

KING COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 34
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KING COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 34
FIRE SERVICES FORUM

May 11, 2010

I. Call to Order – The Fire Services Forum of the Board of Fire Commissioners of King County Fire District 34 and the City of Redmond City Council was called to order on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at 7:35 p.m. at the City of Redmond Council Chambers, located at 15670 N.E. 85th Street, Redmond, Washington.

II. Roll Call

Present:

KCFD 34/Redmond Fire

City of Redmond

Sherman Colson, Chair
Thomas Johnston, Commissioner
Peter Lucarelli, Commissioner
Tim Fuller, Fire Chief
Russ Albertson, Deputy Chief
Tom Norton, Battalion Chief
Karen Brandon, Business Operations Manager
Bridget Weaver, District Secretary

John Marchione, Mayor (*excused absence*)
Nancy McCormick, Council President
Jane Christenson, Assistant to the Mayor
Pat Vache, Council Member
Kim Allen, Council Member
Richard Cole, Council Member
Hank Meyers, Council Member
Hank Margeson, Council Member
David Carson, Council Member
John Stilin, Council Member

III. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved by general consent.

IV. Overview of Proposed City/KCFD34 Agreement- Jane Christenson, Mayor's Administrative Assistant

- A. Term: The contract will extend until December 31, 2016, coinciding with the City's biennial budget process.
- B. Facilities Maintenance: City Public Works will maintain the District stations in the same manner as the City's properties. The City will pay for maintenance; the District will pay for improvements.
- C. Annual Reconciliation: The annual budget reconciliation will be eliminated and replaced with a "provider/customer model", due in part to the District's share of total operations reducing from 28% to 20%. The new model provides greater predictability for budgeting and incorporates performance measure standards.
- D. Quarterly Financial Reporting: The City will continue to provide quarterly reports to the District.
- E. KCFD34 Strategic Plan: The strategic plan will be incorporated by reference into the agreement.
- F. Fire Performance Measures: The City will share the measures with the District for the purpose of providing service level data and will solicit input from the Commissioners before review/adoption of the City Budget.
- G. Cost Sharing: The allocation models and budget and philosophy remain the same—50% of the cost based on station location and 50% based on calls for service in each jurisdiction.

The Agreement will be formalized this summer.

V. NORCOM Updates

Due to unsolved issues with NORCOM's technology, Commissioner Lucarelli encouraged Council members to remain open to REDCOM's dispatch services. Chair Colson and several Council members agreed.

VI. King County Fire District 34 Financial Outlook

Commissioner Johnston reported that projected revenues could decrease 10-20% from the original 2004-2012 estimates. He anticipates that the economy will make a very slow, modest recovery. The District is now at the maximum levy rate of \$1.50 per thousand assessed valuation. The implementation of the "provider/customer" model will create additional budgeting predictability.

Chair Colson added that the new model will provide greater incentives for the City to identify and plan for future budget issues as well as gaining from increased efficiencies or bearing the results of inefficiencies.

Commissioner Lucarelli reassured Council members that the Commissioners will meet with the Mayor's staff and Fire Department staff for input on any strategic planning of reduced services--if future reductions become necessary.

Chief Fuller commended Redmond Fire Department staff for controlling overtime costs and for maintaining a professional relationship with the Fire District Commissioners.

VII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Bridget Weaver, District Secretary
Board of Commissioners
King County Fire District 34