

# **BAINBRIDGE ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT**

## **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2016

Chair Tim Carey called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Present were Commissioners YongSuk Cho, Scott Isenman and Dan Morrow; Fire Chief Hank Teran; Assistant Chief Luke Carpenter; Volunteer Program Coordinator Jay Rosenberg; Finance Manager Ed Kaufman; and other Department members.

### AGENDA ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

None

### FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Deferred

### GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Isenman reported on the May 24 KCFCA meeting. Topics included the new fire response boat at NKF&R, a discussion of the tech review committee and the change of CENCOM to Kitsap 911 has been deferred until the end of 2016.

Prior to the Executive Session, Commissioner Morrow raised the issue of 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks and asked if the Department has begun to address fireworks concerns. Chief Teran indicated that the issue is already under scrutiny for 2016 and more information will be provided on the topic during the June 9 Board meeting.

### CITIZEN COMMENTS OR DISCUSSION

None

### CONSENT AGENDA

(Vouchers totaling \$439,114.49, Meeting Minutes 5/12/2016). Commissioner Isenman moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Cho seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### FIRE COMMISSIONER VACANCY INTERVIEWS

Commissioner Carey thanked the following three Island residents for submitting their name for consideration to fill the vacancy of Fire Commissioner Position #4: Bruce Alward; Bill Ruddick; and, Fritz von Ibsch. Each candidate was asked to address the following questions during their interview:

*What do you envision the role of a Fire Commissioner to be?*

*What are your priorities for the Bainbridge Island Fire Department?*

Commissioner Carey drew names to determine the order of the interviews. Each candidate had approximately 10 minutes to make their statement and answer questions from the Board.

Bruce Alward: Mr. Alward said it is the Board's responsibility is to make sure the Chief has the tools to safely operate the Department. He discussed how important the relationship between the Board, the Chief and the taxpayers is. He discussed his experience with project management including large and small construction projects. He has previous experience in the fire service.

Fritz von Ibsch: Mr. von Ibsch said the Board's role is oversight, both fiscally and to make sure the needs of the community are met. Also to ensure the safety of the members and public is maintained. His priorities included maintaining staffing levels and response times. He holds a fire science degree and has previous experience as a firefighter.

Bill Ruddick: Mr. Ruddick said the role of the Board is like the Board of Directors of a company. A Commissioner should be a team player with the ability to communicate the needs of the Department with the public. Mr. Ruddick is a long term Island resident and has broad professional experience as a business consultant.

All three candidates stressed the need for good communication with the public regarding the Department's needs and to maintain the integrity and trust the Department currently has with Bainbridge Island residents.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:20 PM, Commissioner Carey called an Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(h) to evaluate the qualifications of candidates for appointment to elective office. The Executive Session was to last 10 minutes. At 7:30 the Executive Session was extended 10 minutes. At 7:40 the Executive Session was extended an additional five minutes. At 7:45 the Executive Session was extended an additional five minutes. At 7:50 the Executive Session was extended an additional five minutes.

The regular open session resumed at 7:55.

### BUSINESS AGENDA

#### 1. Fire Commissioner Vacancy

Commissioner Cho nominated Bill Ruddick to be Fire Commissioner Position #4. Commissioner Isenman seconded the nomination. After further discussion, a vote on the nomination was called for and the vote was 2-2 with Commissioners Cho and Isenman voting yes and Commissioners Carey and Morrow voting no.

Commissioner Isenman then nominated Bruce Alward to be Fire Commissioner Position #4. Commissioner Morrow seconded the nomination. After further

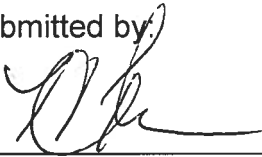
discussion, a vote on the nomination was called for and the vote was 1-3 with Commissioner Isenman voting yes and Commissioners Carey, Cho and Morrow voting no.

Commissioner Carey then nominated Fritz von Ibsch to be Fire Commissioner Position #4. Commissioner Morrow seconded the nomination. After further discussion, a vote on the nomination was called for and the nomination passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Submitted by:

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Henry A. Teran, Board Secretary

Approved

June 9, 2016