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**A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
FOR PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 17**

**January 19, 2016**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for South Pierce Fire and Rescue 17 held at Roy City Hall 216 McNaught Street South, Roy, WA 98580, was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Commissioner John Christian, Commissioner Kathy Kadow, Chairman Dan Morris, Commissioner John Sebastian and Commissioner Olivia Werner

FC Vellias, DC Grant, DS Brenda Murphy, ADS Summer Miller, a few citizens as well as several firefighters.

**FIRE CHIEF REPLACEMENT:**

Commissioner Werner opened the meeting in the place of Commissioner Morris. Commissioner Werner clarified that at the regular meeting on January 11, 2016 information was relayed incorrectly. The Board's desire to have an Executive Session to discuss replacement FC was incorrect. It should have been stated that discussion of DC Grant as the Fire Chief's potential replacement should be discussed under **Executive Session 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."**

**HWY 7 PROPERTY:**

Commissioner Werner also requested that the sale of District property located on Highway 7 be discussed in Executive Session, as per **RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) "To consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price."**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 6:08 p.m. Commissioner Morris announced 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**, as well as **RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) – To consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price.**

At 6:38 p.m. the executive session was extended 30 minutes to reconvene at 7:08 p.m.

At 7:08 p.m. the executive session was extended 15 minutes to reconvene at 7:23 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:23 p.m.

**FIRE CHIEF REPLACEMENT:**

FC Vellias stated that the decision was made to post internally to the entire SPFR membership to fill the interim FC position. The position is tentatively set for no less than four months and not to exceed past the end of the year. This is so the District has enough time to conduct a national search to find a full time hire by the beginning of 2017. The permanent replacement FC search will begin in the fall of 2016. Chief Vellias will need to meet with Local 726 to create a MOU in the event that a viable interim chief is found in the ranks, so that the individual can revert, seamlessly, to his/her previous position.

Commissioner Werner answered a question by firefighter S. Akin regarding why a full time replacement for the FC would not commence until the fall. Commissioner Werner stated that the FC will be paid a 6 month severance after his retirement date. The district needs to get its finances in order so that two (2) FCs are not being paid at the same time. It was further explained that the scheduled fall budget retreat will help determine a working budget that will include the new FC.

Commissioner Werner and Commissioner Kadow will meet with FC Vellias 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 20, 2016 in order to discuss and create an internal job posting for the interim FC position.

**HWY 7 PROPERTY:**

The current listing price of the real estate on highway 7 was discussed. DC Grant will talk to the realtor to determine current market price of the property. The Board will discuss the property again once more information is gathered.

**SPECIAL MEETING:**

Commissioner Werner requested that a Special Meeting be held to discuss potential interim FC candidates. A Special Meeting to be held at Roy City Hall on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** *On a motion made by Commissioner Werner and seconded by Commissioner Christian, the special meeting for the Board of Fire Commissioners for South Pierce Fire and Rescue District 17 adjourned at 7:28 p.m.*

*Daniel Morris*                    2/16/16  
Chairman Dan Morris            Date

*Brenda Murphy*                    2/16/16  
ATTEST: Brenda Murphy        Date  
District Secretary