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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 2024

The Board of Fire Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District No. 13 (Vashon Island Fire & Rescue) gathered on Monday, November 18, 2024 at 10019 SW Bank Rd, Vashon, WA 98070 (Training Center). Commissioner Brown opened the special meeting and lead the pledge of allegiance at 6:30pm. She then stated the purpose of the special meeting was to discuss and present the 2025 final budget to the public.

Personnel

- Staffs four shifts with 6 assigned career staff- SAFER Grant
- Maintains Two Chief Officers
- No New Administrative Staff
- MIH: 24 hrs. RN, 16 hrs. Social Worker, 24 hrs. PA

Facilities

- Completes ST55 Renovation Project
- Budgets for ST 55 furniture, IT equipment, and office equipment
- Budgets for roof repairs to ST55 & painting of maintenance shop

Fleet

- Completes support unit replacement project
- Order replacement brush truck
- Replace maintenance facility vehicle
- Additional investment in fleet maintenance equipment

Capital

- Enhanced IT infrastructure and services
- Enhanced reserves for SCBA replacement
- Funding for walk-in exam room equipment

Operations

- Adds 4 rescue swimmers, 4 rope technicians, 4 red card wildland certified staff
- Significant investment in leadership training
- Additional investments in PPE
- Significant investments in new hose
- Upgrades equipment on engines and quint
- Expanded MIH services

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Budget by Function- the proposed budget is posted on the website at vifr.org in greater detail. Total revenue proposed for the 2025 budget is $13,061,447.00. The expenditure proposed in the 2025 budget is $13,061,447.00.

Commissioner McCullough requested more transparency with the budget and meetings being more accessible to the public. Commissioner Drayer asked if there were any large changes from the earlier draft budget compared to the latest budget draft presented. Finance Director Bosch explained the rebalance for the 2025 budget in line 594 of the budget and the transfer located in the revenue section.

The Beachcomber asked, “What is different from last year vs this year’s budget in terms of priorities and dollar amounts?” 2024 final budget was $12,912,00.92 and 2025 is $13,061,447.00. The 2025 budget expands MIH as well as the minimum staffing to staff 24 uniformed firefighters and reduces the number of chiefs from three to two and changed a facilities position from full time to ¾ time and there are less substantial apparatus costs in 2025. The overall difference is around $149,000.00.

Commissioner McCullough is pleased about the consultation with Lexipol and the additional 20k to refine the SOPs. She is also pleased with the CRR addition of $30k and the Health and wellness 02x grant. The meeting to approve this proposed budget is on November 25, 2024.

Commissioners Brown and Drayer moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:27pm.

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