

SAFER Council

May 20, 2021
MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order:

Chief Snyder called the SAFER Council meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. via Zoom.

Present:

City of Fairview

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

City of Gresham

- Interim City Manager David Clyne
- Deputy City Manager Corey Falls
- City Councilor Janine Gladfelter

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 (Absent)
- Vice President Julie McAllister

Multnomah Rural Fire Protection District #10

- Dr. Michael McKeel
- Dave Keller

Presenter

- Liz Loomis, Liz Loomis Public Affairs
- AJ Chippendale, Liz Loomis Public Affairs
- Rob Moody, Merina & Co
- Jordan Henderson, Merina & Co

Agenda Items:

- City Councils/District Board updates
- Winning Ballot Measures
- Understanding Oregon Tax and Compression Impacts

City Councils/District Board updates: Chief Snyder is compiling a summary of SAFER Council meetings thus far to be presented to the City Councils and District Board. The summary will ensure all entities are fully informed.

Winning Ballot Measures: Liz Loomis and AJ Chippendale of Liz Loomis Public Affairs presented successful components of victorious ballot measures. Factors include survey research, identifying assets and liabilities, assessment of services, financial impacts and benefits, education, public relations, and crisis communication. The service is approximately \$84,000 if performed by Liz Loomis Public Affairs.

Understanding Oregon Tax and Compression Impacts: Rob Moody and Jordan Henderson of Merina & Co. presented on the importance of gathering information, reviewing the tax implications, and overlapping tax rates as they occur for each jurisdiction. Modeling and scenario analyses are provided. This information provides a financial reasoning for each entity to determine feasibility and next steps. The analysis is approximately \$32-45k if performed by Merina & Co.

Group Discussion Points:

- The SAFER Council would like to seek more research towards the option of the potential of each community merging into Multnomah County Fire District #10.
- The SAFER Council has requested a cost analysis in today's dollars for the financial requirements of the fire department to meet national standards.
- City Manager Dirks motioned that the SAFER Council direct the fire administration to move forward with hiring a CPA consulting firm through the City of Gresham process. This was seconded by City Manager Nolan Young and unanimously passed by the SAFER Council.
- The SAFER Council requested that the fire administration reach out to the survey company to engage in understanding their needs from the SAFER Council should the body elect to consult for surveying services.

Next Meeting:

TBD