

SAFER Council

October 20, 2020
MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order:

Chief Snyder called the SAFER Council meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. at Fairview City Hall.

Present:

Mike McKeel, Dave Keller, Nolan Young, Eric Schmidt, Janine Gladfelter, Ray Young, Randy Lauer, Seth Reeser, Mitch Snyder, Scott Lewis, Frank Ray, Randi Deverell, Kevin Larson, Julie McAllister

Absent:

Greg Dirks, Steve Owen, C. Bruce Nissen

Agenda Items:

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Dates, Time, Location: All meetings are planned to be held at Fairview City Hall, Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled to occur in January 2021. Meetings will occur every six (6) weeks through May 2021. The group will then determine and adjust the schedule as needed.

Agenda: Attendees will determine topics as needed. Agenda topics may be emailed to Randi.Deverell@GreshamOregon.gov. Attendees will determine at the end of each meeting if a vote will be needed on the next agenda.

Roles: The City and District leaders are in attendance to represent their constituents and determine a level of fire service response for the future. Union leadership is in attendance to provide professional expertise and to have first-hand fully transparent information to share with their membership on the progress of the council. Fire representatives are in attendance to facilitate the meetings.

Professional & Respectful Comments: Attendees discussed having a code of conduct posted at each meeting. Refrain from interrupting one another. Raise their name tent to signify a desire to comment. Silence may signify agreement. Attendees shall monitor themselves to avoid debates.

Speaker Time Limit: Consideration was given on providing a time limit for commenting in the interest of keeping meetings on task and succinct as possible.

Voting Process: It is determined when action or a vote is needed, it will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. This will provide leadership with the opportunity to meet with their respective members and discuss beforehand. It is noted there are 10 voters. Fire representatives and Union leadership will not vote.

Media: Chief Snyder is seeking procedural advice from Gresham's City Attorney regarding public meetings, providing notice and allowing attendance. It is important for attendees to always speak on their own behalf, rather than the group as a whole. Gresham's Communications staff can assist with providing information to the media. Informational/talking points should be prepared for the group to reference as needed.

Goals: Draft goals were provided for the attendees to consider and modify as desired. Three (3) goals were determined:

- Determine the emergency response level for our regional service area.
- Perform a needs assessment required to meet service level expectations.
- Establish a SAFER proposal and alternate proposal to be presented for consideration by each City Council and District Board.

Funding: Each City and District have allocated \$20,000 (\$100,000 total) in their budgets to utilize as needed for the SAFER Council.

Annual Report: The 2019 Gresham Fire and Emergency Services Annual Report was provided to each City and District representative, along with their respective council and board members.

Next Meeting:

January 13, 2021