

## BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

May 25, 2010

1. Call to Order – The Chairperson called the special meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Tarrant led the flag salute.
3. Roll Call – Present: Commissioner District 2 – Tim Sheldon; Commissioner District 3 – Ross Gallagher.  
Absent: Commissioner District 1 - Lynda Ring Erickson.
4. Consider the resolution calling for a special election on August 17, 2010 in both the City of Shelton and the Mason County Fire Protection District No. 5 to determine whether or not the City of Shelton shall be annexed into the Fire Protection District No. 5.

Mayor Tarrant explained the City of Shelton and Fire Protection District 5 have both adopted resolutions seeking to have the City of Shelton annexed into Fire District 5 for a consolidation of fire services. The City currently has an interlocal agreement with Fire District 5 providing fire service to the City of Shelton. If the ballot issue is passed, the City's assets will be transferred, with the exception of the fire station, to Fire District 5. The Mayor asked the Commissioners to adopt the resolution calling for an August 17 election.

Mayor Tarrant explained the interlocal service agreement will continue until the measure is passed. They are working on an agreement that will allow Fire District 5 to occupy the city fire station but the City will retain ownership.

In answer to Cmmr. Sheldon questions, Mayor Tarrant stated it is a simple majority vote and there is no minimum threshold of voters necessary.

Currently Fire District 5 includes approximately 14,000 in population.

Mayor Tarrant talked about the City Commission declaration to be tax neutral. The City is currently paying about \$1.2 million for fire services. If the ballot issue is passed, they would continue paying that equivalent to Fire District 5. The City Commission would not ask the citizens of Shelton to pay more taxes for fire services.

Currently City firefighter employees work for Fire District 5. The fire district has three commissioners and they would have all the responsibilities of the district.

Mayor Tarrant noted that Fire District 5 has been providing fire services to the City for the past 18 months.

Chief Knight thanked the Board for meeting on this issue.

**Cmmr. Sheldon/Gallagher moved and seconded the resolution calling for a special election on August 17, 2010 in both the City of Shelton and the Mason County Fire Protection District No. 5 to determine whether or not the City of Shelton shall be annexed into the Fire Protection District No. 5. Motion carried unanimously. RE-absent; S-aye; G-aye. Resolution No. 40-10 (Exhibit A)**

5. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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Ross Gallagher, Chair

ATTEST:

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Lynda Ring Erickson, Commissioner

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Shannon Goudy, Clerk of the Board

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Tim Sheldon, Commissioner