



# Orting Valley Fire & Rescue

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Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting  
October 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.  
**Minutes**

**Call in number 253-215-8782**  
**Meeting ID 843 6362 4652**  
**Pin 4040**

Call to Order

**Commission Chair O’Harra Buttz called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.**

Pledge of Allegiance

**Commissioner Chair O’Harra Buttz led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

Roll Call

Commission Chair Margaret O’Harra Buttz  
Commission Vice Chair Kevin Gorder  
Commissioner Arlene Dannat  
Commissioner Jason Bellerive  
Fire Chief Zane Gibson  
District Secretary Kim Kemp

Visitors (Signed into Zoom)

**Ray and Gayle Sneezby**

Agenda Approval of October 12, 2021

**Commissioner Dannat moved to approve the Agenda as amended; Tabling #1 under New Business. Commissioner Gorder seconded. Motion carried.**

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes approval of September 27, 2021 Regular Meeting
2. Expense reference numbers 1028-1055, totaling \$123,630.45
3. Letter to Pierce County to transfer \$268,758.86 for payroll, deferred compensation and retirement directly to our account at KeyBank

**Commissioner Bellerive moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioners Dannat seconded. Motion carried.**

Citizen Considerations and Requests

**None**

### Setting of Rules for Public Hearing

**Commission Chair O'Harra Buttz stated the following:**

**Any individual may request the Board recognize them and give their comments. In order to be called upon and have your comments recorded, please type the words "public comment", your full name and your address into the chat box. Each person will be called by name for their commenting. Each person will have 3 minutes to address the Board."**

### Open Public Hearing on Establishment of Fire Benefit Charge

**Commission Chair O'Harra Buttz opened the Public Hearing on Establishment of the Fire Benefit Charge at 6:33p.m.**

**Chief Gibson gave an overview of 2022 budget highlights and presented the Fire Benefit charge factors and totals for 2022. The total amount of collection is \$2,727,232 and it is 38.86% of the total 2022 operating budget.**

**There were no citizen comments.**

### Close Public Hearing and Adjournment

**Commission Chair O'Harra Buttz closed and adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:41p.m.**

### General Comment

**Commission Chair O'Harra Buttz asked those logged into Zoom if they had interest in applying for the vacancy on the Board. There was not any interest, but they would spread the word in the community.**

### Chief's Report

- Chief Gibson gave a recap of the City of Puyallup's emergency shelter drill, where he participated as the controller.
- Chief Gibson received compliments from CPFR Assistant Chief of Operations Ron Kent regarding the teamwork and great attitudes of our OVFR personnel during live fire training. Way to go OVFR!
- Chief Gibson will not have cell service from Thursday, October 14th afternoon through Sunday October 17th, he will be out of town.

### Old Business

None

### New Business

1. Agreement with Architects Rasmussen Triebelhorn for Station 43 improvements.  
**Tabled.**
2. PO 2021-467 to SeaWestern for bunker gear  
**Commissioner Dannat moved to approve PO 201-467 to SeaWestern for bunker gear. Commissioners Bellerive and Gorder seconded. Motion carried.**
3. SOG 9002 Tobacco, drug and alcohol-free workplace, 1<sup>st</sup> read

Board Reports

1. Pierce County Fire Commissioners

- a. Chief Gibson and Commission Chair O'Harra Buttz will be attending the October 21-23, 2021 WFCA Annual Conference

**Regular Session paused at 6:55p.m.**

Executive Session

RCW 42.30.140 (4) (a) Collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations, including contract negotiations, grievance meetings, and discussions relating to the interpretation or application of a labor agreement; or (b) that portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress.

**Executive Session began at 6:55p.m. to last for 15 minutes until 7:10p.m. with decision.**

**Executive Session extended at 7:10p.m. to last for 30 minutes until 7:40p.m.**

**Executive Session extended at 7:40p.m. to last for 3 minutes until 7:43p.m.**

**Regular Session resumed at 7:43p.m.**

**Commissioner Dannat moved to authorize Chief Gibson to negotiate the CBA with the Union within the terms discussed in Executive Session. Commissioner Gorder seconded. Motion carried.**

**Regular Session paused at 7:44p.m.**

Executive Session

RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g) To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.

**Executive Session began at 7:44p.m. to last for 10 minutes until 7:54p.m. with no decision.**

**Regular Session resumed at 7:54p.m.**

**Regular Session paused at 7:54p.m.**

Executive Session

RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g) To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.

**Executive Session began at 7:55p.m. to last for 10 minutes until 8:05p.m. with no decision.**

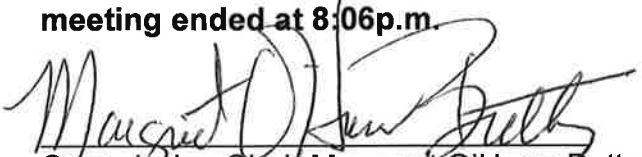
**Regular Session resumed at 8:05p.m.**

Commissioner General Business/Discussion

- Chief Gibson stated that refresher training was continuing for the Cardiac Arrest Initiative

Adjournment

**Commissioner Dannat move to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gorder seconded. The meeting ended at 8:06p.m.**

  
Commission Chair Margaret O'Hara Buttz

  
Commission Vice-Chair Kevin Gorder

  
Commissioner Arlene Dannat

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Commissioner Jason Bellerive

  
District Secretary Kimberly Kemp