

Meeting Minutes NORCOM Governing Board

September 11, 2020

MEMBERS

Nathan McCommon

Bruce Kroon

Kyle Kolling

Tracey Dunlap

Steve Burns

City of Bellevue

City of Bothell

City of Clyde Hill

City of Kirkland

City of Medina

Ed Holmes City of Mercer Island

Dan Yourkoski City of Normandy Park (Chair)

Rick Rudometkin City of Snoqualmie

Jeff Clark Eastside Fire & Rescue (Vice-Chair)
Greg Ahearn Northshore Fire Department
Steve Taylor Shoreline Fire Department
Greg Ahearn Woodinville Fire & Rescue

Michael Olson City of Kirkland (Board Treasurer)

ABSENT

David Burke Duvall Fire District #45

Chris Connor Fire District 27
Don Horton Redmond Fire Department

Jay Wiseman Snoqualmie Pass Fire

James Knisley Skykomish Fire District #50

VISITORS

David Mendel PSERN

Chief Cherie Harris Kirkland Police Department

Brett Shavers Community Member

NORCOM STAFF

Bill Hamilton Executive Director

Roky Louie Deputy Director, Operations

Katy Myers Deputy Director, Administrative Services

Judy Cayton Human Resources Manager

Marianne Ryerson Finance Director

Nathan Way IT Application & Security Architect

Brittney Rhodes Public Records Specialist
Maggie Johanson Administrative Assistant
Deanna Gregory Pacifica Law Group



o Call to Order

Chief Dan Yourkoski, Governing Board Chair, called the Governing Board meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. The meeting was publicly posted and held via video conference due to the COVID pandemic restrictions.

A moment of silence was held honoring all the lives lost, and everyone who suffered on this tragic day, September 11, 2001.

o Roll Call

Chief Yourkoski requested a roll call of present Governing Board members. Maggie Johanson, NORCOM Administrative Assistant, reported there was a quorum.

o Open Communications from the Public

There were no requests for open communication from the public by email or phone.

o Consent Agenda

- o Governing Board Minutes for August 14, 2020 Meeting
- o Monthly Budget to Actuals Summary and Accounts Payable Report August 2020

Deputy City Manager McCommon made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Chief Burns seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

o For Board Decision

 Request to adjust the 2020 Operating Budget through the use of rate stabilization funds (Resolution 184)

Director Hamilton introduced the topic of seeking the Board's approval to adjust the 2020 operating budget through the use of rate stabilization funds, Resolution 184, due to the unfunded expenditures of the 2019 budget, which then impacted the 2020 budget. Finance Manager Ryerson went over the NORCOM budget spreadsheet – 2020 Financial Summary.

Deputy City Manager Dunlap motioned to approve Resolution 184, Deputy City Manager McCommon seconded the motion.

Motion carried.



o For Board Briefing

Back-Up Center Needs Update

Director Hamilton has researched the option of using the Seattle FAC existing backup center in Seattle; however, this is Seattle PD's only backup center, and a concern was expressed regarding the safety and security in this area due to recent events. In the event of a significant emergency situation, NORCOM would be asked to leave, which is not optimal. Director Hamilton requested permission to pursue the lease agreement with the Redmond Police Department to bring back to the Board.

Chief Holmes motioned for Director Hamilton to pursue negotiating a lease with the Redmond Police Department to present to the Board. Chief Kolling seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Bothell Police Communications as a NORCOM Subscriber – Update

Director Hamilton reported that the City of Bothell had advised NORCOM they will continue to provide their own Police Dispatch Services. Chief Yourkoski asked how many hours went into the presentation for the City of Bothell. Director Hamilton reported hundreds of hours spent by various NORCOM employees collecting and processing data. This information will be retained and can be updated in the event that the City of Bothell, at a future date would like to revisit this option.

Staffing Update

The Board is aware that the development of the 2021 budget has identified a 2020 budget shortfall. To help mitigate this, NORCOM has carefully analyzed our essential staffing needs resulting in the elimination of 2 positions by the end of September 2020, the Deputy Director of Strategic Initiatives and the Community Liaison positions, with a reduction of three additional staff positions by the end of 2021. Chief Holmes voiced his appreciation for evaluating staffing needs and how difficult these situations can be. Chief Yourkoski recognized both Scott Sotebeer and Jami Hoppen who held these positions for all their hard work.



2021 Budget Process Update

Deputy Director Myers and Finance Manager Ryerson presented the 2021 Budget Forecast Update to include a reduction to the user fee estimates presented on August 14, 2020. NORCOM has identified and undertaken additional savings measures to reduce the user fee estimates, the majority of which are derived from staff reductions. The NORCOM Finance Committee continues to be updated and provide direction to the NORCOM Finance Team on the balancing of the 2020 budget as well as the development of the 2021 budget.

o Department Reports

 Deputy Director Myers and her team provided an information technology updates newsletter.

Staff Updates

There were no additional staff updates.

Chief Yourkoski requested to move the meeting into Executive Session. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 with a request for 5 minutes to move into Executive Session.

o Executive Session

The executive session was held beginning at 9:35 with a request for 20 minutes. The Executive Session ended at 9:41, prior to the amount of time requested.

o Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Next Governing Board meeting scheduled for October 9, 2020.

¹ The Governing Board may hold an Executive Session pursuant to one or more of the following:

[•] RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency;



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Approved by: Daniel W. Yourhols.
Chair
Attest:
Maggie Johanson
Secretary