



MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 8:19 a.m.

Centennial Hotel Lobby, Spokane WA

Commissioners Present

Commissioner Larry Schoonmaker
Commissioner Charlotte Haines
Commissioner Ron Ricker

Staff Present

Diane Pottinger, District Manager
Denny Clouse, Operations Manager (via phone)
Joe Bennett, District Attorney

CALLING OF SPECIAL MEETING

Pursuant to RCW42.30.090(1), Board President Schoonmaker called a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners on an expedited basis to address an emergent issue on the morning of Thursday, September 20, 2018. Verbal notice was provided to each commissioner and all three commissioners were present and, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b), thus waiving the need for written notice. Operations Manager Denny Clouse participated by telephone and all commissioners confirmed they could hear Mr. Clouse, and he confirmed he could hear everyone else participating in the meeting.

SITE WORK CONTRACT

District Manager Diane Pottinger explained that an unforeseen circumstance had been encountered as part of the District's site work contract and the potential existence of an emergency condition of the tree roots with proximity to the retaining wall- had been discovered during construction of the District's site work contract. Mr. Clouse shared with the Board the status of the preliminary excavation for the footings of the retaining wall to be located along NE 158th Street near the intersection with 15th Ave NE. The retaining wall was specifically designed to minimize the impact on the large tree root balls. District staff had excavation a 2' x 3' hole for a depth of approximately 5' to locate the Century Link Fiber cable the previous day. A 4 - 5 ½" diameter root from the western most tree adjacent to the Comcast box onsite was exposed. This major root will have to be cut in order to install the retaining wall, which as measured by the centerline of NE 158th Street, indicate there is substantially less distance between the retaining wall (shown in orange spray paint on three photos viewed by all members) and four trees of significance. Mr. Clouse also shared an email that came from the landscape architect, which indicated that *"if the impacts to the four trees at the NE corner of the property look like they will be more extensive than we'd hoped, I would recommend removal instead of attempting to save them. My concern is that removal of large roots near the base might make them susceptible to falling."* After discussion, the Board expressed concern about the safety issue posed by the trees and determined that it was necessary to explore obtaining a permit from the city of Shoreline to remove the trees given the recommendation. The following motion was made by Commissioner Ricker, seconded Commissioner Haines and passed unanimously:

District staff is directed to work with the City of Shoreline to get a permit to remove the trees for safety purposes as recommended by the project landscape architect. Any potential landscape changes identified should be addressed in either the site work contract or the Maintenance Facility Phase 2 contract.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting concluded at 8:30 a.m.

The next special meeting will be Thursday, September 27 at 1:00 p.m. District's Administrative Offices. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, October 2nd at 3:00 p.m. at the District's Administrative Office.

Larry Schoonmaker

Charlotte Haines

Ronald Ricker