

# BAINBRIDGE ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### Meeting Minutes February 22, 2024

Chair Bruce Alward called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 4:30 PM. Present were Commissioners Tim Carey (remote), Andrea Chymiy, Scott Isenman, and Fritz von Ibsch (remote); Fire Chief Jared Moravec; Deputy Chief Jeremy Mendola and Finance Administrator Hilary Hall.

#### AGENDA ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

Chief Moravec added two items to the Fire Chief's Report: Paramedic Program update and COBI Solar Program update.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

#### FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Awards Banquet Recap: Chief Moravec reviewed the Awards and Recognition Ceremony that was held Saturday February 17<sup>th</sup>. Commissioners Isenman, Alward and Carey commented on the success of the event.
- Fire Code Adoption Update: Fire code updates are scheduled for a first reading on February 27<sup>th</sup> with the City Council. A second reading will likely take place early March with an effective date of March 15, 2024.
- NKFR Commissioner Neupert Memorial Service: Chief Moravec briefed the Board that NKFR Commissioner Steve Neupert passed away February 8<sup>th</sup>. The memorial service is scheduled for March 2nd. Commissioner Isenman related a time working with Commissioner Neupert on a Habitat for Humanity project.
- Paramedic Program Update: Chief Moravec reviewed various aspects of the paramedic program. The program currently has 4 staff medics and 7 Per Diem medics, allowing consistent coverage. Lateral Paramedic applications have come in and we have one person going through background review and 2 more coming in for scheduled interviews. Retention incentives for current staff are in place and have been well received.

Additional Paramedic program efforts include the recent MSO testing results and timeline for filling that position. Our two current paramedic students are doing well and expected to return in about four months. The Chief described a mentorship program he is looking into for our EMTs and paramedics that could possibly be funded through The Medic One Foundation. The Chief has also had discussion with Shoreline FD and Seattle FD about working together to protect ALS resources in place versus competing for them.

- COBI Solar Program Update: Chief Moravec briefed the Board that Station 22 and 23 were not selected for the COBI Solar grant program. Station 21 is still being considered for the program and a site visit will be scheduled soon. Commissioner Alward requested to be included in the site visit.

#### GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Alward requested clarification of the purpose of attending the Kitsap Executive Committee. Commissioner Isenman responded that awareness, connectivity and regional communication are the general goals.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

(Voucher numbers 35644 through 35693 totaling \$164,543.92, electronic payments for 1/18/24 through 1/31/24 totaling \$929,234.31, Meeting Minutes 2/8/24). Commissioner von Ibsch moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Isenman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:10 Commissioner Alward called for an Executive Session to last 10 minutes. The Executive Session was called to review the performance of a public employee per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The Executive Session was extended 4 times for 10 minutes each.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 PM.

Submitted by:



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Jared Moravec, Board Secretary

Approved

March 14, 2024