

**CENTRAL PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 13, 2021**

Chair Holm called the Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for Central Pierce Fire & Rescue to order by Zoom webinar at 5:07 p.m. Present were Chair Holm, Commissioners Stringfellow, Coleman, Willis and Eckroth, Ex-Officio/Mayor Door, Chief Olson, Deputy Chiefs Karns and Stueve, Assistant Chiefs Juarez and Kent, FD Robacker, HRD Washo, and Executive Assistant Porter, recorder.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:10 p.m., Chair Holm called for a 30-minute Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. Commissioner Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Coleman seconded to enter into Executive Session for 30-minutes until 5:40 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED.**

At 5:40 p.m., Chair Holm extended the meeting for five minutes.

At 5:45 p.m., Chair Holm extended the meeting for five minutes.

At 5:50 pm., Commissioner Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Eckroth seconded to return to Regular Session. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commissioner Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Willis seconded to instruct Human Resources to move Fire Chief Candidate Morrow to the next steps of the process, which are a background investigation and suitability assessment. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT (FOR ITEMS NOT SPECIFICALLY ON THE AGENDA)

No public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA (SINGLE MOTION)

A. Excused Absences:

B. Minutes: Regular Board Meeting of August 23, 2021.

C. Approval of:

Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 56474 to 56508 totaling	\$	775,122.84
Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 56509 to 56518 totaling	\$	4,785,686.43
Net Payroll Warrants Numbered 107548 to 107556 totaling	\$	52,741.27
GRAND TOTAL	\$	5,613,550.54

Commissioner Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Coleman seconded to approve the Consent Agenda with warrants totaling \$5,613,550.54. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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. Fire Chief Selection

This topic was addressed earlier in the meeting.

B. Retiree Medical Benefit Request

Local 726 President James brought forward a request from FF/PM Jason Harris to waive the timeline requirement of the Retiree Medical Program and allow Harris to retire in September. He meets all other criteria of the program, including 29 years of service. Commissioner Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Eckroth seconded to approve the retiree medical benefit for Jason Harris upon his retirement. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

The following divisions provided a written report in the packet:

- A. Human Resources – HRD Washo acknowledged HR Analyst Stephanie Glass for her assistance with the many projects of their division. Stephanie is ready for any challenge and HRD Washo is grateful to have her as a teammate.
- B. Training – AC Juarez shared that the new KME ladder truck training started today.
- C. Field Operations – AC Kent provided some historical information on the Washington Cold Storage building. He acknowledged DC Karns for the enormous amount of time spent over the course of the fire and investigation. AC Kent shared several facts that were provided by CPFR Deputy Fire Marshals including the building's food storage capabilities, dollar amount of food loss, and the fire's impact on numerous different parties such as the disruption and cost to rail services.
- D. EMS – AC Bouchard. DC Stueve highlighted topics in Chief Bouchard's report. He acknowledged EMS Lts. Howell and Franz for their assistance with prepping the Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) rig staged at the Fair.

- E. DC Operations – DC Stueve recommended delaying the upcoming officer leadership training. There are too many other stressors right now to bring in new processes.
- F. Fire Chief – Chief Olson highlighted topics in his report. The IT Consortium group extended a conditional offer to Micah Ralston for the IT Director position.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Holm referred to the correspondence in the packet.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Willis was glad to see that training with Graham Fire is going well. He thanked Local 726 for allowing use of the Union Hall for the Fire Chief's candidate presentations. It was very encouraging to see all of the agencies working together at the Washington Cold Storage fire. Well done everyone! He acknowledged DC Karns's time spent overseeing the fire and investigation. He remarked that he hates to see Jason Harris go and hopes things work out well.

Ex-Officio/Mayor Door thanked Chief Olson for his assistance with Fair negotiations to see that the Fair opened this year. Puyallup City Council is addressing homeless issues at their next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:32 p.m., Chair Holm called for a 20-minute Executive Session with Attorney Joe Quinn under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. Commissioner Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Eckroth seconded to move into Executive Session for 20-minutes until 6:52 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED.**

At 6:52 p.m., Chair Holm extended the meeting for five minutes.

At 6:57 p.m., Chair Holm extended the meeting for five minutes.


At 7:02 pm., Commissioner Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Coleman seconded to return to Regular Session. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commissioner Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Eckroth seconded that the Fire Chief be authorized and directed to proceed with the exemption and reasonable accommodation process and that the Fire Chief be allowed to permit exempt personnel to treat patients with preventative measures in place. **MOTION CARRIED.**

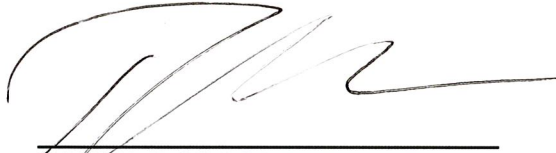
ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



MATTHEW HOLM
CHAIR OF THE BOARD



TANYA ROBACKER
DISTRICT SECRETARY



DIANNE PORTER
RECORDER