

# EDMONDS CITY COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES

## March 13, 2012

The Edmonds City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Earling in the Council Chambers, 250 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Edmonds. The meeting was opened with the flag salute.

### ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Dave Earling, Mayor  
Strom Peterson, Council President  
Frank Yamamoto, Councilmember  
Joan Bloom, Councilmember  
Michael Plunkett, Councilmember  
Lora Petso, Councilmember  
Adrienne Fraley-Monillas, Councilmember  
Diane Buckshnis, Councilmember

### STAFF PRESENT

Shawn Hunstock, Finance Director  
Jeff Taraday, City Attorney  
Sandy Chase, City Clerk  
Jana Spellman, Senior Executive Council Asst.  
Jeannie Dines, Recorder

### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**COUNCILMEMBER FRALEY-MONILLAS, MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BUCKSHNIS, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA IN CONTENT AND ORDER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### 2. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

**COUNCILMEMBER BUCKSHNIS MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FRALEY-MONILLAS, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The agenda items approved are as follows:**

**A. ROLL CALL**

**B. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 6, 2012.**

**C. APPROVAL OF CLAIM CHECKS #130822 THROUGH #130944 DATED MARCH 8, 2012 FOR \$653,069.33. (REPLACEMENT CHECKS #130832, #130885 & #130887.) APPROVAL OF PAYROLL DIRECT DEPOSIT AND CHECKS #51218 THROUGH #51244 FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 16, 2012 THROUGH FEBRUARY 29, 2012 FOR \$641,680.40.**

### 3. ANNUAL REPORT – SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 1 (FD1)

FD1 Commissioners present: David Chan (Chair), Millie Judge, Bob Meador, and Richard Schrock. FD1 staff members present: Ed Widdis, Fire Chief; Mark Correria, Assistant Fire Chief Operations, and Kathleen Junglov, Finance Director.

**Ed Widdis, Chief, FD1,** advised Councilmembers were provided copies of the Annual Report and the PowerPoint presentation.

**Mark Correria, Assistant Fire Chief Operations, FD1,** provided several pictures including the former Edmonds ladder truck, Ladder 10 at the Picnic Point explosion, and Engine 17 at the training tower. He explained the Edmonds ladder truck was purchased by FD1 when the City of Edmonds Fire Department

joined FD1. Due to mechanical issues, FD1 had the ladder truck appraised and sold it to a fire department in Alaska. That created an opportunity for FD1 to take Mukilteo's ladder truck in exchange for service. That ladder truck now operates out of Station 10 located at 156<sup>th</sup> and Highway 99. In exchange, FD1 provides ladder and battalion chief services to Mukilteo.

Assistant Chief Correria explained at the Picnic Point explosion, 300 gallons of liquid propane spilled and ignited, causing burns to five people. Ladder 10 was first on scene, the Edmonds Medic 17 also responded, Ladder 20 (located in Esperance) provided support on the second alarm and the battalion chief located in Station 16 responded to SnoCom to assist with other incidents occurring at the same time.

Assistant Chief Correria explained fire prevention provides a coordinated effort of public education, inspection and investigation services and programs. FD1 recently adopted an Emergency Management Plan and will exercise components of that plan when Edmonds opens its EOC. He highlighted public education events in Edmonds including CPR Saturday at the Edmonds Senior Center, AED placement and training at Edmonds Center for the Arts, and Smoke Alarm Saturday in Edmonds neighborhoods. FD1 participated in public events including the Waterfront Festival, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and waterball, and Taste of Edmonds.

Assistant Chief Correria reported the Fire Marshal's Office, located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of City Hall conducted 1,982 inspections in 2011. The Fire Marshal's Office also conducted a total of 365 permit reviews, 63.5 hours of plans review.

With regard to emergency response, Assistant Chief Correria reported there were 4,947 calls in Edmonds in 2011. Responses were slightly higher when Edmonds was a standalone fire department because the number included automatic aid to neighboring cities. The majority or ¾ of the calls are EMS, the remainder are fire-related or other, all hazard responses. He provided a historical perspective of responses by fire station:

<b>Fire Station</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Station 16 North Edmonds	1,345	1,311
Station 17 Edmonds Bowl	1,648	2,153
Station 20 Esperance	1,954	1,710

He noted some stations have more calls, others have fewer; the CAD dispatching system was reprogrammed on GIS or actual drive times. This was done in preparation for the New World system which will utilize an automatic vehicle locator (AVL) system where the computer locates the vehicle and the location of the call and computes which unit is the closer and sends the closest unit.

Assistant Chief Correria described annual compliance reporting:

- Adopted by Edmonds City Council in November 2006
- SHB 1756 and codified as RCW 35.103
- Annual Compliance Reporting sections:
  1. Existence of Fire Department
  2. Organizational Policy Statements
  3. Response Time Standard Comparison
  4. Predicable Consequences Explanation
- Annual Reporting Requirement

Assistant Chief Correria provided a chart of the cardiac arrest survival standard and the 8 minute response time standard. He pointed out the time between detection of an event and report of the incident is not under FD1's control; the time between dispatch, turnout, respond to scene and setup are in FD1's control.

Thus the focus in the past couple years has been on how fast calls come from dispatch, turnout and set-up. The chart illustrates the longer it takes personnel to arrive and set-up, the worse the outcome. He displayed a similar chart regarding time-temperature standard: flashover; explaining the sooner personnel arrive the better the chance of avoiding flashover.

Assistant Chief Correria explained Section 1, existence of fire department, is identified in Chapter 2.12 of the Edmonds Municipal Code. Section 2, Organizational Policy Statements addresses:

- Fire Department existence
- Fire Department services
- Organizational chart
- Fire Department Employees
- Functions employees provide

Assistant Chief Correria provided the Response Time Standard Comparison, Section 3, Standards of Coverage (SOC):

1. Turnout Time:
  - Established: 2:45
  - Actual: 2:38
- 2A. Fire Incident Drive Time
  - Established: 6:30
  - Actual: 6:24
- 2B. Residential Fire Drive Time:
  - Established: 7:45
  - Actual: 7:43
- 2C. Commercial Fire Drive Time:
  - Established: 9:00
  - Actual: 13:00\*

\* two incidents, 8:00 and 13:00

To further describe the 13:00 minute response, Assistant Chief Correria provided a map identifying the location of Station 10 (156<sup>th</sup> and Highway 99) and location of the call in south Edmonds near the Woodway border.

### Section 3: SOC EMS

3. BLS Drive Time
  - Established: 5:15
  - Actual: 5:15
4. ALS Drive Time
  - Established: 6:45
  - Actual: 6:48

Assistant Chief Correria explained currently the Edmonds medic unit covers the entire City; FD1 is discussing with Lynnwood the possibility of Medic 15 (located at Lynnwood Station 15) providing assistance with calls to the north. Another option may be to reposition the Edmonds medic unit during the busiest times of the day. The busiest grid is near Swedish-Edmonds Hospital due to the two retirement centers and Edmonds Family Practice; locating the medic unit closer to the hospital would improve overall response times.

### Section 3: SOC Special Operations – Hazmat

- 5A1. Hazmat Ops Drive Time
  - Established: 6:30

- Actual: 3:03
- 5A2. Hazmat Tech Drive Time
  - Established: 12:00
  - Actual: No reportable incidents

Section 3: SOC Special Operations – Tech Rescue

- 5B1. Tech Rescue Ops Drive Time
  - Established: 6:30
  - Actual: 3:55
- 5B2. Tech Rescue Tech Drive Time
  - Established: 12:00
  - Actual: No reportable incidents

Section 3: SOC Marine Response

- 6. Marine Unit Response
  - Established: 6:30
  - Actual: 3:55

With regard to Section 4 of the Annual Compliance Reporting, Predicable Consequences Explanation, Assistant Fire Chief Correria explained because the established and actual ALS Drive Time is so close it is difficult to predict the consequences if arrival was 3 seconds sooner.

Assistant Chief Correria described significant incidents in 2011:

- Residential Fire – August 31, 2011
  - Response Time: 4:58
  - Single alarm (15 firefighters on fire ground)
  - No civilian injuries
  - Property damage: \$150,000
  - Displayed 4 people
- Garage Fire – December 18, 2011
  - Single alarm
  - No civilian injuries
  - Property loss: \$45,000
  - No one displayed
- Apartment Fire – December 29, 2011
  - Two alarm commercial fire response (30 firefighters on fire ground)
  - No civilian or firefighter injuries
  - Property loss: \$80,00
  - Displayed 7 people
- Marina Fire – December 31, 2011
  - Two alarm commercial fire response
  - Damage two 50-foot yachts
  - No civilian injuries
  - Property loss: \$600,000
  - Marine 16 brought two people who were in a boat on the other end of the dock to shore
  - Marine 16 patrolled the water side of the event

Another significant event was delivery of the World Trade Center steel which was placed in Station 17. He provided photographs from the event, explaining a motorcade brought the steel from FD1 headquarters to Station 17 and a ceremony followed. Commissioners are working on a location for the steel and will present a recommendation to the full Board in the near future.

Councilmember Fraley-Monillas asked how 2010 response times as a whole compared to 2011. Assistant Chief Correria answered although a lot of things changed when the City's Fire Department moved to FD1, many things did not change including fire station locations, firefighters who work in the stations, apparatus in the fire stations and the deployment model. Call volume is about the same and response times are approximately the same. During last year's presentation, there were three areas where standards were not met; this year there were two.

Councilmember Petso recalled last year appendix B in the written report provided a detailed breakdown of the EMS transport fee and collections. She asked for a similar report for 2011. Assistant Chief Correria agreed that could be provided.

Councilmember Buckshnis relayed she has heard FD1 has had layoffs. She asked whether layoffs affected level of service in Edmonds. Assistant Chief Correria answered the Board and the Fire Chief have been very conscientious to ensure the cuts only affect the unincorporated area. One of the cuts was public education; public educators were reduced from two to one. The remaining public educator's focus is on city contracts. He referred to a "dashboard" report provided to the Board that illustrates levels of service. The dashboard provides comparisons from the previous year by city contract to ensure the levels remain the same. Councilmember Buckshnis asked if the dashboard information was available to the City Council. Assistant Chief Correria answered it was.

Councilmember Buckshnis asked whether an independent performance audit was done to ensure service levels were maintained. Assistant Chief Correria answered there is not an independent performance audit; FD1 does that internally as part of the dashboard that is presented to the Board periodically.

Councilmembers and Fire Commissioners introduced themselves.

#### 5. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Earling reminded the public about the upcoming strategic plan charrettes:

- Wednesday, March 14, 2012 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Conference Center at 4<sup>th</sup> & Bell
- Monday, March 19, 2012 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Library Plaza Room

Mayor Earling reported that over 100 people have signed up to attend and there is room for more.

#### 6. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council President Peterson reported the Regional Fire Authority meetings are ongoing and open to the public.

Councilmember Yamamoto thanked FD1 for the information they provided, finding it very useful as a new Councilmember.

#### 4. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

**Ron Wambolt, Edmonds**, enjoyed the FD1 presentation and commented the contract with FD1 was turning out better than was envisioned. With regard to the Economic Development Commission (EDC), he felt the proposal not to allow elected officials to serve on the Commission was a mistake. The catalyst for that suggestion appears to be that two Port of Edmonds Commissioners serve on the Commission. He clarified the appointment of those two Commissioners has nothing to do with their being Port Commissioners. They were appointed; he appointed one of them, because they are Edmonds citizens. Not allowing elected officials to serve will result in a loss of their expertise. For example, one of the Port's

main goals is economic development. He encouraged the Council to reconsider the proposal not to allow elected officials to serve on the EDC.

**Al Rutledge, Edmonds**, provided information regarding the City's Student Representative Alex Springer. He is a senior at Edmonds-Woodway High School, has spent 150 hours in community service activities, modifies bicycles to ride in water, rides a bike to school daily, has opinions on traffic at 196<sup>th</sup> & 88<sup>th</sup>, and is a member of the Northshore Bike Team. He plans to study medical engineering and attend either Massachusetts Institute of Technology, John Hopkins, or UW next year. Next, Mr. Rutledge asked for information regarding the Haines Wharf Park project.

7. **ADJOURN TO CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

With no further business, the Council meeting was adjourned to City Council Committee meetings at 6:35 p.m.