



Board of Fire Commissioners

Regular Meeting Minutes November 2, 2021

Clark County Fire District 5
11606 NE 66th Street, Suite 103
Vancouver, WA 98662

Call Meeting to Order

Chair Gibson called the virtual meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Commissioners Lyons and Rhine were present. Also present at the meeting were District Administrator Jennifer Bethke, VFD Chief Brennan Blue, IAFF Local 452 representatives Sam Harrison and Judson McCauley, and Riza Russum. Public invited to the meeting at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87567796510?pwd=aXk2dE00QnowanRXWnpyN0hxMHhwQT09>

Meeting ID: 875 6779 6510

Passcode: 289014

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Rhine motioned to approve the October 5, 2021 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Commissioner Lyons motioned to approve the October 7, 2021 special meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Rhine seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Chief's Report

- A. Resource Ask – Chief Blue reported there will be a follow-up virtual workshop with the City of Vancouver Council on Monday, November 8, 2021, from 4:00-6:00 pm. There will be further discussion on the City's various funding options to support the request for fire service resource enhancements, proposals for infrastructure improvements, and its financial impact on Fire District 5.

Chief Blue reported on the busy weekend for fire calls, some of which are under investigation.

Citizens' Communications

IAFF Local 452 Representative reported VFD has reached 100% compliance on the governor's vaccine mandate.



Consent Agenda

Commissioner Rhine moved to approve items A through F. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

The consent agenda included the following items:

A. Commissioners' Fund 6209	\$	10,657.58
B. Commissioners' Fund 6209	\$	10,831.95
C. Commissioners' Fund 6209	\$	36,849.47
D. Commissioners' Fund 6209	\$	27,652.37
E. Payroll Transmittal – September 16 to 31, 2021	\$	24,091.17
F. Payroll Transmittal – October 1 to 15, 2021	\$	24,703.48

Communications

None

Secretary's Report

- A. Staff Report 2021-052 – 2022 Final Budget Adoption – Administrator Bethke reached out to get information and approximate prices for legal, printing, and consultant fees should the Board decide on a lid lift. The estimates were considered in the 2022 budget. She recommended inviting the consultant at a future board meeting, to give a presentation.

Commissioner Rhine asked Administrator Bethke if there are any significant changes in prior years' budgets compared to 2021 and 2022. She talked about the significant EMT revenue increase and tightening the 2022 budget items closer to the actuals of 2021.

Commissioner Rhine verified the 2022 budget accounts for known conditions and obligations. Administrator Bethke replied it is covered in the 2022 budget.

Commissioner Lyons expressed his concern with the transfer to Fund 151 compared to the projected property tax collection.

Chair Gibson shared his concern about the ability to meet VFD contract obligations with the additional Resource Ask and remodel or replacement of several fire stations.

Administrator Bethke asked Commissioner Gibson if the \$40 to \$60 million project for remodel and replacement of fire stations includes the Resource Ask for personnel. He replied the Resource Ask amount is in addition to the fire station enhancements

The Board commended Administrator Bethke on doing well on the budget.



B. Commissioners' Fund Financials – Provided for informational purposes.

Old Business

Commissioner Rhine asked about student feedback on the virtual classes and about EMT test scores. Administrator Bethke responded the EMT students are enthusiastic of the virtual classes, and testing has improved since the change in EMT program director position. She is currently working on Safety Consortium contracts.

New Business

A. Resolution 21-11-01 Support Vancouver Fire Service Enhancements – Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve Resolution 21-11-01 to Support Vancouver Fire Service Enhancements. Commissioner Rhine seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Adjournment

There will be a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 5:30 pm, to adopt the 2022 budget resolutions.

Commissioner Gibson adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Sincerely,

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Chair

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Commissioner

A black ink signature, "J. J. Bethke", is written over a horizontal line.

Secretary to the Board

A black ink signature, "Michael Gibson", is written over a horizontal line.

Commissioner