



Orting Valley Fire & Rescue

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Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting
October 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes

Call in number 253-215-8782
Meeting ID 896 5560 4290
Pin 4040

Call to Order

Commission Chair O’Harra Buttz called the meeting to order at 6:34p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Commission 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)

**Joseph Palombi
Joachim Pestinger
Cheryl Temple Kelly
Steve Goodwin
Brennan Helmers**

Agenda Approval of October 26, 2021

Commissioner Dannat moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Bellerive seconded. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes approval of October 12, 2021 Regular Meeting
2. Expense reference numbers 1080-1095, totaling \$19,605.35
3. Letter to Pierce County to transfer \$170.00 from General Expense to the GO Bond fund for the annual debt services fee.

Commissioner Bellerive moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Gorder seconded. Motion carried.

Citizen Considerations and Requests

None

Commissioner Applicant Interviews

Joseph Palombi
Joachim Pestinger
Cheryl Temple Kelly

Regular Session paused at 7:31p.m.

Executive Session

RCW 42.30.110 (h) To evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office.

Executive Session began at 7:31p.m. to last for 45 minutes until 8:16p.m. with decision.

Regular Session resumed at 8:26p.m.

**Commissioner Bellerive moved to appoint Joe Palombi as Commissioner Position No. 1.
Commissioner Gorder seconded. A roll call vote was requested.**

**Commissioner Dannat-Nay
Commissioner O'Harra Buttz-Yay
Commissioner Gorder-Yay
Commissioner Bellerive-Yay**

Motion carried.

Regular Session paused at 8:30p.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 8:30p.m. to last for 20 minutes until 8:50p.m. with decision.

Executive Session extended at 8:50 p.m. for 12 minutes until 9:02p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 9:03p.m.

**Commissioner O'Harra Buttz moved to approve the Agreement between PCFD #18 and IAFF Local #726 Orting Firefighters Bargaining Unit as amended. Commissioner Dannat seconded.
Motion carried.**

Presentations

DS Kemp and Fire Chief Gibson gave a Power Point Presentation of the Preliminary Budget 2022.

Regular Session paused at 9:40p.m.

Commissioner O’Harra Buttz opened the Public Budget Hearing at 9:40p.m.

Public Budget Hearing

Commissioner Gorder stated his concern about not replacing the Brush Truck.

Commissioners Bellerive, Dannat, O’Harra Buttz and BC Goodwin expressed their approval of the progress and good standing of the financial position of OVFR.

Commissioner O’Harra Buttz closed the Public Budget Hearing at 9:42p.m.

Old Business

None

New Business

1. Agreement with Architects Rasmussen Triebelhorn for Station 43 improvements

Commissioner Gorder moved to authorize Chief Gibson to sign the Agreement with Architects Rasmussen Triebelhorn for Station 43 improvements. Commissioner Dannat seconded. Motion carried.

2. SOG 9002 Tobacco, drug and alcohol-free workplace, 2nd read

Commissioner Dannat moved to approve SOG 9002 Tobacco, drug and alcohol-free workplace. Commissioner Gorder seconded. Motion carried.

Board Reports

1. Pierce County Fire Commissioners

- a. The next meeting is November 18, 2021 via Zoom
- b. The December banquet is still in discussion, most likely via Zoom
- c. Chief Gibson and Commissioner O’Harra Buttz gave a recap of the conference, stated it was the best conference to date.

Chief’s Report

- Chief Gibson has scheduled training for PTSD and Leadership for May 2022
- Chief Gibson shared his concern of funding of E911 dollars between Pierce County and South Sound 911

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 was not used.

Commissioner Gorder moved to approve the Employment Agreement for Taylor Thornhill. Commissioner Bellerive seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner General Business/Discussion

- DS Kemp will be preparing a letter for Lowe's thanking them for their support during the pandemic.

Adjournment

Commissioner Dannat moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Bellerive seconded. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 10:11p.m.


Commission Chair Margaret O'Harra Buttz


Commission Vice Chair Kevin Gorder


Commissioner Arlene Dannat


Commissioner Jason Bellerive


District Secretary Kimberly Kemp