

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes September 2, 2020

The September 2, 2020 Board of Fire Commissioners meeting was conducted “virtually” due to the restrictions put on public meetings by Governor Inslee. The restrictions were put in place due to the ongoing health concerns presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. Commissioners participated in the meeting remotely and the public was provided the opportunity to call in and listen to the proceedings.

Chair Fritz von Ibsch called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Present (remotely) were Commissioners Tim Carey, YongSuk Cho, Scott Isenman, and Jack Metz; Fire Chief Hank Teran; Battalion Chief Chris Schmit; Volunteer Program Coordinator Jay Rosenberg; and Finance Manager Ed Kaufman.

AGENDA ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

None

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- COVID-19 Update: Chief Teran provided an update on COVID-19 including the following:
 - To date, there have been 75,000 positive cases and 1,930 deaths in the State of Washington, 1,000 positive cases and 10 deaths in Kitsap County, and 31 confirmed cases on Bainbridge Island.
 - BIFD is providing updates to the Department's COVID-19 policies to all members after six months of the pandemic.
- Wildfire update: Chief Teran briefed the Board on recent wildland deployments including E21A deployed to California staffed by FF/PM David Bailey, FF/EMT Matt Phillips and FF/EMT Joe Gaffney. Brush 21 staffed by BC Sequoia Jones and Volunteer FF/EMT Adrian Rojas deployed to Natches, WA.
- Thom Ritter Retirement: A virtual retirement sendoff was held for EVT Thom Ritter on August 28. Ritter worked for BIFD for 17+ years. Staff produced a video acknowledging Ritter's accomplishments over the years with words of gratitude from many staff members.
- KCFCA meeting summary: Chief Teran provided a summary for the KCFCA meeting held virtually on August 25.
- Washington Fire Chiefs Association update: Chief Teran also provided a summary of recent activity by the WFC Association including an increase in dues for 2021 and an Association statement on racism and diversity in the fire service.

Emerging Issues:

- Fire Service Legislative Issues: As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the effort and resources dedicated to responding to it, the legislative priorities for 2021 are limited to COVID-19 relief packages and law enforcement issues. Washington State is projecting a 9 billion dollar budget impact due to COVID-19.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Metz commended staff for its efforts with Thom Ritter's virtual retirement.

CONSENT AGENDA

(Vouchers totaling \$795,565.62, August Payroll, Meeting Minutes 8/19/2020.)
Commissioner Carey moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Commissioner Isenman seconded the motion and the motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:00 PM, Commissioner von Ibsch called for an Executive Session to last for 45 minutes. The Executive Session was called for collective bargaining planning per RCW 42.30.140(4)(b).

At 7:45 PM the Executive Session was extended for 30 minutes. At 8:15 PM the Executive Session was extended for an additional 10 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Submitted by:



Henry A. Teran, Board Secretary

Approved

September 16, 2020