

PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #3
WEST PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE.
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 18, 2024

Chair Dalton called the meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 5:31. A quorum was present with all Commissioners in attendance. Also in attendance were, A/C Hebeisen, and A/C Dobbs, A/C MCGrady, D/C McCurdy, A/C Adams, A/C Kelly

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Dalton called for a motion to approve agenda. Commissioner Durr motioned. Commissioner Clancy seconded. All approved unanimously.

PRESENTATION

Chair Dalton presented the three employees their proclamation and their over 98 years of service combined. Commissioner's and Staff congratulated all three for their hard work and years of service...

- Retirement – Firefighter/Engineer Shawn Lamb – Chief Sharp presented the retirement plaque and briefed the Board on his career. Thanked FFE Lamb for his hard work and dedication to his job.
- Retirement – Captain Phil Hayden- – Chief Sharp presented the retirement plaque and briefed the Board on his career. Thanked Captain Hayden for his hard work and dedication to his job.
- Retirement – Battalion Chief Layne Bladow - – Chief Sharp presented the retirement plaque and briefed the Board on his career. Thanked B/C Bladow for his hard work and dedication to his job.

Chair Dalton adjourned the meeting at 5:41 to move to the Commissioners room for the remainder of the meeting.

Called the meeting back to order at 5:50

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Minutes of June 04, 2024. Bond Warrant #71803 through #71804 totaling \$34,438.36. Warrants #71892 through #71950 totaling \$128,569.06. May 2024 Alarm Summary.

All Commissioners approved the consent agenda

PRESENTATION

Fire Benefits Charge Presentation – Chief Sharp prepared a power point presentation which all Commissioners received. Outlined the Fire Benefits Charge and details.

Questions during the presentation:

Chair Dalton: Does this have anything to do with the city?

Chief Sharp state this will be addressed later in the presentation.

Questions at end of FBC presentation

Chair Dalton: How are you planning to approach the public for the FBC? Will you (Chief Sharp) be giving the presentation to the public?

Chief Sharp: I will be giving presentations to local public service clubs, we are setting dates and the presentation would be the same.

Chair Dalton: Will commercial see a substantial increase with the FBC?

Chief Sharp: Yes, quite a few would be increased. We have seen that the community is frustrated with the current taxation model, many commercial buildings are national corporations, and our commitment is to our local community.

Commissioner Clancy: Is the initial though 6 or ten years for the FBC?

Chief Sharp: 6 years is what is being talked about, funding for a lot of projects is 2-5 years out, 6 years would bring a lot more stability

Commissioner Sheeran: Could you ballpark how much commercial spaces will be increasing? Sixplex or 12plex vs residential? A building like Alta?

Chief Sharp: Each parcel is different and unique under the FBC. The formulas are still being set and assessed. The next meeting we will have comparisons for the board. The formula has around 9 variables that can be modified for each parcel.

Director Wick: The size of the structure and different factors really impact the buildings FBC rate.

Commissioner Sheeran: Alta will charge difference of FBC increase to tenants. The largest fire that occurred last year was on vacant or largely vacant land, and that would not be charged under the FBC.

Chief Sharp: That is true. If there isn't adequate funding we won't be able to support our community, such as the levy doesn't pass. The FBC would provide stability and security. There would still be the \$1 fire levy on the property.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

STAFF REPORT

Recent Incidents – A/C Hebeisen

- There were a few major incidents recently. One was a natural gas leak that started as a medical emergency. Car ran into a gas main near Best Burger, area was evacuated, crews waited for PSE, but due to car on top of gas main made access difficult for PSE to shut down main line, PSE monitored situation, and did a grid shut off.
- There was an apartment complex fire that started as a kitchen fire and extended to attic, crews cut holes in roof to access and put out fire.
- There was a fire at the Watson Event Center. This fire was a 2+ alarm fire. Started around midnight at back of building, crews went into building and found unsafe conditions and backed out. Apartment complex was close to the back of the event center and crews made sure there was no extension to the complex with a trench cut. Apartment building was evacuated. Emergency management team was notified, and aeriels were made for extinguishment along with an excavator to put out hot spots. Content loss was around 2.1 million along with 1 million in contents.

Chiefs Report – Chief Sharp

- Chief Sharp clarified some points on his FBC presentation:
Sheeran: Has the FBC been run by the cities?
Sharp: No, not yet. It is being run by the Board first.
- Youth Academy graduation is on June 25th. The feedback from families was they wanted to interact with members of the fire service more, and make the night about the kids graduating. We would love to see the Board if they are able to make it to the event. It is at Station 21 @ 6pm in the app bay.
- Happy a safe and happy 4th.

ACTION ITEMS

- Cancel the July 02, 2024 Board of Commissioners meeting.
Chair Dalton called for a motion to cancel the July 02, 2024 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Casebolt motioned. Commissioner Sheeran seconded. All approved unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS

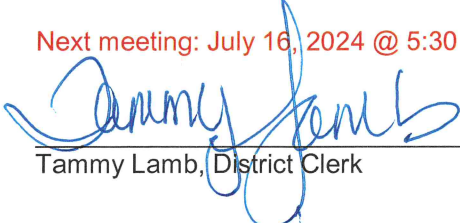
- **Commissioner Casebolt** – FBC presentation was well done. There was a lot of work put into it and a lot of work will be continuing to go into it. Keep up the good work!
- **Commissioner Clancy** – Ditto **Commissioner Casebolt**.

- **Commissioner Durr** - This is very complex material, fantastic presentation and enjoyed retirement ceremony.
- **Commissioner Sheeran** - Ditto to everyone, Safe and happy 4th.
- **Chair Dalton** – Ditto, enjoyed retirement ceremony.

ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further to bring to the Board, Chair Dalton adjourned the meeting at 6:47 PM.

Next meeting: July 16, 2024 @ 5:30 Station 31



Tammy Lamb, District Clerk



Bart Dalton, Board Chair



Koree Wick, District Secretary