

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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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Ross Gallagher, Chair

ATTEST:

ABSENT 6/1/10

Lynda Ring Erickson, Commissioner



Shannon Goudy, Clerk of the Board



Tim Sheldon, Commissioner

RESOLUTION NO. 40-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE MASON COUNTY COMMISSION 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.

WHEREAS, the City of Shelton adopted Resolution No.1000-0510 on May 17, 2010, stating its intention to annex to Mason County Fire Protection District No. 5 and finding the public interest will be served thereby, and transmitted the resolution to the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 5 for its consideration; and

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2010, the Board of Commissioners of Mason County Fire Protection District No. 5 passed Resolution No.319 concurring in the annexation of the City of Shelton into Mason County Fire Protection District No. 5 for its consideration; and

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2010 the Board of Commissioners of Mason County Fire Protection District No. 5 transmitted to the Mason County Commission notification of its intent as contained in Shelton's and Fire Protection District No. 5 resolutions;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 52.04.071, the County legislative authority is required to call a special election to be held in the City of Shelton and in the Fire Protection District at the next date according to RCW 29A.04.321 and shall cause notice of the election to be given as provided for in RCW 29A.52.351;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Commission of Mason County:

Section 1. A special election is hereby called for on August 17, 2010, in the City of Shelton and Mason County Fire Protection District No. 5, with notice provided by the Mason County Auditor pursuant to RCW 29A.52.351.

Section 2. The Mason County Auditor shall conduct the election in accordance with general election law and the election shall be canvassed by the County Canvassing Board.

Section 3. No person shall be entitled to vote at this election unless he or she is a qualified elector within the boundaries of the City of Shelton or the boundaries of the Mason County Fire Protection District No. 5.

Section 4. Pursuant to RCW 52.04.071, the ballot title shall read as follows:

ANNEXATION OF THE CITY OF SHELTON TO MASON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5

Shall the City of Shelton be annexed to and be a part of Mason County Fire Protection District No. 5?

YES

NO

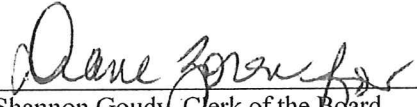
Section 5. If a majority of persons voting on the proposition in the City of Shelton and a majority of persons voting on the proposition in Mason County Fire Protection District No. 5 vote in favor of the proposition, the City of Shelton shall be annexed and shall be a part of Mason County Fire Protection District No. 5.

Resolution No. 40-10

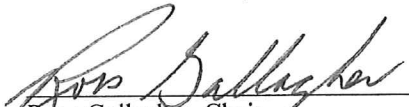
Section 6. The Clerk of the Mason County Commission shall forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Mason County Auditor, to the City Clerk of the City of Shelton, and to the Board of Fire Commissioners of Mason County Fire Protection District No. 5.

ADOPTED this 25th day of May, 2010.

ATTEST:


Shannon Goudy, Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Ross Gallagher, Chair

Absent
Lynda Ring Erickson, Commissioner

Tim Sheldon
Tim Sheldon, Commissioner