



**Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Work Session Meeting
February 13, 2024**

PRESENT

Chair Micah Rowland
Vice Chair Michael Fearnough
Commissioner Jim Kenny
Commissioner David Chan
Commissioner Mark Laurence
Commissioner Chris Teofilak
Commissioner Ed Widdis (Unable to attend, excused)
Brier Liaison Paula Swisher
Mountlake Terrace Liaison Jesse Hoffman

STAFF

Fire Chief Thad Hovis
Deputy Chief Bob Eastman
Assistant Chief Shaughn Maxwell
Communications Director Leslie Hynes
Chief Financial Officer Chris Bothwell
Executive Assistant Melissa Blankenship

GUESTS

Local 1828 President Pat Moore

7:00 PM

In person at Headquarters and Zoom Virtual Meeting ID 861 5293 4763

1. CALL TO ORDER (7:00 p.m.)

Chair Rowland called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (7:01 p.m.)

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (7:02 p.m.)

Chair Rowland shared that there would be no Union report this evening.

Motion

Mark Laurence

Motion to approve agenda as presented.

Second:

Chris Teofilak

Motion passed unanimously 6-0;

4. PUBLIC COMMENT Notice: All public comment are public records and may be subject to disclosure pursuant to the Public Records Act, RCW Chapter 42.56. (7:04 p.m.)

None.

5. UNION REPORT (7:13 p.m.)

No report.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (7:18 p.m.)

a. Board Priorities Planning Discussion - Chair Micah Rowland (PAGES 3-6)

Chair Rowland presented the 2024 Board Priorities created in collaboration with staff as they were working diligently on several priorities that they would like carried over to 2024.

Commissioner Fearnough requested that staff provide more detail on the department the priority was assigned to and the staff lead and suggested a Commissioner be assigned to each priority.

Commissioner Kenny asked staff for their comments on the 2024 priorities consideration list to which Chief Hovis stated he approved of all the priorities in addition to the three that Commissioner Kenny added.

Commissioner Teofilak stated that the Board need to review the priorities more often and recommended having less priorities.

The Board discussed that the three priorities Commissioner Kenny brought forward could be followed up on by our Sno911 Representative and the Finance and HR Committee.

Chair Rowland stated that the priorities would be brought back next week to be considered for adoption.

b. Commissioner Gear and Apparel for Discussion - Chair Micah Rowland (PAGES 7-15)

Fire Chief Hovis presented gear options that the office of the Fire Chief recommended for consideration for the Commissioners.

Chair Rowland stated that no matter what gear was selected there would be protocol to follow once anyone arrived at a scene to which Commissioner Chan shared that Commissioners should avoid going to an incident.

Additional updates would be made to the gear options based on Commissioner discussion and a final Policy recommendation would be brought back for consideration in the near future.

7. NEW BUSINESS (8:00 p.m.)

- a. Heavy Rescue Truck for Discussion - Deputy Chief James Curtis (PAGES 16-22)

Deputy Chief Curtis reported that staff was seeking discussion for approval to purchase a Heavy-Duty Rescue Truck (hereinafter referred to as a Heavy Rescue). The purchase was included in the apparatus replacement schedule for 2025. Payments for the purchase were however, not expected to be made until the 2027 budget cycle. Per SCF policy, Board approval was required for this item due to the value of the contract.

Staff stated they would be bringing back this item for approval at the next regular meeting.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS (8:15 p.m.)

Commissioner Fearnough thanked staff for being at the meeting and for attending Dish with the Commish. He enjoyed the dialog and encouraged everyone to attend the once a month gatherings to get to know the crews in attendance.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION (8:20 p.m.)

Chair Rowland called an executive session at 8:25 pm for 15 minutes to Review the Performance of a Review the Performance of a Public Employee Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) with no action expected at the conclusion.

The executive session was extended by 10 minutes.


- a. Review the Performance of a Public Employee Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)

10. ADJOURNMENT (9:00 p.m.)

Without objection Chair Rowland adjourned the Work Session at 8:50 pm.

- 11. AGENDA DISCLAIMER - Members of the public are advised that times listed on the agenda are approximate and that items on the agenda may be addressed sooner or later than the time specified.**

Approved by:


Micah Rowland (Feb 21, 2024 23:22 PST)

Micah Rowland
Board Chair

Presented by:



Melissa Blankenship
Executive Assistant to the Board of
Commissioners

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