



Board of Fire Commissioners

Regular Meeting Minutes March 1, 2022

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

Call Meeting to Order

Chair Rhine called the virtual meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Commissioners Lyons and Gibson were in attendance. Also present at the meeting were District Administrator Jennifer Bethke, VFD Chief Brennan Blue, and IAFF Local 452 representative Sam Harrison. Riza Russum recorded meeting minutes. Public invited to the meeting at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86126614638?pwd=SUhJUWxUOXkwNTVnWW1IK3k2b2RJZz09>

Meeting ID: 861 2661 4638
Passcode: 543058

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Lyons motioned to approve the December 29, 2021 special meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Commissioner Lyons motioned to approve the February 15, 2022 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Chief's Report

Levy Lid Lift – Chief Blue reported he attended the City of Vancouver's Council meeting and thanked the public, council, staff, and labor for all the support in the levy lid lift process. The fire service enhancements will be funded in April 2023. Purchases of capital items could be delayed until the revenue is collected. Orders for fire apparatus has started due to the manufacturing lead time.

The lengthy and slow part of the process is filling the open positions. There will be a short academy of 10 or 11 lateral candidates. Soon after will be an academy of 13-plus for Station 11 expected to open in October 2022. On the heels of that are two back-to-back academies of at least 20 entry level candidates each. This means hiring more than 60 personnel over the next 18 to 24 months. This count does not include vacancies that would occur through retirement.

Commissioner Rhine commented the forthcoming staffing is an excellent challenge to have. Chief Blue agreed. He added there are 12 companies on the street every day. In the next two years, there will be 17 companies on the street 24/7, including Station 11, which is a very significant increase.

Administrator Bethke thanked Chief Blue for this achievement.

Citizens' Communications

None

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Gibson moved to approve items A through C as submitted. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

The consent agenda included the following item:

A. Commissioners' Fund 6209	\$	68,210.10
B. Commissioners' Fund 6209	\$	35,425.19
C. Sales Refunds – February 2022	\$	2,695.63

Communications

None

Secretary's Report

Fund 6209 Financial Summary – December 2021 – Provided to the Board for informational purposes. The Board appreciated the nice work. Administrator Bethke added that everyone pitched in.

Old Business

None

New Business

Draft Resolution, Pro & Con Committees, Ballot Explanatory Statement – Administrator Bethke presented the Board with the draft versions of the documents pertaining to the levy lid lift. It is a proposition to restore the District's property tax levy rate to \$1.25/\$1,000 assessed value; and establishing a limit factor of 6%. She asked the Commissioners for comments and suggestions in preparation for passing the resolution at the March 15, 2022 board meeting.

Chief Blue asked why the proposition is for a 6-year lid lift versus a permanent lid lift which the City of Vancouver passed. The issue will be discussed with the consultant at their next meeting.

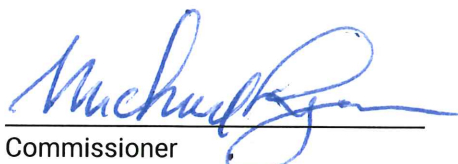
Adjournment

The next Regular Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 5:30 pm.


Commissioner Rhine adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Sincerely,


Chair


Commissioner


Secretary to the Board


Commissioner