



Board of Fire Commissioners

Regular Meeting Minutes July 5, 2022

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

Call Meeting to Order

Chair Rhine called the in-person meeting to order at 5:30 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.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Gibson motioned to approve the June 7, 2022 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Chief's Report

- A. Fire Academy** - Chief Blue reported on the fire academy candidates. The next group is for the new Station 11 due to open in October 2022. The new hires will also be filling long-term and future vacancies.
- B. Increased Call Volume** - Chief Blue reported there were 5,000 more calls in 2021 than in 2020. Out of 45,000 calls, approximately 20% were in Fire District 5. VFD intends to hire 40 positions built in the 2023 budget. There are upcoming negotiations with command and with labor which will impact Fire District 5's contribution.

Commissioner Rhine asked about newer technology's lighter-weight, battery-powered rescue tools. Chief Blue replied they have a rescue tool replacement program that is not yet formalized. They may have a combi tool for minor extrications on some apparatus instead of a full extrication set.

Commissioner Rhine asked if Station 11 will have small tools. Chief Blue replied it is not currently slotted for such. He will look, operationally, where the tools are best suited. Having five additional companies will make a big impact on response times.



The Commissioners talked about retail grocery stores that block marked exits during business hours. Chief Blue will reach out to the Clark County Fire Marshal's Office.

The Board thanked Chief Blue for his report.

Citizens' Communications

None.

Consent Agenda

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

The consent agenda included the following items:

A. Commissioners' Fund 6209	\$	17,740.60
B. Commissioners' Fund 6209	\$	25,693.22
C. Commissioners' Fund 6209	\$	4,937.39
D. Commissioners' Fund 6209	\$	4,873.24
E. Payroll Transmittal – May 16 to 31, 2022	\$	24,013.23
F. Payroll Transmittal – June 1 to 15, 2022	\$	27,877.95
G. Sales Refunds – June 2022	\$	9,983.94
H. Fund 6209 Transfer to Fund 6256 – 2021 Collections	\$	2,564,066.00

Communications

None

Secretary's Report

- A. **Commissioners' Fund Financials – May 2022** – Provided to the Board for informational purposes.
- B. **Classes Taught – June 2022**– Provided to the Board for informational purposes. Administrator Bethke reported on the Medical classes. The Safety class count was not available.

Old Business

None.



New Business

None

Executive Session

Commissioner Lyons requested the Board move to Executive Session to discuss employee performance.

At 5:52 pm, Chair Rhine moved to Executive Session for 23 minutes.

At 6:15 pm, Chair Rhine extended Executive Session for 15 minutes.

At 6:30 pm, Chair Rhine moved back to regular session. No action was taken.

Adjournment

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 5:30 pm.

Commissioner Rhine adjourned at 6:31 pm.

Sincerely,



Chair



Commissioner



Secretary to the Board



Commissioner