

**CENTRAL PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
November 9, 2020**

Chair Holm called the Regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for Central Pierce Fire & Rescue to order at 5:00 p.m. at District Headquarters – 17520–22<sup>nd</sup> Ave E, Tacoma, Washington. Present in person were Chair Holm, Chief Olson, Deputy Chiefs Karns and Stueve, Finance Director Robacker, and Executive Assistant Porter, recorder. Attending by call-in were Commissioners Stringfellow, Coleman, Willis and Eckroth, and Ex-Officio/Mayor Door. Audio call-in was available to the public.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Willis seconded to approve the agenda. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**CITIZEN COMMENTS (FOR ITEMS NOT SPECIFICALLY ON THE AGENDA)**

No citizen comments were received.

**CONSENT AGENDA (SINGLE MOTION)**

A. Excused Absences:

B. Minutes: Special Board Meeting of October 19, 2020  
Regular Board Meeting of October 26, 2020

C. Approval of:

Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 55339 to 55371 totaling	\$	397,123.30
Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 55372 to 55384 totaling	\$	4,662,374.14
Net Payroll Warrants Numbered 107459 to 107465 totaling	\$	33,613.77
Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 55385 to 55407 totaling	\$	540,669.81
Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 55333 to 55333 totaling	\$	(16,055.21)
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,617,725.81</b>

Commissioner Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Eckroth seconded to approve the Consent Agenda including warrants totaling \$5,617,725.81. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**2020 PRELIMINARY BUDGET REVIEW – Section IV (Strategic Overview, ERF, Debt, Bond Projects)**

FD Robacker presented a revised PowerPoint slideshow. Revisions were noted in red from the slide copies provided in the Board packet.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON 2021 ANNUAL BUDGET**

Chair Holm announced the public hearing on the 2021 annual budget and opened the floor for public comment. Having received no written comments or verbal requests through the on-line audio, Chair Holm closed the public hearing.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON 2021 FIRE BENEFIT CHARGE**

Chair Holm announced the public hearing on the 2021 fire benefit charge and opened the floor for public comment. Having received no written comments or verbal requests through the on-line audio, Chair Holm closed the public hearing.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (SECOND READING AND FINAL ACTION)**

No unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS (FIRST READING – FOR DISCUSSION AND REVIEW ONLY)**

No new business.

**CONSIDERATIONS AND REQUESTS**

A. EMS Assessment Contract

This assessment will evaluate our current EMS systems performance, organization and identify where CPFR can improve in its service delivery with a look to future delivery needs. Commissioner Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Eckroth seconded to authorize Chief Olson to enter into the Engagement Agreement with Fitch and Associates for an EMS Program Assessment in the amount of \$69,995.00. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. Local 726 Firefighters & Chiefs Collective Bargaining Agreement Extensions

Chief Olson and DC Karns spoke to the willingness of Local 726 to delay full contract negotiations to 2021 due to Covid-19 and its time impacts to all. Commissioner Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Willis seconded to approve the Local 726 Firefighters and Local 726 Chiefs MOU's extending their collective bargaining agreements through December 31, 2021. **MOTION CARRIED.**

C. Equipment Replacement Fund Reappropriation

Reliability and lack of replacement parts have become issues with the Training Center copy machine. Commissioner Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Willis seconded to appropriate \$10,500.00 from the 2019 Equipment Replacement Fund for purchase of a copy machine for the Training Center. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**STAFF, LOCAL, FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION AND FIRE CHIEF REPORTS (For Information Only)**

- A. Training – AC Juarez
- B. Health & Safety – AC McKenzie
- C. Logistics – AC Stueve
- D. Human Resources – HRD Washo
- E. Community & Government Relations – Capt. Shaw
- F. DC Operations – DC Stueve was excited to share the positive leadership training he and others are receiving from Nash Consulting.
- G. DC Administration – DC Karns echoed DC Stueve's comments. DC Karns explained that the recent notice directed to the Board against the Station 72



retainage bond of Pease & Sons does not affect CPFR.

- H. Fire Chief – Chief Olson shared ongoing historical mitigation discussions for the Puyallup Armory property.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Employee recognition.

### COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Willis thanked Tanya, Chief Olson and the division heads for a job well done on the budget. He was glad to see that Local 726 bargaining unit negotiations will wait until next year.

Commissioner Coleman thanked everyone for their hard work and cooperation.

Commissioner Eckroth thanked the Local and bargaining unit teams. The MOU was a real win for the department.

Commissioner Stringfellow questioned if the district has an official department flag. If not, he would like to see a committee created to design a flag and would be happy to serve on the committee. Chief Olson will follow-up with Commissioner Stringfellow.

Commissioner Holm thanked Staff as the budget seems to have become a 12-month project. It is a tough time for everyone each year and he greatly appreciates the work.

Ex-Officio/Mayor Door shared that the Governor's restrictions on open public meetings have been extended to December 7, 2020. The City of Puyallup is working with the state on a mitigation plan for the Armory property and won't be requesting mitigation beyond what the state will require. She shared updates on Puyallup City Council topics currently under discussion.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Willis seconded to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

  
MATTHEW HOLM  
CHAIR OF THE BOARD

  
TANYA ROBACKER  
DISTRICT SECRETARY

  
DIANNE PORTER  
RECORDER