

SCFPD27 COMMISSIONER MEETING
11/8/2025

- **Call to order at 3:02pm by Commissioner Slawson.** In attendance were Commissioners Slawson, Nielsen, and Thurman (Zoom). Chief Gray and Rick Bennett attended for a short time.
- **Flag salute**
- **Motion to accept minutes** of 10/23/2025 as corrected, by Commissioner Nielsen. Commissioner Thurman seconded. Unanimously approved.
- **Finance Report:** Secretary Bonn is unavailable due to EMT class. The financial statements were reviewed, vouchers were reviewed with questions on Marine 27 expenses and progress. Commissioner Slawson moved to approve the financial report and vouchers. Commissioner Nielsen seconded. It was unanimously approved.
- **Chiefs Report:** Chief report was read and reviewed. It was noted that several requested items of information have not been provided to the Commission from Chief Gray, however, donation information was received and Marine 27 progress was updated.

Old Business:

- **Tax Levy Levy Lift** – The levy did not pass the registered voters of Hat Island - the proposed 2026 budget has been adjusted to reflect the limited tax funds available.
- **50-year Birthday** planning – postponed discussion
- **New Chief recruitment** – to date no applications received. We have not received a letter of resignation from Chief Gray although he has made several public announcements indicating he will resign at the end of 2025. Most recently in the letter to the FireFighters. Motion was made by Commissioner Thurman and seconded by Commissioner Slawson to accept the public notices as Chief Gray's resignation announcement/letter and send a letter to Chief acknowledging his resignation effective 12/31/2025.
- **MOU with Fire Auxiliary** - Attorney Snure has advised and a corrected MOU was sent to the Auxiliary. This should meet the recommendation/requirement of the state auditor. Commissioner Slawson has been in conversation with Auxiliary President Barb Holte.
- **Apron Repair** – Draft Request for Proposal is done and was sent to Attorney Snure for review. Commissioner Nielsen moved (Commissioner Thurman seconded) to allocate \$1,000 (not to exceed) for the attorney review. Motion passed unanimously. Next steps to publish locally and online
- **Assistant Chief position** - one candidate inquired. Discussion followed. Job description to be updated. This position most likely to be held open until Fire Chief position is filled.
- **Building Permit:** Permit inspections went well and all is now approved.

New Business:

- **The Proclamation for Taxes** was reviewed and signed. This must go to the county along with our Levy Certificate reset form to align us with our 2026 budgeting and allocation of tax income. Commissioner Nielsen moved to accept and sign the proclamation. Commissioner Thurman seconded. Unanimously approved. Due to Commissioner

Thurman attending by ZOOM, he granted Commissioner Nielsen (or Slawson) permission to sign the documents on his behalf.

- **Discussed Marine 27 repairs:** we received more detailed donation information from the Auxiliary. We must ensure that we account for material/goods donations. We are thankful for the overwhelming support of this project. Discussed in detail the progress and funding of this project. The DNR Marine 27 funds are almost depleted. In addition to the DNR grant, the Fire Department has received \$400 in donations to date. All donations this year were made to the Auxiliary and we now have detailed donation information to review. The Auxiliary donated funding as “items purchased” to the department.
- **New Chief Recruitment** - discussed options. Discussion is planned with the Tulalip Fire Dept to determine their interest in providing assistance in this area. Discussion followed. Commissioner Thurman moved to appoint Commissioner Slawson as Interim Chief effective 1/1/2026. Commissioner Nielsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously. We were assured from the Washington Fire Commissioners Association that this appointment is ok, however, Commissioner Slawson can only receive compensation as a Commissioner, no compensation to be paid as Interim Chief.
- **MOU with Auxiliary** - need to finalize. Revised copy sent to Auxiliary for review and acceptance.
- **Levy Lid Lift** - Unfortunately the levy request did not pass. Our proposed budget has been revised to reflect the 2026 tax we should receive. A great deal of budget cuts were needed and important projects were moved out to future years. We will have an invoice due for this process.
- **Policy Updates** - keep working on them
- **Adjournment:** Commissioner Slawson moved to adjourn the regular meeting and go to Executive session to discuss contractors. Commissioner Nielsen seconded. Unanimously approved.
- **Executive session** was held
- **Reconvene meeting:** Commissioner Slawson reopened the regular meeting at 3:49pm. Nothing to report. Commissioner Thurman moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Commissioner Nielsen seconded. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 4:05.
- **Volunteer Pension** meeting – was not needed.