King County Fire District 34 was called to order at 1:05 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 2006, at Station 11, located at 8450 161st Avenue N.E., Redmond, Washington.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the 2007 District/City Contract Estimates, Budget Projections, and Pre/Post-Station 15 Closure Statistics.

- II. **Roll Call** – Chairman Thomas Johnston, Commissioner Peter Lucarelli, Commissioner Sherman Colson, Attorney Kinnon Williams, Fire Chief Tim Fuller, Deputy Chief Andy Hail, District Secretary Anne Carlson, Mayor Rosemarie Ives, Executive Assistant Jane Christenson, Finance Director Lenda Crawford, Budget Analyst Alvaro Torres, and Budget Analyst Martin Chaw were present.

III. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion from Commissioner Colson to approve the November 15, 2006 agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Lucarelli. Motion passed unanimously.

- IV. **Public Comments** – Keith Brooks stated that he had a car fire in his yard two weeks ago. He appreciated the quick response of the Station 14 crew who was at Station 15 when the call came in. Commissioner Johnston asked him if the neighbors were planning to trim the evergreen trees in the area that were hanging low over the road. He stated that those who attend neighborhood meetings are aware of the problem.
- V. **Budget Projections** – The proposed 2007 district contract cost is \$5,354,565. That plus district costs of approximately \$200,000 equal a total of \$5.5 million. Credits are received from the City for basic life support costs and 90% of the Administrative Assistant's salary and benefits. Lenda Crawford reviewed items included in the budget. The salary and benefits contingency has been estimated because the firefighter contract has not been settled since 2004, and the 2007 market adjustment is unknown (estimated at 3%). The final 2007-2008 comparison resulted in 29% from the District and 71% from the City. This was approximately the same as the 2005-2006 costs. The basic driver of the cost increase is salaries and benefits, which are unknown. The District contributed some money as a base in 2005-2006. There is concern about higher salaries being negotiated by fire departments in the area.

To decrease costs, Lenda Crawford suggested that the District look at the necessity of CIP projects. Chairman Johnston stated that GO Bonds could be sold to build a new station as well as fix Station 14's problems, which would save some money. Commissioner Lucarelli asked what the \$300,000 contingency for enhanced dispatch was. Mayor Ives explained the ongoing efforts to determine dispatch services. A new consortium is being discussed (NORCOM), but the preliminary costs are extreme. The City is also exploring combining fire and police dispatch in Redmond among other options. The commissioners asked Mayor Ives to express their concern about the extreme cost proposed for dispatch. The deadline to join NORCOM will probably be in mid-2007.

The City's base budget is to fund services, but it is above the District's levy limit. Discussion was held on any potential costs to the District if the Council approves additional staff at Station 12 and Station 17 in their supplemental budgets. It was stated that the business tax staffing at Station 12 would be mostly the City's responsibility, and the Station 17 staffing would not begin until 2009. It is anticipated that passage of the supplemental packages would probably decrease the District's cost.

Kinnon Williams described various options to increase revenues, including adding a benefit charge, forming a regional fire authority, or creating a LID to build a new station. Chairman Johnston suggested asking for the authority of selling bonds at the March election for the construction of a new station in place of Stations 13 and 15.

Lenda Crawford will add one station's costs to the formula after the budget is approved by the City Council on December 15. Chairman Johnston will separate the CIP from the District's base budget before the next meeting.

VI. Pre/Post-Station 15 Closure Statistics – Response statistics were reviewed. Response times have increased in some areas and decreased in others. There are very few accidents on the Red-Fall; however, when accidents occur they tend to be very serious. Overall, times have decreased. Deputy Chief Hail cautioned all that when there are low call volumes, one long response can skew the results.

VII. Adjournment – Commissioner Johnston adjourned the special meeting at 2:50 p.m.

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Sherman Colson, Commissioner



Peter Lucarelli, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Anne Carlson, District Secretary
Board of Commissioners
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