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MINUTES OF THE MARYSVILLE / ARLINGTON / FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #12
REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Arlington City Council Chambers
110 East Third Street
May 25, 2017

Marysville Councilmembers Present: Jeff Vaughan, Jeff Seibert, Rob Toyer

Arlington Councilmembers Present: Chris Raezer, Marilyn Oertle.

FPD #12 Commissioners Present: Pat Cook, Gary Bontrager

Also known to be present were Snohomish County Councilmember Nate Nehring, Karen Reed, City of Marysville Mayor Jon Nehring and staff members Gloria Hirashima, Sandy Langdon; City of Arlington Mayor Barbara Tolbert and staff members Paul Ellis, Kristin Garcia, Kristin Banfield; Fire Protection District #12 staff members Martin McFalls, Tom Maloney, Jeff Cole, Aaron Soper, Krista Longspaugh, Jason Tucker, Joe Ballif, Ricky Williamson, Darryl Neuhoff.

Arlington Mayor Barbara Tolbert called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 23, 2017 MEETING

Councilmember Chris Raezer moved to approve minutes from March 23, 2017 meeting. Councilmember Marilyn Oertle seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

FACILITATION SERVICES

Mayor Nehring introduced Karen Reed of Karen Reed Consulting, LLC and provided some information on her background.

Ms. Reed provided additional information on her background as a local government consultant who focuses on assisting in multi-agency negotiations and facilitating discussions around difficult processes. She noted that she has worked with two regional fire authority planning processes in the area. She then outlined a potential process for the planning committee to go through to see if there is commonality.

Discussion followed on the potential for bringing Ms. Reed on board to help facilitate.

Mayor Nehring expressed that Ms. Reed's strengths lie with identifying an organized pathway for one or more of the partners to move toward a common goal. Mayor Tolbert stated that the discussion seems to indicate the majority of the members present feel that we should bring Ms. Reed on board.

UPDATES FROM ENTITIES

Arlington

Mayor Tolbert reported on the recent council retreat and the discussions on a regional fire authority. She indicated that the Arlington Council is not yet at a comfortable point.

Marysville

Mayor Nehring reported the Marysville council has focused on the EMS levy rate issues and have placed a levy lid lift on the August ballot in addition to using banked capacity.

Fire District 12

Commissioner Bontrager reported that they spent the last two months focusing on researching what information might be beneficial to the city. He is positive that active, ongoing communication will be the key to help cities understand the benefits.

DISCUSSION OF JUNE 22 MEETING AGENDA, MARYSVILLE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Ms. Reed stated that the goal will be to determine if there is a shared nexus for the June 22 meeting .

Councilmember Oertle moved and Councilmember Raezer seconded to direct Ms. Karen Reed to proceed to determine if there is a shared nexus with each agency on the RFA matter, to be funded by all 3 agencies equally. Motion passed with Seibert voting nay.

ROUNDTABLE

Councilmember Oertle shared that she has a more open mind after today's discussions.

Commissioner Bontrager asked the members of the planning committee to continue sharing information with your fellow elected officials about the RFA process and where things stand to date.

Chief McFalls noted that an EMS yes levy committee is being formed. He also shared his congratulations to Deputy Chief Cooper on his retirement and Captain Kraski on his promotion.

Councilmember Seibert shared that he believes the Council's actions on the EMS levy demonstrate that the City is stepping up.

Commissioner Cook expressed that he is happy to have Karen on board and is hopeful that her may alleviate some fears.

Councilmember Vaughan thanked everyone for sharing their perspectives tonight.

Councilmember Raezer remarked that we are still going to be neighbors and will still work hard together.

Mayor Nehring thanked the committee for being present and engaged. He noted that these are not easy decisions and he believes we will make progress with Karen on board.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Barbara Tolbert, Mayor

Jon Nehring, Mayor