

The regular meeting of August 27, 2013 was called to order at 3:04 p.m. Present were Commissioners Charlotte Haines, Ron Ricker and Larry Schoonmaker; Diane Pottinger, District Manager; Denny Clouse, Operations Manager; Barb Shosten, Finance Manager and Jaime Placencia, Executive Assistant.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

NEW / OLD BUSINESS:

The following resolution was presented, discussed, moved by Commissioner Haines, seconded by Commissioner Ricker for approval. Commissioner Haines and Commissioner Schoonmaker voted in favor of passing the resolution and Commissioner Ricker voted against the resolution. The resolution passed by a 2-1 vote:

Resolution 2013.08.33: Approving Scope of Work With FCS Group for Professional Services.

The Board discussed changing the name of the District. Ms. Pottinger reviewed the number of ballots that were received from customers regarding the name change. She informed the Board that 4% of customers offered an alternative name and that approximately 5% of customers requested the name stay the same. Ms. Pottinger informed the Board that staff suggested keeping it the same in order to avoid spending. Commissioner Haines stated she agreed with the staff that the District needs to avoid unnecessary spending. Commissioner Schoonmaker said he thought the expense was necessary because of the confusion among the public which incorrectly believe the District is part of the City of Shoreline. Commissioner Haines stated that the new name would need to encompass all customers that live in Shoreline and Lake Forest Park. Commissioner Ricker stated that the offices are located in the North City area and that everyone knows the area as such. He stated he wanted the name of the District to be “North City Water District”. Commissioner Haines suggested that the District not replace items until they are needed to avoid extra costs. Ms. Pottinger stated she thought the name change would be confusing to customers while the governance study is still in process. After the discussion, Commissioner Haines made a motion to start the necessary steps to change the name of the District to “North City Water District”. Commissioner Ricker seconded the motion. Commissioner Haines and Commissioner Ricker voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Schoonmaker voted against the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 2 – 1. Ms. Pottinger informed the Board she would have a resolution for them to sign at the next Board meeting.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Ms. Pottinger informed the Board that the taxes on the back lot have been paid.

Ms. Pottinger informed the Board that she and Mr. Clouse will be meeting with three architect firms to discuss the maintenance facility.

Ms. Pottinger discussed an email she had sent to the Assistant Superintendent at Shoreline School District.

Ms. Pottinger discussed a proposed joint meeting with Ronald Wastewater District on September 23, 2013 at either 6:30 or 7:00 p.m. After some discussion, the Board agreed to have the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Pottinger informed the Board that she met with Relaeana Sindelar. She informed the Board that it was recommended to put off publishing the next newsletter until the first week of October.

Ms. Pottinger informed the Board that the Chamber of Commerce has asked the District to host a social hour. The Board asked about estimated costs. Commissioner Haines recommended asking one of the employees to plan the event. The Board agreed to host the event.

Ms. Pottinger discussed Celebrate Shoreline. She informed the Board that staff mentioned they liked the giveaways that Ronald Wastewater District had at the event. Ms. Pottinger also mentioned that staff would like to have managers or Commissioners represented at the event.

Ms. Shosten informed the Board that the District has received the check from Development Services of America which covers the cost of labor and equipment.

Ms. Shosten discussed the billing for Fircrest with the Board.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT:

Commissioner Haines informed the Board she will be attending the Shoreline City Council meeting on Wednesday.

Commissioner Ricker discussed the budget for the Washington Association of Sewer and Water District and that the dues will be going down by 5% for the year 2014. He also informed the Board that 5 positions are available on the Board.

Commissioner Ricker informed the Board that 6 people have applied for the Public Works Board from the Association.

Commissioner Ricker reminded the staff that the signs need to be removed from the temporary office building location.

Ms. Pottinger informed the Board that she will be out of the office the third week in September.

NEXT MEETING: September 3, 2013

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS