

SAFER Council

April 8, 2021
MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order:

Chief Snyder called the SAFER Council meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. via Zoom.

Present:

City of Fairview

- City Administrator Nolan Young (ABSENT)
- City Councilor Steve Owen

City of Gresham

- Interim City Manager David Clyne
- Deputy City Manager Corey Falls (ABSENT)
- Assistant City Manager Eric Schmidt
- City Councilor Janine Gladfelter
- Budget Manager Elizabeth McCann

City of Troutdale

- City Manager Ray Young (ABSENT)
- Mayor Randy Lauer

City of Wood Village

- City Manager Greg Dirks
- City Councilor C. Bruce Nissen

Gresham Fire and Emergency Services

- Fire Chief Mitch Snyder
- Assistant Chief Scott Lewis
- Executive Assistant Randi Deverell

International Association of Firefighters, Local 1062

- President Kevin Larson
- Vice President Julie McAllister (ABSENT)

Multnomah Rural Fire Protection District #10

- Dr. Michael McKeel
- Dave Keller

Presenter

- Jeff Johnson, Fire Chief (Ret)

Agenda Items:

- Budget Presentation
- Fire Agency Types

Budget Presentation: The City of Gresham Budget Manager, Elizabeth McCann presented a history of the budget along with the FY21 budget. The various funding sources were reviewed along with the actions taken by the City of Gresham to gain revenue. As the fire department is partially funded by the general fund, a breakdown of general fund dollar recipients was provided. The cities of Fairview, Troutdale, Wood Village and District 10's revenue contributions were provided for this fiscal year along with the last three fiscal years prior. Categories of expenses include; operating outlay, materials and

services, facilities maintenance, grants and non-operating (capital, debt service) obligations were summarized over a 3-year period.

Fire Agency Types: Retired Fire Chief Jeff Johnson presented on the various fire agency types. Fire agencies may be administered by municipalities, special service districts, county service districts, cooperative service, associations and taxing authorities.

Gresham Fire is in a cooperative service which has many complicating factors:

- tax compression
- limited rate increases
- levies may be issued but provide temporary funding
- difficulties surround merging with an existing district
 - existing district must use the limiting rate known as the black box rate
 - a new district can make a new rate
- bonds must be issued per individual city
 - long-term capital needs are best funded by bond, not general fund dollars
 - only a district can act cohesively and broadly
- fire station locations must be located based on concentration, distribution and unit reliability
 - they cannot be located based on map lines, each city or district
 - if contracts cease, a station may be owned outside of the municipalities jurisdiction
- notable barriers are turf, power, politics and control

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Next Meeting:

Thursday, May 20th