

Spokane County Fire Protection District 8

Minutes of Special Commissioners Meeting

February 21, 2008

11:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

A Special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by Board Chair Hesse at 11:40 a.m. Present were: Commissioner Greg Hesse, Commissioner Lee Boling, Commissioner Jonathan Ferraiuolo, Chief William Walkup, Administrative Assistant Carol Trescott, and members of the public.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: Ferraiuolo/Boling to approve the Meeting Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Fire Levy Lid Lift Discussion and Potential Action - Chief Walkup reviewed those goals of the district's Customer Center Strategic Plan which would be met with potential funding received with passage of a Levy Lid Lift in 2008. He also drew attention to a draft citizen information sheet to be mailed to households in the fire district in conjunction with a levy lid lift request. The chief shared a comparison sheet with data showing a range of levy rates and the proceeds of each rate.

Commissioner Hesse suggested the district ask the community for a rate of \$1.50 in effort to best meet the needs of the citizens and protect the interests of the fire district from possible annexation attempts by the City of Spokane.

Commissioner Ferraiuolo was in agreement with reinstating the levy rate of \$1.50 as previously approved by voters. He affirmed his commitment to safety first.

Commissioner Boling also expressed his agreement with the \$1.50 levy request and felt it was in the best interest of the district. He recommended asking the voters for their opinion.

Chief Walkup said the goals the district are attempting to address are those which the citizens previously asked the fire district to accomplish in the Customer Centered Strategic Plan.

Motion: Boling/Hesse to Approve Resolution No. 08-02, asking the voters of Spokane County Fire District 8 to restore the district's regular property tax levy to the dollar rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value; and approved the ballot title as written and attached to the Special Meeting Minutes of 02/21/08. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Memorandum of Understanding with Local 3711 regarding ALS Discussion and Potential Action - Chief Walkup informed the board that Local 3711 met with their membership and subsequently ratified the MOU regarding implementation of an Advanced Life Support (ALS) program in Fire District 8. He encouraged the board to execute the MOU as written and previously reviewed.

Motion: Hesse/Ferraiuolo to approve the MOU with 3711 in reference to implementation of an ALS program in Fire District 8. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chuck Vyverberg commented he has witnessed much change in the fire district in recent years and expressed his agreement with the board’s decision to ask the community to reinstate the levy rate of \$1.50. He felt the district had proven cautious with the taxpayer’s money and added the fire district provided top quality services which didn’t mind supporting financially. Mr. Vyverberg thanked the members who participated in the annual Santa Run and expressed his family’s delight in the community event. He also thanked Lt. Wainwright for the guided tour he received of Station 81 the previous week.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Commissioner Hesse adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Gregory A. Hesse, Chair
Fire District 8 Commissioner

ATTEST:

William A. Walkup
District Secretary